



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Proposed Code Changes for Sidewalk Tree Damage

Hope has requested Committee time to present Council with proposed language to codify the City's responsibility for paying for sidewalk repairs resulting from tree root damage as requested by City Council. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Hope would like to review the legal consequences from amending the City Code as requested by Council. Based on her research, she believes that such a change would eliminate some of the City's legal protection under the "immunity" clause that is granted by the Ohio Constitution and thereby create new legal and financial exposure for the City. The staff and I are recommending against this proposed Code change.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report.



Finance Committee

1. 2019 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2019 budget line items and he has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the 2019 budget appropriations amendments as presented.



2. Approve Brady's Leap Bike Trail Grant Application

John Idone is requesting Council's authorization to approve the submission of a grant request to help fund the Brady's Leap segment of the Portage Hike and Bike Trail. In January Council authorized John to submit for a Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant and now he would like Council's approval to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to submit the proposed recreational trails grant request.

Council Action

Authorization of the proposed Brady's Leap Bike Trail grant application for recreational trails grant funding.



Community Development Committee

1. Kent Parks and Recreation "Whitewater Park Plan" Update

At Council's request, John Idone will provide Council with an update on the status of the implementation of the City of Kent Whitewater Park plan that was prepared in 2008.

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report. No action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and no action is necessary.



2. Dedication Request for a Portion of West Main Street

Bridget and Jen Barone have requested Committee time to seek Council's approval of a dedication of a portion of West Main Street following the lot consolidation of property owned by the Klabben family. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and authorize the road dedication as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the dedication request for a portion of West Main Street as presented.



3. Update on New Business and Economic Development Projects

Tom Wilke has requested Committee time to provide Council with an update on the status of economic development projects that are underway or under discussion in the City. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report. No action is necessary.

Council Action

Receive the staff report.



Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of December 2018. Overall the City income tax collections are down 2.06% (\$302,414) from December 2017. Kent State University's collections thru the end of December are up 0.15% (\$7,606). (attachment)

2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for December 2018. In 2018 calls for service are down 2.5% (632 calls); traffic citations are down 0.1% (7 tickets); accident incidents are down 6.5% (48 incidents) and serious crimes are down 9% (53 cases). (attachment)

3. October Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for October 2018. In 2018 calls for fire service are up 5% (43 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is the same as compared to 2017; and EMS responses are up 7% (205 calls). (attachment)

Information Items (continued)

4. November Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for November 2018. In 2018 calls for fire service are up 6.5% (60 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 1 event as compared to 2017; and EMS responses are up 8% (259 calls). (attachment)

5. Main Street Final Progress Report for 2018

Heather Malarcik has shared copies of the final Main Street Kent progress report for 2018. If you read through the report you'll see budget information, as well as a listing of the community events sponsored by Main Street throughout 2018. (attachment)