



Community Development Committee

1. Update, former County Courthouse property sale



Bridget and Tom Wilke have requested Committee time to update Council on the status of the 2 developer proposals that were submitted for the sale and redevelopment of the former County Courthouse property on S. Water Street. At Council's request, both developers have been working on securing affordable grocery options. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the update and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff for next steps.

2. Grant Application, Arts & Creativity Festival, Fall 2016



Dan Morganti has been participating in a new collaborative arts initiative that is working to promote the arts in Kent. Local artists, Kent State University arts staff, Main Street Kent staff, and Dan have been meeting monthly to discuss opportunities to engage the community in greater arts opportunities, expand public art, and use art as an economic development tool for Kent. One of the first outcomes of this work is a proposed new Arts & Creativity Festival for fall 2016. The group has identified potential grant funds to pursue for the new Festival and Dan has requested Committee time to seek Council's authorization to submit the grant funding request for up to \$50,000 (with 50% local match in time, materials or cash). (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

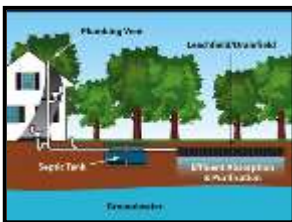
Picking up on the recommendations of Kent's Public Arts Master Plan, this proposed new Arts & Creativity Festival would provide a wide range of community based arts engagement and I recommend Council's support to submit the grant funding request.

Council Actions

Authorize the submission of the arts grant funding request as presented.

Health & Safety Committee

3. Sewer/Septic Regulation Amendments



Jeff Neistadt has requested Committee time to present his recommendation for Council to update the City's sewer/septic regulations to conform to the latest state and federal standards. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The City's regulation of the approximately 40 septic users in the City needs to be updated to conform to current regulatory standards and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the adoption of the sewer/septic regulations amendments.

Health & Safety Committee (continued)

4. Feral Cat Resolution of Support



Council requested staff to schedule Committee time to discuss a resolution of support for the efforts of Kent residents to promote best practices for feral cats. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The motion was made to discuss a resolution of support for the local efforts to humanely protect and control feral cats. I support Council's interest in the topic and recommend passing a resolution of support.

Council Action

Direct staff accordingly.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

5. AMATS Grant for SR43 Sidewalks



Council asked Jim Bowling to re-evaluate the SR43 sidewalk options and grant funding opportunities. To recap: the City has received State funding (\$3 million) to upgrade the traffic signals in the Water Street corridor and Jim is suggesting that while that work is underway the City could apply for additional AMATS funding (\$750,000 -- \$500,000 grant, \$250,000 City match) to make some improvements (wider sidewalk, setback from traffic) at the same time with the least amount of cost to the City (\$250,000 vs. \$1.4 million) due to the construction planned in this corridor. The Water Street corridor has been identified as one of the City's busier pedestrian corridors (particularly around Tower 43) yet the pedestrian infrastructure is outdated and not up to current expectations for a safe walking environment.

Administration Recommendation

Council expressed reservations for the splitting of the new sidewalk sections across the east and west sides of Water Street, and Council wanted better clarification on the impacts to the adjacent properties resulting from a wider sidewalk, as well as the financial impacts of the project on the City's annual street paving -- so we're returning this item to Committee for further discussion.

Council Actions

Discuss the project impacts further and authorize the staff to submit for AMATS funding based on Council's design preference.

6. Consent Legislation, ODOT, SR43 and SR59 Repaving



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time for Council to consider the ODOT consent legislation required for ODOT to begin to program the repaving of SR43 and SR59 in 2017-18. The project cost is estimated by ODOT to be \$1.2 million and the City's share would be \$247,200. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

ODOT has identified SR 43 and SR 59 as State road sections in need of repaving and I recommend Council's support for necessary consent legislation required by ODOT for this project to get into the State capital plan for 2018-19.

Council Action

Authorize the ODOT consent legislation for the repaving of SR 43 and SR 59.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee (continued)

8. Sidewalk Snow Removal Discussion

Council requested Committee time to re-evaluate sidewalk snow removal options heading into the 2015-16 winter season. Gene Roberts has provided copies of the last round of sidewalk snow removal options to help lead into the next round of Council discussions. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Sidewalk snow removal continues to be challenged by inconsistent civic participation and City funding limitations. A citizen task force evaluated the sidewalk snow removal options and they made a series of recommendations for Council to consider. Gene and I have included all of that previous data/information to help Council guide the current discussion.

Council Actions

Discuss sidewalk snow removal and direct staff accordingly.



Finance Committee

9. 2015 Appropriations Amendments

Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2015 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 appropriations amendments as presented.



Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of July 2015. Overall the City income tax collections are up 16.62% (\$1,267,029) from July 2014. Kent State University's collections thru the end of July are up 3.89% (\$107,988). (attachment)

2. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for July 2015. In 2015 calls for fire service are up 6% (27 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 3 events in 2015; and EMS responses are up 4% (71 calls). (attachment)

3. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for June 2015. In 2015 calls for service are up 13% (1,515 calls); traffic citations are up 12% (215 tickets); accident incidents are up 16% (73 incidents) and serious crimes are down 16% (72 cases). (attachment)

4. Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the September 1st Planning Commission meeting. There are 2 items up for consideration: 1)University Oaks, 5914 Rhodes Road, conditional zoning certificate and site plan review; and 2)Kent Central Gateway (PARTA), 201 E. Erie Street, amendment to comprehensive sign plan. (attachment)