



Community Development Committee

1. Courthouse Redevelopment Proposal Presentation

We have requested Committee time to allow the two developers (Fairmount/College Town Kent and Newbrook Partners) that submitted proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the former County Courthouse to present their redevelopment concepts and answer questions from Councilmembers and the audience. We have asked each developer to limit their presentation to 10 minutes and then Council can decide how long to entertain questions. (attachments)

Administrative Recommendation

In order to help Council keep track of the presentations and the goals of the RFP, Tom Wilke has prepared a summary "notes" form that we've provided for you that is not intended to be a formal evaluation by Council but may help you keep track of your preferences as we look to move forward with selling the property.

Council Action

No action required at this time.

2. Annual EDA Revolving Loan Fund Certification

Each year the City is required to submit a semi-annual report of the activities performed with the revolving loan fund that were capitalized with EDA funds. City Council is being asked to pass a resolution certifying the current report. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The City has effectively used EDA revolving loan funds to retain and attract new business investment in Kent. Council certification of the City's Loan Fund Plan is a semi-annual procedure that is required by the Ohio EDA to maintain eligibility and I would urge Council's adoption.

Council Action

Approve and certify the EDA Revolving Loan Fund report as presented.

Finance Committee

3. West Side Fire Levy Consideration

Dave Coffee has requested Committee time for Council's consideration to renew the 2005 (renewed in 2011) West Side Fire Station Operating Expense tax levy. Dave is asking for Council's authorization to place the .73 mil levy on the tax ballot in November as a renewal.

Administrative Recommendation

The West Side Fire levy provides approximately \$247,000 in revenues that are used to support the fire operations provided at the West Side fire station. If renewed, the homeowner payment on a \$100,000 property would remain unchanged at \$23 per year. I recommend Council's support for placing the levy renewal on the ballot.

Council Action

Authorize the placement of the West Side Fire Operating levy (.73 mil) on the November 2015 ballot as a renewal.



Finance Committee (continued)

4. Proposed City Ambulance Fees Increase



Chief Tosko has reviewed the City's current ambulance fee schedule and he is recommending increasing the billing rate to be more comparable to the rates charged by neighboring cities. Chief Tosko is requesting Council's consideration to raise Kent's rates by \$100 per run – increasing ALS1 runs from \$450 to \$550, and ALS2 from \$550 to \$650. Chief Tosko indicates that these increases would put Kent's fees in the middle of the range of neighboring cities, and he reports that most insurance companies currently cover up to \$750 in ambulance transport costs. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

The last ambulance transport rate change in Kent was approved in 2009 (increased mileage charge rate from \$10 per mile to \$12 per mile). The fee increase is projected to result in \$50,000/year in revenues. I recommend Council's support for the proposed fee increase.

Council Action

Authorize the ambulance fee increase as proposed.

5. 2015 Budget Appropriations Amendment



Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to review the 2015 budget and he has identified items that need to be re-appropriated. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the 2015 appropriations amendment.

Council Actions

Approve the 2015 appropriations amendment as presented.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

6. Ohio Public Works Commission Pre-Application Request



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time for Council to consider approving submission of two City capital project requests (\$300,000 for S. Chestnut/Middlebury Road Rehabilitation, \$370,000 for Tonkin Court Reconstruction) for Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding. These grant funds (and loans) would enable the City to expand the funding dedicated to street repairs by an additional \$670,000 (on top of the \$620,000 Council approved in May) and take care of the 2 most critical street needs that meet the criteria established for OPWC funding. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim notes that the City matching funds for the S. Chestnut/Middlebury Road project are already programmed in the approved Capital Plan for 2017 and the grant funding would allow us to expedite that repair. Jim added that he is planning to submit the Tonkin Court local match request in the 2015-16 update to the Capital Plan for Council's consideration in August. Jim has chosen these projects, and structured the funding request using both grants and loans, to maximize the points used by OPWC for selecting projects for funding and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Approve the submission of the proposed projects for OPWC funding.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

7. Roy Marsh Drive Proposed Parking Change



Gene Roberts has requested Committee time for Council's consideration of a change in the current parking restrictions on Roy Marsh Drive. Currently, parking is restricted to the south side of Roy Marsh Drive from Highridge Lane to Stonewater Drive and to the north side between Highridge and Fieldstone. The City's Traffic Engineering and Safety Committee is requesting to make the parking uniform on the south side the full length of the street. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

There is no net loss of parking and given the traffic safety and clarity benefits, I recommend Council's support for the proposed parking modifications.

Council Action

Approve the proposed parking modifications on Roy Marsh Drive.

Information Items (continued)

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of April 2015. Overall the City income tax collections are up 7.70% (\$334,683) from April 2014. Kent State University's collections thru the end of March are up 3.75% (\$59,097). (attachment)

2. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations reports for April 2015. Permit revenues were \$28,565 for the month of April with the most permits being issued for residential plumbing (16 permits). There were 49 code enforcement items in April, most of which were related to unsheltered storage. (attachment)

3. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for March 2015. In 2015 calls for service are up 20% (1085 calls); traffic citations are up 14% (116 tickets); accident incidents are up 29% (89 incidents) and serious crimes are down 12% (23 cases). (attachment)

4. Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the June 2nd Planning Commission meeting. There are 2 items up for consideration: 1)Heat & Frost Insulators Local #84, 277 Martinel Drive, review to operate a meeting and training facility; and 2)University Oaks, 5914 Rhodes Road, review to remove parking area from previously approved site plan. (attachment)