



Police Swearing In Ceremony

Chief Lee has requested an opportunity to swear-in new officers/promotions just prior to the start of our Committee meetings.

Franklin Township Joint Meeting

Please note that we will start our next Committee meeting with our annual joint meeting with the Franklin Township.

Community Development Committee

1. Haymaker Farmer's Market Sub-Lease

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time for Council's approval to renew the City's sublease (1 year renewal) with the Haymaker Farmer's Market for the public parking area that is used on Saturday morning for the Farmer's Market. The property is ABC Railroad right of way along Franklin Avenue that the City leases from the Railroad and sub-leases to the Haymaker Farmer's Market. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Different location options for the Farmer's Market have occasionally been discussed but at the current time no changes are imminent so Bridget and I recommend Council's support to extend the sub-lease for the Franklin Street location for another year.

Council Action

Authorize the renewal of the City's sublease with the Haymaker Farmers Market.

Finance Committee

2. Renewal Levy for Parks and Recreation

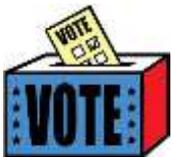
John Idone has requested Committee time to discuss the Park Board's recommendation to place two Kent Parks and Recreation operating levies on the Fall ballot. John is requesting Council's consideration to renew the two operating levies (1 mils, .43 mils) and make them permanent/continuous. These levies were last renewed in 2005 and they need to be approved either in November 2015 or May 2016.

Administrative Recommendation

Parks and Rec is asking to renew two Parks and Recreation Operating Levies (total of 1.43 mils) that are used to generate approximately 45% of the total Parks and Recreation budget. I recommend Council's support of the Park Board recommendation to place the renewal levy (continuous) on the ballot in November 2015.

Council Action

Authorize the placement of the Kent Parks and Recreation Operating Levies (1.43 mils) on the November 2015 ballot as a permanent renewal.



Finance Committee (continued)



3. 2015 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.

4. Supplemental Street Paving and Repair Request

At Council's request, Jim Bowling, Gene Roberts, Dave Coffee and I have been working on developing a supplemental funding proposal to increase the budget allocation for the repair of City streets following what has proven to be a particularly harsh winter for street damage. Street repairs and re-surfacing has also been a major topic of Council discussion over the last 18 months. Council authorized an extra \$250,000 for street repairs in 2012, an extra \$228,500 in 2013, \$250,000 in 2014, and the staff and I are recommending an additional \$620,000 for immediate street repair needs in 2015. Additional funding for long term paving repair needs will be proposed in the 2016 Capital Operating Budget later this summer. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Street repairs are a critical need in the City and I recommend Council's continued support in 2015 for the additional street funding appropriation of \$620,000.

Council Action

Authorize the additional \$620,000 in street funding appropriated as presented.



Health and Safety Committee

5. 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). I recommend Council's support for the proposed fee increase.

Council Action

Authorize the ambulance fee increase as proposed.



Health and Safety Committee (continued)

6. Proposed Language Clarification to Bicycle Regulations



Chief Lee has requested Committee time for Council to consider minor modifications being proposed to the City's bicycle regulations. Chief Lee has been working with Jim Silver, Jim Bowling and Gene Roberts to clarify the definitions used in the City's Codes that regulate bicycle use on City sidewalks, particularly in the downtown. Chief Lee noted that the existing language was difficult for her officers to enforce so she has proposed new language that attempts to better define how and when bicycles may be safely used on City sidewalks. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

I recommend Council's support for the proposed language modification.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed language modification as presented.

7. Proposed 'Late Night Sales' Ordinance Modification



Chief Lee has requested Committee time for Council to consider a change to the City's "late night sales" ordinance that would transfer the training responsibilities for new bar employees from Kent Police to the bar owners. Chief Lee notes that in 1982 the City passed the current late night sales ordinance which included a training requirement for City Police of any new bar employees. Chief Lee is recommending modifying the language to move the training requirement from the Police to the business owner/management. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Given Kent Police workload and the frequent turnover of employees in late night establishments, I recommend Council's support to transfer the training requirement from the Kent Police to the establishment owner/management as proposed.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed late night sales language modification as presented.

Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of March 2015. Overall the City income tax collections are up 10.02% (\$296,068) and Kent State University collections are up 4.36% (\$50,708). (attachment)

2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for February 2015. In 2015 calls for service are up 20% (696 calls); traffic citations are up 18% (100 tickets); accident incidents are up 37% (84 incidents) and serious crimes are down 28% (36 cases). (attachment)

3. Planning Commission Meeting

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the Planning Commission agenda and staff report for the May 5th Planning Commission meeting. There are 2 items up for consideration: 1) Klaben Chrysler Service (1338 W. Main Street), request for conditional zoning certificate and site plan review for building addition; and 2) Wascko Art Gallery (911 Stow Street), request for conditional zoning certificate and site plan review for art gallery as home occupation. (attachment)

4. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for March 2015. In 2015 calls for fire service are down 7% (13 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 3 events in 2015; and EMS responses are up 5% (34 calls). (attachment)