



Please note that again this week we will start our meeting with the second hearing for the annual joint meeting with the Franklin Township. Following that we will have interviews for vacancies on City Boards and Commissions.

Work Session

1. Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Over the last couple of years we've put a renewed emphasis on initiatives that we think can stabilize and revitalize Kent neighborhoods. During these years we've invested a lot of time in research, bringing in speakers from other cities to hear lessons learned and even visiting places that have had success with new neighborhood initiatives. We've started new programs, e.g., tool loan program, and we've stepped up our code enforcement capabilities, e.g., full time code officer, new neighborhood services position, noise ordinance, nuisance ordinance, etc. Gary Locke and his staff have requested Committee time to discuss the next iteration of these programs based on the neighborhood enrichment framework that we first presented to Council 2 years ago. (attachment)



Administration Recommendation

The Neighborhood Enrichment Initiative is an effort to better organize and focus our strategies that we use to preserve and improve the quality of life in Kent neighborhoods. What's different is the way we have tried to create a solution framework that matches the dimensions of neighborhood challenges. I would encourage Council's continued support of these staff initiatives.

Council Action

Authorize staff to proceed with the next phases of the Neighborhood Enrichment and Enhancement programs.

Community Development Committee

2. Additional 2008 CDBG Funding



Gary Locke reports that the City of Kent is eligible to receive \$81,000 more in 2008 CDBG funding through the American Resource Recovery Act (ARRA). In order to receive the funding the City must amend our CDBG Action Plan to reflect how that \$81,000 will be spent. Gary and his staff will update Council on the funding process and recommend the program changes that they think will have the most impact in the community consistent with the CDBG objectives. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization and approval of the proposed changes to the CDBG Action Plan for receipt of the additional funds.

Council Action

Authorize the modifications to the CDBG Action Plan.

Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

3. Plum Creek Stream Restoration Project Appropriations



Jim Bowling has asked for Committee time to request Council's consideration to re-allocate \$220,000 in stormwater capital funds for the Plum Creek stream restoration project. Jim was able to modify the original water quality project plan to be eligible for federal stimulus dollars and as a result the City has been awarded \$1 million in federal funds. Given the short time schedule required by the federal funds staff is requesting to take \$220,000 that was approved for the 2011-2012 time frame and authorize us to spend it this year. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim has been able to get more work done than originally planned, sooner, and at less cost. He just needs Council's approval to spend our portion this year rather than 2-3 years from now. The stormwater capital fund balance has \$220,000 available and I would recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the capital project fund re-appropriation.

Health and Safety Committee Items

4. City and Kent State University Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal



Bill Lillich reports that the 4 year agreement between the City and Kent State University for police mutual aid will expire on June 14, 2009. Both parties agree that the current language in the agreement is satisfactory and Bill is requesting Council's approval to enter into a new agreement for another 4 year period. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

We rely on mutual aid on many occasions and I would encourage Council's support to renew the agreement for a new 4 year term with Kent State University.

Council Action

Authorize the new agreement for police mutual aid with Kent State University.

Information Items

1. Celebrate Kent

It's that time of year when Dan Smith solicits grant requests for promoting special events in Kent. In the City's budget we set aside \$10,000 each year to support local groups that organize and host events that celebrate Kent. Applications are now available and Dan has advertised the grants with a submission date of May 29, 2009. If you know of any local groups that might want to take advantage of this opportunity, please let them know about it. I've attached copies of the application package for your information. (attachment).

2. Spring Parties Cost Summary

As you know we had a busy weekend on April 25, 2009. In response to questions, Bill has prepared a summary of the costs of City response (including Fire, Police and Public Service) for the last 2 weekends. It appears that the total City costs for the spring parties were around \$30,000. (attachment)

3. Civil Service Agenda for May 11th

I have included a copy of the Civil Service Commission meeting scheduled for May 11, 2009 at 3 pm for your information. (attachment)

4. Efficient Government Grant Request

For your information, I have included a copy of the application for \$100,000 in Efficient Government grant funds submitted by the City of Kent, City of Ravenna, Village of Sugar Bush Knolls, and the Townships of Brimfield, Charlestown, Franklin and Ravenna for further research and study of fire service collaboration opportunities. (attachment)

5. 2010 Staff Budget Memo

As the staff and I begin the 2010 budget development process I wanted to share the budget preparation memo with you so that you could see the timeframe and general parameters that we are planning to work within. If those parameters do not match your expectations I'll need to know that so that we can redirect staff accordingly. (attachment)