

May 25, 2016



Council Work Session

1. Salary Review Committee

Mayor Fiala has asked the Clerk to schedule work session time for Council to discuss Council member salaries.

Land Use Committee

2. Replat and Vacation For Tonkin Street Reconstruction

Jim Bowling has asked for Committee time for Council to consider a request from staff to replat and vacate property lots along East College Avenue in order to support the planned reconstruction of Tonkin Street for public access to the new Police Station. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim has been working with Jim Silver to get the legal changes necessary for the reconstruction of Tonkin Street and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the replat and property vacations necessary for the reconstruction of Tonkin Street as presented.



3. Tonkin Street Dedication Plat

Jim Bowling has asked for Committee time for Council to consider a Dedication Plat of Tonkin Street that is needed to support the planned reconstruction of Tonkin Street for public access to the new Police Station. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Jim has been working with Jim Silver to get the legal changes necessary for the reconstruction of Tonkin Street and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the Tonkin Street Dedication Plat necessary for the reconstruction of Tonkin Street as presented.



4. Council Authorization for City Surplus Property Auction

Jim Bowling has requested Council's authorization to utilize an online public bidding service to sell and dispose of non-essential, used, surplus City property. Jim has worked with the department staff to compile the list of annual items for sale that are no longer needed or used by City personnel. Jim would like to schedule the bid period for June –July 2016.

Administration Recommendation

The City has had more bidders and higher revenues as a result of using online public auction services and I recommend Council's support to advertise the next City surplus property auction as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the City surplus property auction as presented.



0001 - Home Audio Equipment, (Qty 8)
Pieces, Tag# 2012.001

AssetAuctions
Category: Consumer Electronics
Lot Number: A45534-0001
Location: Kent, OH
Scheduled Close: Aug 16, 2012 2:00 PM CT
Lot Closing in: 8 days
Bids: 1

Finance Committee (continued)

5. Berardinelli and Kent Parks and Rec Land Sale



Tom Wilke and Jim Silver have requested Committee time to present the final land sale agreement for surplus Parks and Rec property adjacent to the Portage Hike and Bike Trail between Lake Street and Riverbend to Mr. Berardinelli of ABC Landscaping in order to support his growing business needs. The City will maintain a stormwater easement through the property. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

John Idone has indicated that the land is not going to be needed for the Hike and Bike trail so he and the Park Board support the land sale. I recommend Council's support for land sale agreement as presented.

Council Actions

Authorize the land sale agreement as presented.

6. 2016 Appropriations Amendment



Dave Coffee has been working with the department heads to review the 2016 budget and he has identified items that need to be re-appropriated. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the 2016 appropriations amendment.

Council Actions

Approve the 2016 appropriations amendment as presented.

7. Ohio Public Works Commission Pre-Application Request



Jim Bowling has requested Committee time for Council to consider approving submission the City's capital project pre-application request for Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan funding in the combined loan and grant amount of \$500,000 for the City's \$3 million signal project on SR43, and \$390,000 for the \$832,000 Valleyview/Morris water & stormwater improvement projects. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

These 2 projects are already approved and funded in the City's Capital Plan. If the City is successful in securing OPWC funds that would free-up the City's capital funds already allocated to these projects which can then be redirected towards other critical capital projects that underfunded. Given the City's current financial constraints I have encouraged staff to pursue all possible grant sources and Jim has put together a competitive proposal that I recommend for Council's support.

Council Action

Approve the submission of the proposed projects for OPWC funding.

Community Development Committee

8. Trex Liquor License Partial Ownership Change



Bridget Susel is requesting Committee time to present Council with a request from Ghengis Properties (Mr. Burbick) to amend the approved ownership designation for the Trex Liquor license that was previously approved for Ghengis Properties and the former owners of the Secret Cellar. Since the former Secret Cellar owners are no longer in business, Bridget is recommending Council approve the transfer in the ownership designation to Ghengis and the new business partners. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

State and City Code allow for the transfer of liquor licenses under conditions which have been met in this request and I recommend Council's support.

Council Actions

Authorize the Trex Liquor License partial ownership transfer as presented.



Finance Committee

9. Anti-Discrimination Housing Protections

Jim Silver and Bridget have requested Committee time to review the protections, practices, and regulations that are currently in place to ensure equal opportunity for housing in Kent regardless of race, gender, age, ethnic background, etc.

(attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.

10. Fracking Court Cases Update

Erik Fink has been asked to provide Council with an update on the status of fracking related legislation and recent court case decisions that provide the parameters within which the fracking industry must operate in Ohio.

Administration Recommendation

Erik provided this presentation to the Kent Environmental Council and it was well received so I invited Erik to share it with City Council since understanding the potential impacts of fracking on public health and City water reserves has been a priority among Council members. I recommend Council receive the staff update.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.



Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Dave Coffee has provided a summary of income tax collections thru the end of April 2016. Overall the City income tax collections are up 3.55% (\$166,305) from April 2016. Kent State University's collections thru the end of April are up 2.19% (\$35,877). (attachment)

2. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Lee has provided a copy of the police statistics report for April 2016. In 2016 calls for service are up 24% (2,416 calls); traffic citations are up 8% (102 tickets); accident incidents are up 1% (20 incidents) and serious crimes are down 20% (46 cases). (attachment)