

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-99

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT TWO (2) FUNDING APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$1,195,000 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC), AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the first application submitted to OPWC will be for the four (4) final clarifiers at the Water Reclamation Facility. The final clarifiers are used to settle our microorganisms from the activated sludge process prior to discharging the effluent to the Cuyahoga River. The clarifiers were constructed in 1964 and their rehabilitation are part of the significant long term improvements required at the Water Reclamation Facility. We are requesting \$650,000 in grant funds and \$150,000 in no interest loans from OPWC; and

WHEREAS, the second application submitted to OPWC will be for the construction of approximately a half mile of waterline on residential streets north of Fairchild Avenue and east of Major's Lane. The existing waterlines in this area are old and undersized. There have been 16 breaks in the last ten (10) years. The completion of this project will not only eliminate a failing waterline, but it will also provide an increase in fire flows up to 138% and increase the redundancy in the water service to the area. We are requesting \$245,000 in grant funds and \$150,000 in no interest loans from OPWC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the City's capital project pre-application requests for Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan funding totaling \$1,195,000 and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant(s), if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the OPWC grant program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: October 21, 2020
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: October 21, 2020
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.* _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL