



Community Development Committee

1. Landscape Services Agreement with College Town Kent (Draft 13-105)

Jim Bowling has requested Committee time to obtain Council's approval to authorize an agreement with Davey Tree and College Town Kent (Fairmount Properties) to share in the installation and maintenance costs for landscaping along the north side of SR 59 adjacent to the downtown redevelopment project. The majority of the landscape area is in the public right of way and the City's share of the installation costs will be \$20,000. The maintenance agreement is for 15 years. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

City funding is available in the current budget and I recommend Council's support for this landscape agreement.

Council Actions

Approve the agreement and authorize staff to proceed with the final landscape installation.

2. Town Gown Collaboration Resolution (Draft 13-108)

As a result of the recent successes in collaborative projects, the City and KSU staff have been working on drafting a formal statement affirming the City's and KSU's intention to continue to partner and collaborate strategically on community priorities that align with the City's and University's mission and goals. With the impending retirement of Dr. Lefton and the completion of much of the downtown redevelopment, the University and the City staff felt it was important to publicly re-state our mutual desire to build on the success of the partnership. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's support for the proposed Collaboration Resolution.

Council Actions

Authorize the Mayor to sign the collaboration commitment resolution.

Unauthorized Items

1. Parks and Recreation Donation (Draft No. 13-102)

John Idone is requesting Council's authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Sylvia Coogan Memorial Fund for use by Kent Parks and Recreation for Art in the Park expenses.

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's acceptance of the donation.

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance of the donation for Kent Parks and Recreation.





Unauthorized Items

2. Annual Tax Levy and Rate Ordinance (Draft No. 13-103)

Staff is requesting Council's authorization to consider a resolution accepting the tax amounts and rates, as determined by the Portage County Budget Commission, which in turn authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Auditor.

Administration Recommendation

The levy rates remain unchanged so I would encourage Council's support for the resolution.

Council Action

Authorize the resolution for certification by the County Auditor.

3. ODOT Guardrail Legislation (Draft No. 13-104)

Jim Bowling is requesting Council's authorization to allow staff to enter into an agreement with ODOT granting them permission to upgrade the guard rails on SR 43, SR 59 and SR 261 within the City's corporate limits.

Administration Recommendation

There is no cost to the City for the guardrail upgrades and City residents will benefit from improved safety, so I urge Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize ODOT to perform the guardrail improvements on state routes within the City.

Information Items

1. Board of Zoning Appeals September 16th Meeting

Heather Phile from Community Development has provided a copy of the staff report for the September Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for September 16th, 2013. There are two items on the agenda: Roger & Christina Gilpin, 492 Laurel Drive, appeal condemnation decision; and Joan Oneacre, 708 W. Main Street, side yard setback variance for detached structure. (attachment)

2. 2014 Capital and Operating Budget Updates

The staff and I are wrapping up the draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan and we plan to present that to Council at the October 2, 2013 Committee meeting. Once that is completed we will focus exclusively on the Operating Budget and we hope to have that ready for your review and consideration in November.