



Public Hearing

Council will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the City's 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The purpose of the CAPER is to satisfy the City of Kent's end of year reporting requirements for the Community Development Block Grant programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City's 2013 Action Plan program year.

Unauthorized Items

1. Donation from the American Legion Portage Post #496 (Draft #14 -134)

As a result of the new Kent Parks and Recreation Bingo Program operated by the American Legion Portage Post #496, the American Legion is donating last month's proceeds (\$896.46) raised from the bingo games to Kent Parks and Recreation.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the donation.

2. Donation to Kent Parks and Recreation (Draft #14 -135)

Council is asked to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 to Kent Parks and Recreation from the Norwood Street & Beech Drive neighborhood for the planting of a tree in memory of Richard Rymer. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council accept the donation.

Council Action

Authorize acceptance of the donation.

Finance Committee

1. Consideration of the Proposed 2015 Capital Improvement Plan

Staff has prepared the draft 2015 Capital Improvement Plan for Council review. The capital plan provides a schedule of projects and financing for 2015 through 2019 based on a prioritization of most critical needs. It is important to note that the project list is constrained in order to stay within available funding levels.

Administrative Recommendation

Review and approve the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Council Action

Approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented.



Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for August 2014. In 2014 calls for service are up 10% (1,326 calls); traffic citations are up 12% (254 tickets); accident incidents are down 5% (27 incidents) and serious crimes are down 16% (87 cases). (attachment)

2. Monthly Permit and Zoning Reports

Bridget Susel has enclosed copies of the monthly zoning and permit violations report for September 2014. Permit revenues were \$19,872 for the month with the most permits being issued for zoning (21 permits). There were 56 code enforcement items in September, most of which were related to either overgrown vegetation. (attachment)

3. Halloween Weekend Preparation

I wanted to let you know that the City staff have been preparing work schedules and coordinating with Kent State University and our other regional public safety partners to be ready for the typical festivities that occur in Kent on Halloween. We are anticipating the downtown Halloween celebrations to occur on Saturday October 25th. The Community Liaison has been busy walking the neighborhoods and handing out information that is designed to help everyone stay safe and enjoy the spirited events of the evening. I plan to ask for Council's approval in my Communication on Wednesday night to use \$750 of City funds to have food and beverages available for all of the public safety crews that will be working Halloween night.

4. KSU Homecoming Weekend

Kent State University is busy preparing for the 2014 Homecoming Weekend which will be the weekend of October 18th and 19th. The Homecoming parade is scheduled to start at 11 am on Saturday October 18th. Because of my reputation as a cyclist, the new President asked me in the spirit of town-gown fitness, if I would be willing to ride a tandem bicycle in the parade with her. Now I'm really hoping for decent weather.

5. Health Board Meeting Minutes and Department Statistics

Jeff Neistadt has provided copies of the Health Board agenda (for the October 14th meeting) and the statistical report for September 2014. Health Department revenues are up 67% (\$131,971) and permits are down 8% (42 permits) in 2014 from 2013. (attachment)

6. Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

Heather Phile from Community Development has provided a copy of the staff report for the October Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for October 20th, 2014. There are five items on the agenda: Mark & Sandy Harper, 904 Stonewater Drive, "bump out" driveway variance; Riverwood Community Chapel, 1407 Fairchild Avenue, sign variance; Robert Wilson and Camille Park, 536 N. Willow Street, setback variance; St. Patrick Church, 313 N. Depeyster Street, parking variances; and James and Patricia Oster, 1259 Windward Lane, setback variance. (attachment)