



**UPDATE**

## Committee of the Whole

### 1. Staff Updates (Jim, Melanie, Nick)

Department Heads have requested a few minutes at the start of the Committee meeting to share brief comments about noteworthy topics in their departments.

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Receive the staff reports, no action is needed.

#### *Council Actions*

**Receive the staff report, no action is necessary**

## Community Development Committee

### 1. Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Annual Report

Each year the Tax Incentive Review Council reviews the performance of the Enterprise Zone agreements for the City of Kent and the staff prepares an annual report for Council to "accept." The 2025 Report notes that there are 4 active Enterprise Zone agreements in Kent totaling \$24,968,643. The TIRC members are recommending continuing all agreements. Bridget will go through the details of the TIRC recommendation in Committee and answer any questions that you might have. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

The TIRC members have reviewed each agreement and after deliberation they have proposed to continue these agreements. I recommend Council accept the TIRC recommendations as presented.

#### *Council Action*

**Receive and accept the TIRC Annual Report as presented, with the emergency clause.**

### 2. Informational Update on Franklin Avenue Outdoor Seating Area (Bridget/Main Street Kent)

Bridget has requested Committee time to allow Heather from Main Street Kent to report on comments received from downtown businesses regarding the 2026 Outdoor Seating Area on Franklin Avenue. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Main Street reports that a majority of downtown businesses polled would be interested in Council shifting the opening and closing dates for the Franklin Avenue Street closure to start on Memorial Day and end on Labor Day.

#### *Council Actions*

**Receive the informational update, no action is necessary unless Council wishes to amend the dates.**

TIRC



## Community Development Committee (continued)

### 3. Community Development Social Service Funding



Bridget has requested Committee time to provide an overview of the 2026 social service funding allocations. Bridget reports that 10 social service funding applications were received from 7 agencies, requesting a total of \$161,898.93 from a budget of \$100,000. The staff allocated the \$100,000 across 8 programs. (attachment)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Receive the staff report, no action is needed.

#### *Council Action*

**Receive the staff report, no action is necessary.**

## Finance Committee

### 1. Discussion of Staffing and Funding Options Report (Rhonda, Dave)



The staff have requested Committee time to continue the discussion of the "Staffing and Funding Options" report that was distributed to Council members at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Committee and presented at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting. The report frames the discussion of the critical staffing shortfalls in Police, Fire and Service departments, and outlines options for generating new revenues or redirecting existing revenues to fund the staffing needs. (attachments)

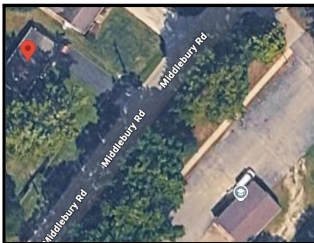
#### *Administration Recommendation*

Continue the discussion of the staffing needs and funding options and direct staff accordingly.

#### *Council Actions*

**Discuss and direct staff accordingly.**

### 2. Consideration of Sale of Surplus Parks Property (Angela)



Angela has requested Committee time to request Council's consideration to authorize the Parks Department to sell surplus property located at 500 Middlebury Road that the Parks Department no longer has any long-term plans to use. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

Angela and her Parks Board have recommended the sale of the surplus property, and I recommend Council support their request.

#### *Council Actions*

**Authorize the sale of surplus Parks property located at 500 Middlebury Road as presented, with the emergency clause.**



## Health & Safety Committee

### 1. Health Department Grant Appropriation (Jalessa)

The Health Department has requested Committee time to present a request to accept and appropriate a \$10,000 grant from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to promote best practices in food safety. Jalessa will be available to provide an overview of the grant in Committee. (attachment)

#### *Administrative Recommendation*

I recommend Council's support for the acceptance and appropriation of the FDA grant as requested by the Health Department.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the acceptance and allocation of the \$10,000 FDA grant to the Health Department as presented, with the emergency clause.**

## Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee

### 1. On-Street Parking Change for Needham Avenue (Melanie)

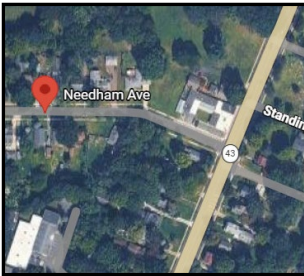
Melanie has requested Committee time to ask for Council to consider a request to change the on-street parking restrictions on Needham Avenue. The City's Traffic Engineering and Safety committee met to review the request and recommend changing the on-street parking from allowing on-street parking on both sides of the street to only allow parking on the south side of the street, to ensure adequate public safety vehicle access on this narrow street. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's authorization to modify the on-street parking regulations on Needham Avenue in the City's Parking Ordinance as presented.

#### *Council Actions*

**Approve the proposed modified parking restrictions on Needham Avenue as presented, with the emergency clause.**



### 2. Proposed Update to the City's Stormwater Regulations (Melanie)

Melanie has requested Committee time to ask for Council's authorization to update the City's stormwater ordinance to conform with the recommendations produced in the City's latest NPDES audit. (attachments)

#### *Administration Recommendation*

I recommend Council's authorization to modify the City's stormwater ordinance as presented.

#### *Council Actions*

**Approve the proposed stormwater ordinance changes as presented, with the emergency clause.**





## Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee (continued)

### 3. Proposed Amendments to the SR59 Project Agreement (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to present a request to amend the approved design agreement for the SR59 Alternative Transportation Improvement project. The amendment expands the role of ODOT as a project partner with no change in cost for the City or scope of the project. (attachment)

#### *Administrative Recommendation*

ODOT has requested modifications to the approved SR59 Project Agreement and I recommend Council's support.

#### *Council Action*

**Authorize the SR59 Project Agreement amendments as presented, with the emergency clause.**

## Information Items

### 1. Main Street Kent Quarterly Report

Heather Malarcik has shared a copy of the Quarterly Main Street Kent report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2026. If you read through the reports you'll see information about events and operations. (attachment)

### 2. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for February of 2026. Overall, the City income tax collections YTD are down 7.6% (\$237,783) compared with YTD of 2025. For the month of February, the City income tax collections are down 1.4% (21,089) compared to 2025.

### 3. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for March of 2026. Overall, the City income tax collections YTD are down 4.9% (\$214,193) compared with YTD of 2025. For the month of March, the City income tax collections are up 1.8% (23,568) compared to 2025.

### 4. Kent Police Statistics

Chief Shearer has provided a copy of the police statistics report for March. The month to date calls for service are down 23% (by 363 calls); traffic citations are up 88.9% (by 126 tickets); accident incidents are up by 14% (by 6 incidents) for the month and serious crimes are up by 3 calls, at 4 incidents when compared to 1 in March of 2024. (attachment)

### 5. Sustainability Commission Quarterly Newsletter

Julie Morris has provided the Spring 2026 Sustainable Kent Newsletter, per Council request. In addition to Climate Action Plan updates, there will be a variety of sustainability related information in each issue. To sign up for the newsletter, go to the City of Kent website. <https://www.kentohio.gov/business-building-developemtn-sustainabilty-overview/sustainable-kent-e-newsletter/>