



Health & Safety Committee

1. City Code Amendment, Civil Offenses Section, 501.13(N)

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to present her recommendations for changes to the Civil Offenses Section of the City Code. In particular, Bridget has text changes to update, improve, and clarify the Code references related to Civil Offenses. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation

Authorize the Code modifications as presented.

Council Action

Authorize the Code modifications as presented.



2. Parking Petition

Council referred a petition from residents on Lincoln Street to allow on-street parking on both sides of the street between Rellim Street and Ivan Drive where parking is currently prohibited. The Traffic Engineering and Safety Committee reviewed the request and returns it to City Council with a recommendation. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

The TES Committee recommended amending the request to allow parking on one side of the street due to the narrow street width and number of fire hydrants on the street. The Committee also suggested reviewing the current resident petition process with Council at the February Committee meeting.

Council Action

Authorize the parking petition request for Lincoln Street for one side of the street.



3. Chemical Weed Control Discussion

Gene Roberts has requested Committee time to follow up on Council's request for staff to investigate more environmentally friendly chemical weed control applications for use along City rights of ways. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report and direct staff accordingly.



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

4. Acceptance of Utility Extension, Primrose Lane

Bridget Susel has requested Committee time for Council's consideration to accept the utilities that have been extended to serve Primrose Lane into the City's utility inventory. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

City Engineering and Planning staff indicate that the utilities are to City Code and I recommend accepting the utilities as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the acceptance of the City utilities on Primrose Lane as presented.



Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee (continued)

5. Proposed "City to City" Beacon Agreement



Tom Wilke and Jim Silver have drafted a 3 year Agreement with a prospective new technology company that is seeking the City's approval to install beacon devices on City poles in the right of way that would create a "geo-fence" network that would be available to area merchants to advertise to customers over cell phones in real time. The company would install the beacons and market the advertising opportunities to Kent businesses and customers. The City would be agreeing to allow the business to install the beacons in Kent at no charge, with a 15% shared advertising profit split going to the City. The City will also be able to send event notifications, public safety messages, etc., over the geo-fence network at no cost. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

This new technology has been endorsed by the National Association of County Commissioners and Main Street, it would provide Kent businesses a convenient and dynamic way to connect to customers, and it has no cost to the City while offering some revenue prospects. For these reason I recommend Council's support for the Agreement.

Council Actions

Authorize the agreement for City to City beacons as presented.

Community Development Committee

5. Housing Needs Analysis Report Presentation



Bridget Susel has requested Committee time to share the data included in the joint City-University housing needs report. The final report is in the last stages of completion but Bridget wanted to share the initial data results at the January Committee meeting and then return to City Council in February for more detailed discussion on the findings and recommendations. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report.

Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of November 2015. Overall the City income tax collections are up 12.33% (\$1,466,660) from November 2014. Kent State University's collections thru the end of November are up 3.04% (\$132,486). (attachment)