

July 10, 2009



Unauthorized Items

1. Board of Health Appointment (draft # 09-87)

The Board of Health has a vacancy and there is a recommendation to appoint Mr. Doug Wagener for an unexpired term ending 4/30/12.

Administration Recommendation

Vote on the appointment.

Council Action

Vote on the proposed candidate for appointment to the Board of Health.

2. City Manager Employment Contract(draft # 09-88)

As a result of the 2008-09 Performance Evaluation of the City Manager, City Council has suggested extending the City Manager's contract for an additional year and granting a 3% pay increase.

Administration Recommendation

Vote on the matter as appropriate.

Council Action

Vote on the employment contract matters as appropriate.

Information Items

1. Bicentennial Fund Balance

As Council's representative to the Kent Bicentennial Committee, Mayor Fender invited Pat Morton to meet with me to discuss the status of the Kent Bicentennial projects. You may recall that the previous City Council had allocated \$24,000 of City funds to support the Bicentennial events scheduled over the course of Kent's Bicentennial year. As those events occurred the City reimbursed the Bicentennial Committee for appropriate expenses. At the end of the Bicentennial year the City had a balance remaining in the Bicentennial fund of approximately \$11,000.

In addition to the year long events, the Bicentennial Committee was also working with a local artist to pay for a ceremonial art sculpture commemorating Kent's 200th year. Pat Morton and the Mayor advised me that the Bicentennial Committee is still working on fund raising to complete the ceremonial art sculpture, and the Mayor discussed the possibility of seeking Council's approval to dedicate the remaining City Bicentennial funds to contribute to the art sculpture costs since we are not expecting any further event reimbursement requests. I offered to share this request with you in this communication in the event that one of you may want to make an appropriate motion to this effect during the meeting next week.



Information Items (continued)

2. Thank You Letter From the KSU Centennial Campaign

For your information, I have included a copy of a letter from Stephen Sokany on behalf of the Kent State University Centennial Campaign, thanking City Council for the City's \$1,000 contribution. (attachment)

3. New Trash Service Forms

I have included multiple copies of the new trash service flyers for you to have in case some of your constituents ask you for more information. This information is also available on-line at <http://www.kent360.com/NewTrashCustomer.html> and you're welcome to refer residents to the web site as well. (attachment)

4. Downtown Redevelopment Hand Outs

As you may recall, Jim Bowling and Dan Smith are hosting 2 public meetings (July 9th, 7 pm at the Kent Free Library; and July 14th, 7 pm in Council Chambers) inviting public feedback to the concepts contained in the downtown master planning efforts and revitalization projects. The public is invited to attend these meetings to interact with both the City of Kent and Kent State University Officials as we seek to move the project forward. I have provided copies of the public hand-outs for those meetings for your review (attached). If residents are unable to attend the meetings or if they have any further questions please encourage them to contact Dan at 330-676-7582. (attachment)

5. Health Department Statistics

John Ferlito has provided copies of the health department statistics for the 2nd Quarter of 2009 (April, May, June). (attachment)

6. Meeting in Columbus and Council Executive Session Next Week

It turns out that I will be at a meeting in Columbus on Wednesday night so I will not be able to join you during our Regular Council meeting but I wanted to let you know that John Idone has requested an executive session with Council that evening to consider a real estate purchase for Parks and Recreation.

7. Possible State Energy Grants

Given the Council's desire to see the City serve a stronger leadership role in energy efficiency the staff has been looking for prospective funding opportunities since most improvements will require a cash outlay. I thought I'd share with you recent information provided by Bridget Susel concerning the Ohio Energy Program and the possibility of funds becoming available for energy improvements. We'll keep you posted on our progress. (attachment)