



Chief Stone Swearing-In

We will begin the meeting with the official Swearing-In of Police Chief Stone.

Unauthorized Items

1. "Then and Now" Authorization (Draft #2026-73)

Rhonda has requested Council's approval of the latest "then and now" purchases as required by the City's auditing standards. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's approval of the "then and now" purchases.

Council Actions

Approve the latest "then and now" purchases, with the emergency clause.

2. Accept a Donation to Kent Parks and Recreation

Angela is asking for Council's authorization to accept a donation of 10 basketball court nets (valued at \$200) from State Farm agent Joe Hartman of State Farm Insurance to be used by Kent Parks and Recreation. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to accept the basketball nets valued at \$200.

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance of 10 basketball nets (valued at \$200) to Kent Parks and Recreation.

3. Accept a Donation to the Kent Fire Department

Chief Samels is asking for Council's authorization to accept and allocate a \$100 donation from Jim and Phyllis Butner in honor of the recent passing of former Kent Fire Chief Barry Blankenship. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to accept and allocate the \$100 donation.

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of the \$100 donation to the Kent Fire Department.

Information Items

1. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for May, June and July of 2026. Overall, the City income tax collections through July are down 6.1% (\$686,727) compared with YTD of 2025. For the month of May, the City income tax collections were down 8.4% (182,281) compared to 2025. For the month of June, the City income tax collections were down 1.5% (24,208) compared to 2025. For the month of July, the City income tax collections are up 1% (14,508) compared to 2025.

2. Kent Police Stats

Chief Stone has provided a copy of the police statistics report for July. The month to date calls for service are up 10.2% (by 171 calls); traffic citations are up 32% (by 36 tickets); accident incidents are down 6 calls at 36 incidents for the month and serious crimes are down by 4 calls, at 1 incident when compared to 5 in July of 2024. (attachment)

