



Land Use Committee

1. Proposed Parking Code Modifications

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to seek Council's approval to modify the City's parking codes (Chapters 1167, 1122). The Community Development staff have made recommendations to modify the parking requirements under certain circumstances based on their experience implementing the existing Code. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I believe that the proposed parking changes offer a more balanced and realistic approach to managing parking on proposed projects. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the proposed changes and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Adopt the proposed parking code updates as presented.



Community Development Committee

2. Public Art Study Update

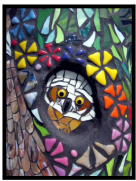
I have asked representatives from the joint City-University Public Art Planning Project to attend Committee in order to update Council on the progress of the art study project. Consulting staff from Land Studio will summarize the input received from the public and outline the work product expected to be produced from this effort.

Administration Recommendation

The presentation is for information purposes and no action is required.

Council Actions

No action is required.



3. Eligibility of City Board Member

Jim Silver has asked for Committee time to discuss the status of an existing City board member appointed by City Council. Jim will review the terms and conditions required by Board members to remain in good standing. Jim is suggesting that one Board member's inability to meet all of the required terms requires him to be removed from the Board on which he serves.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council authorize the removal of the appointee and direct staff to proceed with finding a replacement Board member.

Council Actions

Authorize the removal of the appointee and proceed with securing a replacement Board member.



Health and Safety Committee

4. Traffic Signal at Water and Main Street



Jim Bowling and Jon Giaquinto have examined the traffic data for the intersection of Water and Main Street in order to respond to the referral from City Council to evaluate the possibility of adding a protected left turn movement from southbound Water Street to eastbound Main Street. Jim and Jon will present their findings with City Council for discussion. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Based on the data, Jim and Jon are not recommending adding a protected left turn movement. I would ask that Council accept this recommendation.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Finance Committee

5. AMATS Projects Funding Request



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to obtain Council's authorization of the two proposed funding requests submitted to AMATS for consideration of funding. Jim has asked for \$700,000 in Federal funding to go towards the Summit Street Improvement project and \$432,000 for a bike lane designation on Hudson Drive between Fairchild Avenue and the Kent School properties. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

The funding requests do not increase any City costs and I would encourage Council's support for these project submissions.

Council Actions

Authorize the AMATS funding requests as presented.

6. Parks and Recreation New Bingo Contract



John Idone has requested Committee time for Council to consider authorizing a new contract between Kent Parks and Recreation and the Kent American Legion to share a license that would allow bingo games to be played in Kent with a portion of the proceeds (25%) to go to Kent Parks and Recreation. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

John estimates that this funding source could generate \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year and I recommend Council support of this new initiative.

Council Actions

Authorize Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract to operate bingo events.

7. Small Business Development Center Funding Re-Allocation



Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to seek Council's approval to re-allocate funds that were originally budgeted for the Kent Regional Business Alliance (KRBA) for small business development services in Kent to the small business development agency that has been assigned by the State of Ohio to serve Kent. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With the KRBA closing down their services in Kent, Bridget has been working with the State to identify the agency that will replace KRBA and provide small business development services. The State plans to reassign the service territory of the Summit/Medina small business development agency to also serve Kent. The agency will have staff assigned to work in Kent and I recommend Council's approval to transfer a portion of the original budgeted funds to the new agency.

Council Actions

Authorize the reallocation of small business development services funding.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee



8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety in Downtown Kent

Based on the referral from City Council, Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to review the staff findings and recommendations for ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in downtown Kent. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of September 2013. Overall the City income tax collections are up 7.02% (\$615,438) from September 2012. Kent State University's collections thru the end of September are up 3.59% (\$116,726). (attachment)

2. Draft 2014 Operating Budget

Dave Coffee and I are planning to wrap up the details of the proposed 2014 City Operating budget this weekend which means we will mail it out next week so that you could have 2 weeks to review it prior to our budget presentation which is currently scheduled for the Regular Council meeting on November 20th.

3. Kent Veterans Memorial Dedication

PARTA has scheduled the official unveiling and dedication ceremony of the new Veterans Memorial for 2 pm on November 11th, 2013. Bryan Smith at PARTA asked me to advise all of the members of Council to mark their calendars and please join PARTA and KSU in honoring the veterans from every branch of service at this dedication ceremony.