

July 6, 2012



Public Hearing

Council will take comments on the proposed 2013 Tax Budget in preparation for submission to the County.

Work Session

Council will interview candidates for vacancies on City Boards and Commissions.

Finance Committee

1. 2013 City Tax Budget

Dave Coffee and the City staff have prepared the draft 2013 Tax Budget for Council's approval. This budget document is required by the County for notification of any changes to the tax rate in the next City budget. Our draft County Tax Budget proposes no changes to the tax rates in the City. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With no proposed changes to the tax rates, approval of the County tax budget is primarily a procedural matter and I encourage Council's authorization of the tax budget. We will get into our annual City budget deliberations in much greater detail in September.

Council Action

Authorize submission of the City's 2013 Tax Budget to the County.

2. 2012 Budget Appropriations Amendments

Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to reconcile the 2012 budget line items and he has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to adjust those line items appropriately. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the appropriations amendments as presented.

3. Review of City Council Budget for 2013

Council referred the review of the City Council section of the City Budget into Committee for further discussion in July. I have attached the approved 2012 City Council's budget for your information. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Review the materials, discuss and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Review the budget materials, discuss and direct staff accordingly.



Special Council Meeting

Council will vote on the candidates for vacancies on City Boards and Commissions and on the proposed 2013 Tax Budget.

Health & Safety Committee

4. Update from the Sustainability Commission on Fracking

At City Council's request the members of the Sustainability Commission met to discuss and review options for further evaluation of Fracking and its prospective impacts in the Kent community. The Sustainability Commission has provided City Council with their recommendations. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the Sustainability Commission recommendations and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the recommendations and direct staff accordingly.

5. On-Site Security in Kent Apartment Complexes

City Council requested information regarding the extent of on-site security in apartment complexes in Kent and the staff has developed that information for Council's consideration. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the information and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the information and direct staff accordingly.

Information Items

1. Traffic Engineering & Safety Report

Bill Lillich has provided a copy of the summary notes from the June 18th Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Six items were discussed at the meeting: 1) traffic plan for Middlebury Road water line construction; 2) esplanade construction timetable update; 3) review of Parking Advisory Committee issues (Depeyster Street parking, E. Main Street 10-minute parking request, N. Water Street parking) 4) valet parking during Erie Street and Depeyster Street reconstruction; 5) Ally 5 parking lot; and 6) outdoor dining request on S. Water Street. (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of May 2012. Overall the City income tax collections are up 5.55% (\$261,246) from May 2011. Kent State University's collections thru the end of May are up .25% (\$4,481). (attachment)

3. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for May 2012. In 2012 calls for service are up 3% (262 calls); traffic citations are up 25% (348 tickets); accident incidents are down 14% (55 incidents) and serious crimes are up 16% (52 cases). (attachment)

4. Portage Development Board Mid Year Report for 2012

For your information I have included a copy of a summary letter from the Portage Development Board outlining the results of the Board's economic development work during 2012. (attachment)

