

April 13, 2007



Unauthorized Council Items

1. Adopt-A-Spot Donations



Council is asked to accept donations to the adopt-a-spot program totaling \$1,000 from Young & Associates, Inc., Huntington National Bank, Kent City Board of Health, and Bowers Lawncare.

Administration Recommendation

Recommend acceptance of the donation.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the donation.

2. Middlebury Road Bridge Acceptance



As you recall, CSX agreed to transfer the ownership of the Middlebury Road Bridge (and associated streets, right-of-way, easements, etc.) to the City. Council is being asked to accept and authorize that transfer through an ordinance.

Administration Recommendation

Recommend acceptance of the bridge.

Council Action

Authorize an ordinance to accept the Middlebury Road bridge.

Information Items

1. Community Development Permit and Complaint Activity Report

Gary Locke has provided a summary report of the permits and zoning complaints handled by Community Development through March 2007. You will see that the number of building permits pulled in 2007 is down about 25% which equates to about \$14,000 less in revenues. The last page in Gary's handout lists the status of the zoning complaints received in March. (attachment)

2. Traffic Safety Report

In reviewing accident data (frequency, injury, severity) dating back the last 3 years, the Traffic Safety and Engineering Committee has come up with a priority based ranking of at-risk intersections in Kent. This is important data to use when considering traffic safety improvements. (attachment)

Information Items (continued)

3. Police and Fire Grant Awards

Bill Lillich has forwarded to Council's attention a listing put out by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announcing grant awards for equipment used in law enforcement and emergency response. The Kent Fire Department was approved to receive a modular portable video system (valued at \$8,750) and the Police were approved for video surveillance equipment (valued at \$50,000). In addition, the Ohio Department of Highway Safety awarded Kent a new Radar speed device (valued at \$2,000) in recognition of Kent's participation in the statewide, "What's Holding You Back" seatbelt campaign. (attachment)

4. Retail Information Series

Since we had a good presentation on retail this week, I thought I'd continue that conversation by offering a copy of the Blog posts featured as a part of a week long series on retail. Given the amount of questions we all get about retail in Kent, I thought this type of information would help you have good answers. (attachment)