



Committee of the Whole

1. Boards and Commission Candidate Interviews **6:45 pm** (Mayor)

The City Clerk has invited the candidates for vacant City Boards and Commission positions to interview with Council. (attachment)



Interview the prospective Board and Commission candidates.

Council Action

Interview the prospective Board and Commission candidates.

2. Update the Pending List for 2025 (Dave)

The staff have updated the pending list items, and we would like Committee time to review the status of those items and request Council's consideration to remove completed items where appropriate. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Review the pending list items and authorize the modifications as presented.

Council Action

Authorize and amend the pending list as appropriate.

Community Development Committee

1. Update Part 13 of City Building Code (Bridget)

Bridget has asked for Committee time to update the language in Part 13 of the City's building code related to the use of criminal versus civil fees and penalties for non-compliance. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Bridget discovered that Part 13 of the City's building still references the use of misdemeanor penalties for certain violations, and she is requesting Council approve updating that language to the use of civil fines to be consistent with the other parts of the Code. I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed modifications to Part 13 of the City's building code as presented, with the emergency clause.











1. December "Then and Now" Authorization (Rhonda)

Rhonda has requested Committee time for Council's approval of the latest "then and now" purchases as required by the City's auditing standards. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the "then and now" purchases as presented.

Council Actions

Approve the latest "then and now" purchases, with the emergency clause.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

1. Downtown Special Event Street Closure Changes (Eric)

The staff have been re-evaluating the current special event street closure and parking policies and they would like to present a couple of changes that they believe will better accommodate the current needs of special event organizers, downtown businesses and customers. (attachment)



The City's downtown special event street closure and parking rules have been in place for a decade and as consumer and business needs have changed post Covid, I recommend Council's consideration of the possible changes to downtown special event street closure and parking to better align with current needs.

Council Action

Receive the staff report and authorize the proposed special event street closure changes as presented, with the emergency clause.

2. East Summit Street Solar Electric Lines License Agreement (Jim)

Jim has requested Council's consideration of a new Agreement with OnSite Partners, LLC (Kent State University's solar installation company) to allow for the installation of an electric conduit line across the City right of way on East Summit Street. The power lines will transmit power from the new solar arrays to Kent State's electric grid.

(attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The staff and I recommend Council's support for the expansion of the local solar infrastructure and approval of this License Agreement.

Council Action

Authorize the License Agreement with OnSite Partners LLC. for the installation of an electric conduit under East Summit Street as presented, with the emergency clause.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for November 2024. In 2024, MTD calls for service are down 7.2% (by 102 calls); traffic citations are up 5.3% (by 6 tickets); accident incidents are up by 9.8% (by 5 incidents) for the month and serious crimes are up by 3 calls, at 4 incidents when compared to November of 2023. (attachment)



