



Work Session

1. Appointments

Council will be interviewing candidates for board and commission vacancies.



2. Annual Recognition of Adopt a Spot Volunteers

With the growing season coming to a close, Gene Roberts has asked for Committee time to recognize the volunteers that kept our adopt a spot gardens looking great all season long. (attachment)

Community Development Committee

1. Comprehensive Bike Plan

Jim Bowling has been working with his staff, Parks and Recreation, and other stakeholders to develop an outline of a possible citywide bike plan. Jim asked for Committee time to go through the plan concepts to gain feedback and input from City Council. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

With the recent extensions of the Portage Hike and Bike Trail through Kent now is a good time to evaluate how we plan to inter-connect the trail network with local feeder trails from Kent neighborhoods.

Council Action

Discuss the bike plan elements and offer feedback as appropriate.



Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee

1. Stone Water Drive Dedication

Jen Barone has requested Committee time to seek Council's authorization for the acceptance and dedication of a portion of Stone Water Drive in the Lakes of Franklin Mills subdivision. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Stone Water Drive is now complete and I recommend Council's acceptance of the dedicated right of way.

Council Action

Accept and dedicate the public right of way for Stone Water Drive.



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Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities (continued)

2. Amendments to Chapter 915, Sanitary Sewer Ordinance
3. Amendments to Storm Water Use Ordinance

Gene Roberts has asked to pull these items from the agenda as he is still waiting for further comment from the EPA regarding our proposed Ordinance changes. Gene does not believe that he will receive those in time for our Committee meeting so we will reschedule these items for a later date.

Finance Committee Items

1. Regional Income Tax Agency Analysis

Earlier this year staff presented Council with a proposal to transition from City income tax operations to the services of the Regional Income Tax Agency. Council asked for more information and Barb Rissland provided a staff evaluation comparing the City of Kent income tax operations with the Regional Income Tax Agency in last week's mailing.

Administrative Recommendation

Barb's report includes a thorough review of the background of the Regional Income Tax Agency and the benefits that she believes can be gained both in customer service and in financial collections. Barb believes that making this change can save/generate as much as \$250,000 and offer better, more convenient services for our residents so I would recommend Council give this proposal serious consideration, if even on a trial basis.

Council Action

Review the RITA report and direct staff accordingly.

Information Items

1. Smart Bike Proposal

Kent State University was approached by representatives from Clear Channel to discuss the possibility of adding Kent (and Kent State) to the list of cities that participate in Clear Channel's Smart Bike Program. The Smart Bike program is a bike loan program that makes bicycles available for use all over town at a minimal rate. Clear Channel provides the service at no cost to the City or the University but they do ask to be allowed to advertise at designated locations around the city, e.g., bus shelters, kiosks, etc. Bike loan programs have been very successful in Europe, and we think the idea has merit, but we are still very early in the discussion phases. I just wanted to share some of the information we've received regarding the possible project. (attached)

2. City Financial Notes

Given the recent unpredictability in the financial markets, Barb has provided a short update on the City's short term note status. (attachment)

