



Life outside the lines.

Unauthorized Items

1. Accept a Donation to the Fire Department



Chief Samels is requesting Council's authorization to accept a \$100 donation gift card from Nancy Wachsmuth and Yvonne Poisson. The funds will be used to purchase a meal for the on-duty crews who provided medical assistance to these residents. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

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

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of the \$100 gift card donation.

2. Accept a Donation to the Fire Department



Chief Samels is requesting Council's authorization to accept a \$100 donation from Ms. Paula Snyder. The funds will be used to support the purchase of smoke detectors and public education materials to give to residents for fire protection. (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.

3. Accept Christenson Foundation Donation to Kent Parks & Recreation



Angela is requesting Council's authorization to accept a \$1,500 donation from the Henry V. and Frances W. Christeson Foundation to Kent Parks & Recreation. The funds will be used for recreational materials and supplies. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization to accept and allocate the donated funds.

Council Action

Authorize the acceptance and allocation of \$1,500 in donated funds.

4. Amend the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Grant Program Authorizing Legislation (Draft # 2026-06)



Bridget is requesting Council's authorization to amend the previously approved "authorizing legislation" to accept \$250,000 in grant funds from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) that is used to provide funding for low-to-moderate income residents for home repair needs at owner occupied housing. The amendment adds a new whereas clause that was not included in the original legislation but is now a condition of the grant. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the amended CHIP funds legislation to comply with the grantor's requirement.

Council Action

Authorize the amended authorizing legislation with a new "whereas" clause for the execution of the CHIP grant program, with the emergency clause.



Unauthorized Items (continued)

5. "Then and Now" Authorization (Draft #2026-00)

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.

Information Items

1. Main Street Kent Annual Report

Heather Malarick has shared a copy of the Annual Main Street Kent report for 2025. If you read through the reports you'll see budget information for the year, as well as a listing of the community events sponsored by Main Street Kent during 2025. (attachment)

2. Income Tax Report

Rhonda Hall has provided a summary of income tax collections for December of 2025. Overall, the City income tax collections YTD are up 0.4% (\$64,806) compared with YTD of 2024. For the month of December, the City income tax collections are up 0.9% (\$12,420)