



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Mayor Fiala called the Committee of the Whole of Kent City Council to order at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; and Mr. Robin Turner

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Administration Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Mike Lewis, Lieutenant of Police; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief, Ms. Suzanne Stemnock, Human Resource Manager; Ms. Dawn Bishop, Civil Service Coordinator; and Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council.

NOT PRESENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach

There was one (1) item on the Agenda.

1. Update on Diversity Hiring Efforts

Mr. Dave Ruller opened the meeting by introducing the topic and conversations over the past few months on social equity and diversity issues and said those have certainly amplified the City's efforts. Hiring practices are being discussed in staff meetings, especially in regards to Civil Service hiring practices. Suzanne Stemnock said the first thing that can be done is to develop a diversity statement and policy that will be included in recruitment packages.

Ms. Dawn Bishop, Civil Service Coordinator, reviewed in detail the Civil Service hiring process for classified positions, highlighting posting of exams, job descriptions and employment applications. Some positions require a skills test, such as typing, driving or a physical agility test. Passing applicants are then ranked on an eligible list based on their test score. A passing applicant who has an honorable discharge from the uniformed services is eligible for 20% added to passing grade, and this is covered by the Ohio Revised Code and cannot be changed. National Guard members are eligible for 15% extra credit. Other extra credit for police and fire could be changed, such as an education extra credit.

Ms. Suzanne Stemnock, Human Resource Manager, began by discussing city wide initiatives for both Civil Service and Non-Civil Service hiring. A new diversity statement and policy was developed, staff training to encourage inclusion, updating recruitment documents to better represent statements of diversity and looking to expand recruiting efforts. The diversity of the hiring team is being looked at as well as the interview processes to thoroughly evaluate candidates. Lieutenant Lewis will highlight some changes to the Civil Service process, especially involving the safety forces.

Mr. David Ruller added Chief Shearer has been sending weekly updates to Council and has shown an interest and desire to sharpen this aspect of hiring. He has been calling on other communities who have been successful in getting a diverse pool of candidates, and Lieutenant Lewis has been doing a great job in these efforts as well.

Lieutenant Mike Lewis reviewed the possible changes to Civil Service bonus points, reviewing why certain points were developed. They are seeking dedicated applicants and have given bonus credit to those with higher education or police academy training and certification which demonstrates a commitment to the

profession but could also be a detriment to those who may not be able to afford that training. Extra credit has been a hinderance to all candidates, not just minorities. There is evidence that bonus points and extra credit can boost candidates scores who scored poorly on exams. There have been issues with testing and testing companies in the past, with a difficult entrance exam which was corrected in 2019. Assisting someone attending the policy academy has been discussed, but they are unsure if they can commit to this expense. Departments across the country are struggling with equal representation and it is not unique to the City of Kent. He added that if people honestly want minorities to apply to become police officers, they need to stop vilifying the profession. It is counterproductive and could prevent the ability to encourage someone from a minority neighborhood to try to join the police department. He referenced a few articles he has read on race and policing. There has been a record rate of police leaving their profession based on the current climate, which is very concerning. He said they need everyone's help in the community to encourage people to join the police department, if interested, as it is a very noble profession.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about bonus points for being a member of a minority and if this is illegal now.

Ms. Stemnock said this cannot be done.

Ms. Hope Jones added extra credit cannot be given for minorities, women, etc. but we could encourage people of different races, sex, religion to apply. Ms. Jones added she will provide Ms. Shaffer Bish with the statutes that limit this.

Mr. Kuhar asked if giving a bonus or extra credit would lower the bar on candidates and that perhaps they should focus on marketing and recruiting practices.

Chief Shearer said they are looking into what other cities are doing who have been more successful at hiring diverse officers. He said different things can be done with recruiting and agrees getting rid of bonus points is a good thing.

Mr. Kuhar said he would like to hire people based on their ability to do the job.

Chief Shearer said they need to find a way of reaching these candidates through the recruitment process. The education disparity is hurting applicants by unfairly giving candidates extra points. He added in his research he has read that a college education does not necessarily make for better police officers.

Mr. Turner asked not giving eligible candidates extra points, but basing hiring on specific hiring practices or goals.

Ms. Jones said if they are permitted to pick from the top ten candidates, a decision of hiring those people can be made by the hiring committee.

Mr. Ruller added that department heads do this already during their hiring practice. When they see someone that could help round out diversity, they will pursue the candidate on that list.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said this is what she had in mind, that all things being equal we have a preference and can be backed up by establishing this up front.

Mr. Sidoti added that when hiring for the schools, they always had a strategy and as long as there was consistency, they were safe. If they wanted 25 % of teachers to be former graduates of the school or from a specific area they could try but there was no guarantee they would get candidates to fit this, but it was the model. If they had two great candidates, they would then evaluate them based on the needs of the school. The top one may not have fit and they went for the best candidate. He asked if this could not be used in hiring police.

Chief Shearer said it absolutely could be. It is very rare that candidates are equal in hiring and a decision is hard to make. They have not gotten this far in the hiring of minority candidates but looks forward to seeing adjustments to extra credit and the big hope is an increase in the percentage of minority applicants. He added they would find more minorities in the top 25% when getting rid of extra credit points.

Mr. Kuhar and Lieutenant Lewis discussed the number of qualified applicants and Lieutenant Lewis highlighted that overall there were 102 applicants in 2019, and of those applicants, 10 were black. He added this reflects census data and mirrors the community. Lewis said this was in 2019 and the mass exodus of the profession has happened in 2020. He is unsure of the number of applicants they will get next time.

Mr. Ruller mentioned Lieutenant Lewis has worked specifically at Kent State with African American students and says they will need to widen the search outside of the community. It is hard to recruit from outside of the community, not just in police hires, but in all departments. Chief Shearer added youth engagement has been emphasized as well as developing a police explorers' program to grow relations within the community to have these people to draw from.

Mr. Turner asked Chief Shearer if the neighborhood policing program will help connect young people at an earlier age and create relationships and esteem that is needed to deal with the issues of the day. He suggested creating something unique and different through the community and building upon it.

Chief Shearer agreed this is more so a socioeconomic issue. He now has two community resource officers on every shift. The job of the day shift is to work with the schools, meeting with school administrators, teachers and classes. They have partnered with Kent Parks and Rec Life and Leadership. Covid 19 has caused some issues with plans to partner with youth football. He would like people to know the police when they come to events and for it to be a comforting feeling when seen. This has all been pushed back a bit due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about the City's Strategic Plan and Mr. Ruller said this is already included in the strategic documents that are sent out every year. There are specific goals and objectives developed every year and has been produced for the last ten years. He said diversity is addressed in this document and can be sharpened more if needed. It is the top section of the goals and objectives and it may be a good time to add a few items based on this discussion.

Mr. Kuhar asked if there is a D.A.R.E. program in the City and Lieutenant Lewis said the City has been without this program for quite a while. Youth engagement is a big priority of Chief Shearer and the school resource officers have served very well. More structured programs will be going forward. Lewis said they will be focusing on what is in the pipeline to help recruit for the pool of applicants. Youth engagement is important and that working for the City has good pay and benefits.

Mr. Turner said there would be push back in both directions when you start using numbers in hiring. The City is doing a better job working to ensure the best job that can be done is being done.

Mr. Ferrara agreed with Mr. Turner's comments and awareness is lacking from the community on what is trying to be done. The Chief and Police Department are doing everything the public is asking and it is Council's job to make sure everyone knows they are trying to meet that criteria. He agreed you cannot vilify the police and then ask why there aren't any diverse police officers. You have to set the tone that the police need to be respected. They are just like you and I and go to work everyday and try to do the best possible job and they protect freedoms.

Fire Chief Tosko said the Fire Department has had similar challenges to diversify their workforce not only with minorities but also women, particularly in EMS. They actively recruit using social media, phone calls, emails, posters and passively recruit using community engagement, but challenges still exist.

Mayor Fiala stressed it is important for Council Members to be aware of the efforts that are being done of the different departments within the City to meet these challenges.

Seeing no further business or questions for this committee, it adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Amy Wilkens

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Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) N/A

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Public Health & Safety Meeting Minutes
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Mr. Amrhein called the Public Health and Safety Meeting to order at 7:25. p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; and Mr. Robin Turner

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NOT PRESENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach

There was one (1) item on the agenda:

1. **Mass Gathering Restriction**

Ms. Hope Jones stated that as Kent State University students began returning to campus, the COVID-19 numbers increased. There have been many conversations on the Ohio Department of Health's directive of no more than ten people gathering at one time. Ms. Jones reviewed what Oxford Ohio chose to do when Miami University students returned. They prohibited mass gatherings of more than ten people that are non-household members. If the Health Department is called to a gathering they can choose to civilly cite whoever is giving the party, anyone attending, or someone who chooses to maintain a party (which could include whoever owns the property). She cited exceptions to the rule, which include churches, media, first amendment gatherings, restaurants, warehouse and schools. This is being done to curb any Covid outbreak on campus and in the community and to give the Health Department an ability to give a \$500 civil fine.

Ms. Joan Seidel added when she is out doing her rounds, she witnesses parties and, in the past, had no way to ask parties break up. These gatherings are happening and are perpetuating the spread of Covid -19. Having some authority to enforce this might help to prevent spread.

Mr. Kuhar said this is a targeted ordinance against college students. He says you cannot regulate stupidity.

Mr. Jones said students are not being targeted but the students returning is the impetus of this. If there is a complaint about a large gathering where there are no masks and twenty to thirty people, the Health Department will respond. It is trying to educate the college community and prevent these gatherings which spread the disease. She mentioned a college party in Florida with 1,000 people at the party. An enforcement arm is needed when the education provided is not working. It will probably happen more in the downtown and campus area, but complaints will be taken and enforced in any part of the community.

Ms. Seidel confirmed this is not targeting one group of people, but rather any gathering of ten non-household members regardless of where they were. If they don't meet the clearly defined exceptions, anyone can be cited.

Mr. Kuhar asked for clarification of proximity in bars and restaurants versus being at a gathering outside.

Ms. Seidel said that inside a restaurant parties are limited to groups of ten and when compliance checks are done, if there are large groups of people standing around a table consuming, the manager will be told to break the party in two groups to consume. People are socially distanced between tables and are seated to consume, they are not standing around and wandering like you would at a party.

Mr. Turner said this is not an issue of people's Constitutional rights, it is a health and safety issue. There is a science why the Health Department has determined their procedures. This is an issue of passing the virus throughout the community and is in total of support of doing this. He stressed that something needs to be done about the lives that have been lost and the Health Department has come up with a plan to address it and we need to do so for the health and safety of the people that live in Kent.

Mr. Amrhein reminded Council Members they are to be responding in the form of a question.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked how this is going to actually work out on the weekends and if the Health Department should be called at midnight on a Saturday night. She asked if there will be Police backup and what the process is for people to call and report a gathering.

Chief Shearer said the police would never leave Joan (Seidel) or he staff hanging and if there is a safety issue they will be there. This is an ordinance written for civil enforcement and is not enforceable by the police department as it is not a criminal penalty.

Mr. DeLeone said the Health Department is going to need more people. He noted over 300 people gathering at soccer games being held on Fairchild where people are not social distancing. What can be done there?

Ms. Jones said sanctioned sporting events are excepted from the ordinance. Ms. Seidel said if there are issues of groups on the sideline that are not participating, those concerns can be turned in to the Health Department and they can address these with the individual teams and coaches.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if the fines go specifically to the lease holder, the landlord or participants at the party. Ms. Jones replied it would go to whomever the Health Department decides to cite. They could cite the host, all the people at the party and the national fraternity who owns the property as well.

Ms. Rosenberg then asked if the University has any kind of disciplinary action against students who are participating in or hosting these parties. Mr. Ruller said they do and have taken actions against specific fraternities and sororities. They have a complaint hotline to report problem properties. KSU was anxious for Council to pass this because once a student is cited, they can be processed through the Student Conduct Office, which needs to be triggered by some type of citation. Mr. Ruller said this is an imperfect law but is a step to try to tighten and keep the virus contained. There have not been years to nail this down but feels confident this is a good step forward. Ms. Rosenberg added these house parties are very specifically spreading Covid to the downtown and going into a red or purple state will do significantly more damage than a few fines. Hopefully a threat of a fine will help keep the city safe.

Mr. Ferrara asked if the Health Department is called to a party where there is drinking involved are they prepared to go into these types of situations.

Mr. Ruller replied the police have a zero tolerance policy for nuisance calls and noise complaints so they are the first responders for those type of activities. While they can't enforce ten or more people they will be backing up the Health Department.

Ms. Seidel said she would hope she would not be going to these events alone and if there is a call that comes in, maybe dispatch would get a hold of her. She would hope they would be working together on this and that Chief Shearer said the police would be backup.

Chief Shearer added that if there is a call of a loud party and if there is any type of behavior that would necessitate a police response, that summons will be issued. Additionally, the Health Department can get notice of the criminal citation and issue the civil penalty on top of that with the burden of proof in a civil case being much less than a criminal case.

Mr. Ferrara asked about campaign rallies not being stopped.

Ms. Seidel said campaign rallies would fall under first amendment and allowed, and Ms. Jones clarified religious gatherings are also excluded from the prohibition. Mr. Ferrara said this may be setting the city up for harassment of individuals that becomes a waste of the Health Department's time.

Mr. Kuhar said he received multiple calls of students gathering out front of Roosevelt High School and Stanton Middle School, not social distancing. He asked who he should call. Ms. Jones said schools and University functions and classes are excluded. Ms. Seidel added if there is an issue of people gathering in a way that is unsafe, it can be brought to her attention and be brought to the superintendent's attention. She received an email today regarding this and it was forwarded to Superintendent Joseph and the school nurse and they will be looking into and following up on that. They have heightened awareness and will be monitoring the situations.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE was made by Mr. Turner SECONDED by Ms. Rosenberg and CARRIED by a voice vote of 6-2.

Mr. Turner said Mr. Ferrara brought up a legitimate concern if someone can claim a certain type of meeting either political or religious. He said this could be problematic but this tool is needed in toolbox.

Ms. Shaffer Bish is going to support the ordinance as she has received multiple calls regarding gatherings in her neighborhood. Gatherings can be done in a respectful way with social distancing and masking and discretion will be used in the enforcement of this.

Ms. Rosenberg said Joan Seidel's judgement so far during this pandemic is sound and reasonable and if she comes across a situation of a large gathering with alcohol in a house or front lawn, the facts support this is the type of an event that spreads the virus and could impact the community outside of just that party. It can impact other residents, downtown businesses, the University, the public-school system. Although imperfect, she believes it warrants action to protect the greater good. She added there is a clearly defined appeals process. The University can review for repeat offenders and if there a people that insist on having these types of parties that have been proven to spread it, the University can step in and act. It helps protect the community at large and she supports it and it's unfortunate to be in a situation where this has to be done.

Mr. Ferrara added calls will more than likely be for the noise ordinance and that having the ability to call the Health Department is not necessary.

Mr. Kuhar said he still thinks it is a targeted issue but there are so many exclusions to this ordinance and the only answer to this problem is self-discipline.

Mr. Sidoti says he wears his mask everywhere he goes but often he is the only one. He agreed you cannot legislate common sense to people, as there are many people that still don't believe this is a big deal and still discount Covid. He struggles with the idea of going into homes but that they might as

well throw out all of their efforts if there is no enforcement, if nothing else to try to help the University and the community.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Amy Wilkens

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Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **Authorize adopting an ordinance allowing for citations at mass gatherings for public health risks.**



Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Mr. Garret Ferrara called the Land Use Committee of Kent City Council to order at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; and Mr. Robin Turner

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Administration Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Mike Lewis, Lieutenant of Police; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief, Ms. Suzanne Stemnock, Human Resource Manager; Ms. Dawn Bishop, Civil Service Coordinator; and Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council.

NOT PRESENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach

There was one (1) item on the Agenda.

1. Consideration of a Request to Vacate City Street Right of Way

Mr. Ruller reminded council of a request of a resident trying to buy land off of the back side of Adrian Ave. to build a house and was seeking permission to buy the right of way that was being reserved by the City for a potential future road (Whitewood Drive). The deal to build the house did not happen and the neighbors on either side approached the city to acquire the unused "paper" drive.

Ms. Jones added that since only two parcels were involved both owners have signed a petition the City vacates the paper street. If Council allows, the property will be divided in two and each person would gain ownership of the property. There is no intent for Whitewood Drive to extend and go into Forest Lakes.

Mr. Kuhar asked if it is not required for this to be advertised in the paper. Ms. Jones said no, they just needed to present a petition. If it was a larger road a petition would need to be signed by sixty percent of the property owners, but the City has 100 %. Ms. Jones does not think this is the case but will look into the matter. Ms. Jones said it may depend on who initiates the process.

Mr. Sidoti asked Ms. Jones if easements mentioned were water and sewer easements. She said they would be utility easements and she said they would preserve anything needed in the future for the City to do any utility work on the property.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE VACATION OF THE UNUSED "PAPER" STREET OF WHITEWOOD DRIVE made by Mr. Kuhar SECONDED by Mr. Sidoti and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0.

Hearing no further business before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Wilkens

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Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

- 1) **Authorize the vacation of the unused street right of way.**



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
The City of Kent, Ohio
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Chair DeLeone called the Finance Committee of Kent City Council to order at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Jack Amrhein; Mr. Michael DeLeone; Mr. Garret Ferrara; Mr. John Kuhar; Ms. Gwen Rosenberg; Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish; Mr. Roger Sidoti; and Mr. Robin Turner

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Administration Director; Mr. Gary Bishop, IT Manager; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Kevin Schwartzhoff, Parks and Recreation Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Mike Lewis, Lieutenant of Police; Mr. John Tosko, Fire Chief; Ms. Suzanne Stemnock, Human Resource Manager; Ms. Dawn Bishop, Civil Service Coordinator; and Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council.

NOT PRESENT: Ms. Tracy Wallach

There were four (4) items on the Agenda.

1. OPWC Project Applications

Mr. Jim Bowling said this is the annual opportunity to apply for state funding for projects. There are two projects to apply for: 1) Water reclamation repair of the clarifiers which were built in 1964 and need to be replaced. Grants being requested would total \$655,000 and \$150,000 in a no interest loan for this project 2) Water main replacements off of Majors Lane. There have been three water main breaks in this line alone this year. It would replace the old lines that are failing and would be requesting \$240,000 in grants and \$150,000 in loans.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OPWC PROJECTS WITH AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE made by Ms. Shaffer Bish **SECONDED** by Mr. Kuhar and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0.

2. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant

Bridget Susel said they received notification of this grant one week before the application was due and Kathy Petsko (Grants and Neighborhood Programs Coordinator) did an excellent job making sure it was completed on time. The money coming for this is from the EPA class action settlement from the Volkswagen emission lawsuit. Ohio received \$75.3 million from this class action lawsuit. Ohio has committed \$11 million to charging stations and other sustainable energy infrastructure to support alternative energy vehicles. This grant is a request for the maximum of \$30,000 and Kent has request \$15,000 for two dual port units which will allow for electric charges stations at the new Administration building. The EPA has identified key counties and locations they wanted these in and one was Portage County and they wanted it to be at a government facility.

Mr. Kuhar asked if the charging stations would be available for anyone to plug into and how long it would take to charge a car. Ms. Susel stated these would be fast charging stations people could park at with no fee. The slower charging stations would be on the next round of grant applications in 2021.

The State of Ohio has already identified a preferred vendors list, so there would be no bid process. The cost anticipated to be awarded will cover the cost of the units.

Mr. Sidoti asked if this would affect parking in the new City Hall building and what signage would be used. Ms. Susel said they would be signed and the parking provided would be plenty to accommodate everyone. She does not anticipate there being an issue with them being available during the day time.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if the charging station could be hooked up to the solar panels that will be on the roof of the City Hall. Ms. Susel said these will be located by the generators and the details will be sorted out by the engineers working on the project. They will probably be tapped in to the power.

Mr. Kuhar asked who is paying for the electric. Ms. Susel said the City is not permitted to charge for the use. The grant spells out that it is to be provided as a service to the public.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT was made by Mr. Kuhar, **SECONDED** by Ms. Shaffer and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0.

3. City Property for Auction/Disposal

Ms. Melanie Baker referenced the list of items for disposal by the City which include six vehicles that have been taken out of inventory and most are over ten to fifteen years old. It is a removal of equipment that has been replaced or will be. There is quite a bit of items from the Health Department that came about from their move which included furniture that was well beyond its use.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY was made by Ms. Rosenberg, **SECONDED** by Mr. Kuhar and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0.

4. 2020 Budget Appropriations Amendment

Ms. Rhonda Hall requested approval of the amended appropriations submitted in a memo dated September 29, 2020 to the City Manager.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTED 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS was made by Ms. Rosenberg, **SECONDED** by Mr. Kuhar and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 8-0.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

- 1) **AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OPWC PROJECTS**
- 2) **AUTHORIZE THE GRANT APPICATION FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION GRANT**
- 3) **AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY**
- 4) **AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTED 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**