



Committee of the Whole

1. Interview Candidates for Boards and Commission Vacancies

2. Update the Pending List for 2017

The staff have reviewed the pending list items and we would like Committee time to review the status of those items and request Council's consideration to remove completed items where appropriate. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Review the pending list items and authorize the modifications to the list as presented by staff.

Council Action

Authorize and amend the pending list as appropriate.

Unauthorized Item

3. 2017 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2017 budget line items and he has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the appropriations amendments as presented.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

4. Proposed Changes to City Multi-Family Recycling Requirements

Jim Silver has requested Committee time to present proposed changes to the City's recycling requirements for multi-family (apartment) properties in Kent. Jim and Melanie Baker have drafted the changes that they believe are necessary to satisfy the legal concerns that led to a legal challenge against the City from representatives of multi-family properties in Kent. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The proposed changes are necessary to voluntarily resolve the court action against the City and although these changes are expected to reduce the City's revenues by an estimated \$100,000 a year, I believe the changes are appropriate and I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the proposed changes to the City's multi-family recycling requirements.





5. Proposed City Code Updates for Small Cell Wireless Antennas

Jim Silver, Melanie Baker and Gary Bishop have requested Committee time to review the changes that need to be made to City Code in order to conform to the recent passage of new legislation in Ohio (Senate Bill 221) concerning the installation of small cell wireless antennas. The days of a few large (120' to 150' cell towers) are changing to meet the next generation of technology which prefers a dense network of lower towers which should provide greater streaming speeds, reliability and lower electric demand. The next generation technology requires a dense network of poles which based on the new laws the City has few, if any ways to regulate, even in our right of way or on our own poles. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

We need to update our Code to comply with the new State law and I recommend Council authorize the proposed Code revisions as presented.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and authorize the proposed Code changes as presented.

Health & Safety Committee

6. City Administration Building Update

Melanie Baker and Jeff Meyers have asked for Committee time to share an update on the status of the latest efforts related to the new City Administration building project.

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Executive Session

An executive session is requested immediately following the Committee sessions.

Information Items

1. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for December 2016. In 2016 calls for service are up 20% (5,596 calls); traffic citations are up 5% (173 tickets); accident incidents are down 5% (52 incidents) and serious crimes are down 4% (28 cases). (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of December 2016. Overall the City income tax collections are down 3.15% (\$459,458) from December 2016. Kent State University's collections thru the end of December are up 2.84% (\$139,560). (attachment)

3. Fire Incident Report

Chief Tosko has provided a copy of the fire and emergency medical services report for December 2016. In 2016 calls for fire service are up 3% (22 calls); fire mutual aid assistance is up 4 events in 2016; and EMS responses are up 4% (133 calls). (attachment)

4. Main Street Quarterly Report

Heather Malarcik has shared copies of the quarterly Main Street Kent reports for the end of 2016. If you read through the reports you'll see a listing of the community events sponsored by Main Street, volunteer hours, and marketing information. (attachment)

