

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## **19<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION:**

Kenton City Council met in their 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on October 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althaus, Sue Fox Buroker, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Anda Tudor, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. Absent: Pegg Wren

Prayer given by President Althaus and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

## **Motion made by Mr. Beazley and second by Mr. Lawrence to excuse Pegg Wren's absence.**

Althaus: Any discussion?

(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)

## **MINUTES:**

Althaus: So, we have a very busy agenda tonight. Especially when we get down to legislation section. And as you can see at some point; we'll also be asking Council to consider an executive session, closed session. With that, that's get right ahead and get started. We should approve the meeting of the previous meeting. Does any member have any additions or corrections to those minutes? With no objections, they'll stand approved as submitted.

## **CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:**

None.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Althaus: So, in your packet, or in your email, we included a report from Kenton Hardin Health Department. That was their meeting from August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Are there any comments or questions with regards to that report? I have no other communications. Does anyone else have communications they would wish to share?

## **PETITIONS:**

None.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:**

Althaus: So, any report from Police tonight? Fire, Chief?

Bruce Donnelly: I just want to remind everybody that this is National Fire Prevention Week. So, guys were getting geared up today and getting things ready for another busy schedule going into the schools this week. So, a whole week out there. Anywhere from, I think, kindergarten or preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade that they'll be doing programs for and stuff and part of that; I just want to thank all the businesses that have donated this year. We used to have a program that was funded by donations called Fire Fighter Phil Program and they'd have material in the program for the students out there and so, that company is no longer. So, we've teamed up with national Fire Safety Council and so basically what the businesses have done, that have donated in the past, towards fire safety products, what they do is they have a large catalog of materials, ranging from preschool all the way up through adult materials and stuff. So, we've been able; through the donations, acquire all these materials and we take them to classrooms plus we'll have for any other PR events that we do and I know the Mayor was appreciative of you guys for having the touch-a-truck out at the last Farmer's Market and so, I know some of those guys really enjoy that and so, I just want to thank all those businesses that did donate toward Fire Safety Products because that means a lot to us and I know we'll be able to get a lot of materials out to a lot of people this year.

Althaus: Alright, thanks a lot Bruce, and Chief Donnelly had the Fire Department report; any questions with regards to that report for the month of September? Okay, Jacqueline anything about Park & Rec you want to talk about?

Jacqueline Fitzgerald: Our next meeting is Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, well this Wednesday, at 6pm here. We didn't have our last one due to threatening weather. We were going to go walk all the parks and kind of see what needed updated. Splash Pad is close. We're just waiting on a piece from Rain Deck, just to cover one of the plates from the mushroom. The yellow mushroom was broken off and so we're working with some of our local businesses to get some quotes on getting that repaired. We're still looking at cameras for our parks; maybe solar, cam-trails of some sort. We've got to do something. It's very unfortunate, the vandalization that takes place in a couple of our parks. It's costly. So, if you see something; call the police. It's very costly, and it's not fair to the little kids that want to enjoy our parks. I

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want to personally thank our seasonal mowers, Justin Hale and Jim Fletcher. They did a great job mowing for us this season in the parks and did a great job. So, real quick, Community Improvement-Architectural Review Board, we met; we're meeting again. We met on September 14<sup>th</sup> and voted on a project for 6 North Main Street in the downtown. So, if you're a new building owner in the downtown, you're an existing building owner in the downtown; don't forget you have to pull permit for façade changes. Examples like color, windows, signage, exterior structure change. It's really important. You have to follow by the guidelines, the rules. Our next meeting on that will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. We're doing a re-organization and just kind of looking at the whole packet that we have and how we can update it. It's very outdated. One of our new members said, this is older than I am. So, it's pretty old, and we're going to work on it together as a group and I team. I think we'll make some great progress.

Althaus: Any question for Jacqueline? Alright, thank you Jacqueline. Auditor, anything you...well I skipped Income Tax there is a report, I don't know if you would want to comment on that at all but, any questions on that report? Auditor?

Brian Hattery: Just a couple quick things. We still are chewing through the progression and the change-over on the software. We're making steady progress. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or someone in my office. The goal is to have Income Tax ready to go by the end of this year. So, she starts next year with the new software and again, that will include on-line filing. HR, that type of thing is a new module. That kind of might take a little bit longer but we are settling progressively through that. The other thing is, we do have our, I forget the actual title we gave her but it's Elena Bean and she's our, I'd say intern, if you will. She is on her last quarter here with us, and one of the major projects she's done, is she's helped us to go through records retention; the records we have. I was asking her, when's the last time we actually did an official look internally, and she said 1979; which I find hard to believe, but I don't also. I've asked her to make a little presentation to you guys, you know roughly ten minutes, probably, I was talking with Joel, the first meeting in November. She'll be here, as kind of a big thing she's been doing; but again, she had to go through, and she'll probably tell you, she spent hours and hours looking through our records, at the room at the end of the hall; down in the Allen Building, and pouring through. The Auditor's office is required to keep a lot and somethings we're not required to keep. So, it should be an interesting, brief presentation. That's all I had, thank you.

Althaus: Alright, thanks Brian. John anything you want to add? Cindy? Nothing. Lynn?

Lynn Webb: I just want to touch real quick, we'll get our comments out; the guys are still, our water guys are still working on pot-holing around the square. I don't know how much longer they have. This week, maybe? That's just basically looking at utilities; with, to see what utilities are down there. So, they're still working on that. Again, let me reiterate what Jacqueline said, she talked about permits for the downtown. For the whole City, everybody need to pull permits; fences, you're putting up a garage, a building, you're going to add something to your home, better come up and ask if you need one instead of us trying to find, and tell. Just basic, come and do your citizens' duties of filling out your permit. Let me just touch on Income Tax too, they're going to run delinquent reports tomorrow. So, we're kind of, have a good tag-team going. I know Dave has come in, in the mornings sometimes, every morning we have a meeting a 9 o'clock with everyone up here. So, we've done some really good collaborative efforts. It's good to work with Auditor's Office; we all know what we're doing on the same page. Especially with this new software coming in, it's very important how we talk to each other. So, as the Mayor, I just commend all of us, the team, and the administration complete, everybody for how, what a great teamwork we have. So thanks, to all the people. That's all I have, Joel.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND/OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

Althaus: Finance, you have written report in your packet from September 26<sup>th</sup>. They also met this evening. Anything you want to add?

David Beazley: Yessir, we did have our first real, serious budget discussions and we are out of balance by a few hundred thousand dollars but after discussions, there's some capitol projects which we anticipate we will be able to move into 2022 with out current cash position. That will be one-time projects that come out of next year's budget and form into alignment and we're in a position to move on those. So, that will include some of the legislation you will see at our next meeting, moving forward on some of those items.

Althaus: Okay, any questions? Management, Organization, and Personnel? Any report? Pegg's not here. Any comments from the rest of the committee? Utilities?

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Robin Jones: We meet this Wednesday at 3:30, here.

Althaus: Okay, Street, Alleys, Sidewalks? Legislation, Codes, Regulations, anything to report?

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Althaus: Regional Planning, is there a report there?

Beazley: We did meet this past week. We did update our budget with the new assessments and some discussion on some funding that'll be coming to the City, and we're uncertain yet as to which amounts, but Regional Planning seems to work harmoniously with our administration to squeeze the most out of the funding sources available.

Althaus: Robin, anything to add to Jacqueline's comments on Parks & Rec?

Jones: No, thanks.

Althaus: Grove Cemetery Board? Shade Tree Commission?

Sue Fox-Buroker: I believe we meet this Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock.

Althaus: BKP Ambulance District Board will meet a week from tonight. Right now, we're working on reviewing and revising the policies and procedures manual. Should get minutes from the last meeting later this week and I will forward those as soon as I get them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Althaus: Received quite a bit of information and we wanted to bring it up in new business, the discussion of the formation of a Port Authority in the City of Kenton. I forwarded an e-mail, sent an e-mail to the balance of council. Legislation had received an e-mail earlier last week, where right before their meeting, or the day of their meeting to where we first introduced this concept to that committee; with the idea of just having them see it, providing background information, so then between their meeting and now they could look at it further, and finding out if they had any questions at that very moment that might prevent us from looking, and moving forward. With all of that introduction, I would now turn it over to Jacqueline and our Mayor to add more detail, and then they have a guest that they're going to introduce. So, I don't know who wants to start.

Webb: I'll start out. So, this piece comes from months of traveling, talking to developers, talking to; how do we get in the game economically, on economic development? We all know that we talk budget; we have to increase revenue. How can we be a game changer? How can we attract more business? How can we attract industry? It's led us to Toledo; we wanted to find out how's come we missed out on some? We were in the running for some spots out along 68 and how's come this group was picked over us? We wanted to go, and we found out, you know, what we lack as a community is we don't have anything to incentivize that offer. Everybody else seems to have a lot of incentives in place. So, it started out with that and it kind of, this is kind of where we are. This Port Authority is a tool in the toolshed to help attract. All of us who listened to any part of the news, we are in a hot spot, not only with Intel, but also Honda with battery production and their partnership with LG and our corridor of the 68/31 exchange. We are in a good spot, and I think that when we're planning and what's this look at us for 20 years, is this something that we can use when we go chase people and we see what's hot and how can we help draw that because right now we do have one piece, what was that? The incentive that...

Althaus: Economic.

Webb: Economic, yeah. That piece, so this piece kind of sets us apart and I think it's a good thing and I'll let Jacqueline introduce our guest, but with her being Community Development, if you want to add anything to it. It's just, I think it's a vital piece to start us.

Jacqueline Fitzgerald: As Lynn says we've been working all this with a team that we've put together so that we can further the community and how do we do better and attract more business and so the Port Authority came up, and just so you'll know; it is a good tool. We have our potential first project for this. If we can get a Port Authority in place. If that possible project could pay the monetary value for the creation of the Port Authority and the yearly administration costs for the Port Authority among other things. Each potential project, with an agreement terms sheet, that offers a description of fee structure of the potential project will allow the Port Authority to be monetarily solvent. It will help us with more Economic Development funds and the port can be reinvested in more monies in community improvement projects for the City of Kenton. So, it's a pretty important piece, and like Lynn

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said, it's another tool in our toolbox that we can offer to make us, because we don't have very much to offer right now, incentive-wise. So, this will just make us stand out a little bit more, and as Lynn was, as we have this group that we meet with, Lynn was talking about Jerry Pfister and we're just like, who's Jerry? Kind of explained to us kind of his background, what he does and so, he agreed to come on our board. I remember one of the comments of someone sitting on our team said, where have you been all of our life in Kenton? Where have you been? We could've used you because you know, he's got a terrific background and he's a gem, and he was a site selector and that's huge when you come from economic development because you are begging to hop in front of a sight selector. You arrange just to hear to hear them plead your case, like we have the phenomenal piece of ground, and we want you to utilize it. Pick us because everybody's vying for that. Everybody wants the win like Intel. You know, great for them. So, without further ado, I'm going to introduce Jerry. He's going to talk a little bit more about the Port Authority. This is definitely his wheelhouse and we're glad to have him on our Kenton team. So, Jerry, thank you.

Jerry Pfister: Thank you. I'm pretty sure everybody has probably seen my bio by now, which, you know is all ancient news. However, I will tell you that having this piece of legislation available to us, gives a tool that we can really use to attract people. I was in acquisition, mergers, and building sites in my last job. We did three out of the four of the last plants that I built, use this tool. It's especially important for industries that want to use operating leases. It's a financial tool, but it's one that almost has to have if you're gonna attract people in the distribution business, people in manufacturing. I was in manufacturing in my last company, and we use it extensively in the three opportunities that we had where we could use this. I would strongly recommend that council considers this. Especially with someone stepping forward that's going to take the initial part of this first deal. This is a deal by deal thing. It makes us more attractive. Particularly for people who are going to be supplying these battery companies and this type of thing. A lot of these people don't have the balance sheet to really go in like Intel does and write a check, so this is another tool. And every time I did one of these, I can tell you that we added up every penny we were going to spend on opening and operating that plant and when we could get a tax break, we were all over it because that really helped. The last one was in Reno, Nevada and they were phenomenal. They had it all set up. We just walked in, literally, and Sparks didn't even have a chance. It's right next door. Sparks is actually a better location on the highway. The tax incentive for Reno were better. That was it. So, I would strongly recommend that Council considers this piece of legislation and using it because it's an arrow in your quiver when you're out hunting, and people look for it. I can tell you we look for it. The guy who taught me about site selection taught me to look first at tax structure because it's very, very important and this is one where, all the sudden, you're gonna get, and what's not to like about it. It's a very low risk piece of Legislation because primarily almost everyone of these I've seen is totally self-funding. They fund out the fees that they collect, and the fee is a lot less than the taxes that are saved. Does anyone have any questions about this?

Althaus: If I could, while Jerry is still up there and before we move any further; just give you a little bit of the benefits, the specific benefits of Port Authority. A Port is very similar to a CIC in many ways, and John please jump in here anytime as I'm saying things, but there are some significant differences. Where the port gets it's most benefit to a new business is through the use of a synthetic lease, or leasing. For example, a company may want to come in, is going to invest considerable amount of it's capital in new building and equipment, the materials for that building and the equipment would be exempt from sales tax. Basically, the port ends up owning the property, with a synthetic lease in the background where they lease it back and that lease has a specified term and at the end of that term, there is a buyout and it goes directly back to the company. A Port Authority has some other rights the CIC does not. Rights that I can't fathom we would ever, the port would ever get into, but there is some taxation abilities they have. They have the power of eminent domain. Property owned by the port, it's under a lease of one year or less is not taxed. So, there's where the benefits of a new business come into play. The port would charge fees, typically in the 15-20% of the saving that the business might achieve. They would charge fees in that amount to administer the lease. The responsibility of council, of the legislative authority, is to approve the adoption of the initial documents that create the port. The is not what we are asking you to do tonight. That would have to be written up. What we're asking tonight is, to gage and ask for a yea or nay of do we even want to look into this further, and start to get the documents together for your review. Once that council approves though, those final documents, then



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that port, that authority is created. There is typically a 5-7 member board and that board is appointed by the mayor with the blessing of council; much as, many of the other appointees are. So, council has final word, or a yea or nay, on the mayor's appointments. If the port were to ask for funds for a particular project where it needs temporary funding; council would have to approve that. Just like any other fund. So, there will be multiple opportunities for council and then the administration to effect and change the port as needed. David?

Beazley: As I see what you're, we're looking at setting up a City of Kenton Port Authority, is that where you're looking?

Althaus: That was the initial thought.

Beazley: Where does the jurisdiction extend because many of the projects that we're talking, as far as site acquisition, lie outside of the city limits. So, how does that impact?

Althaus: So, it would be the City of Kenton and two things in response to your point, which is a very good one; Obviously the route 68 corridor would be one of the primary ones. Number one it's another advantage for annexation. There's no sense in trying to get around that. We have really set a stance going forward, that if we're providing the utilities; we're requesting annexation in the city. But in so doing, we can also say however, we have this companion piece where, here's some of the benefits you could receive if you chose to go through the port. Plus, a port can work with anyone. Anyone can come to, we have had local folks that have worked with the Toledo-Lucas Port Authority. Not too often, but there have been a few. So, folks outside the port could also seek to contract with the port and receive those same benefits but the primary, the port's jurisdiction, if you will, would be the City of Kenton.

Webb: And let me reiterate; so, when he's talked to like Toledo Port Authority, there's thing that, just like you can apply for a grant; and through Toledo, Toledo Port Authority does not have to take it. So, it's not like, you know, so that's kind of the thing. There's a lot of people that go after Toledo Port Authority to get in, but they don't have to say, yeah, we want that project. So, it's a ever going, I mean that's kind of the incentive. If you look at some of the other port authorities, they work, they've done projects well outside of their county.

Fitzgerald: And you can do expansion. So, if somebody's gonna do an expansion. If they have equipment, you know if they have a million dollar piece of equipment, they can run this through the port, they don't pay tax on that. So, it's a huge benefit for companies that are trying to expand also.

Althaus: So, in addition to Jerry's bio there were three additional pieces of information. Now, the third of those was the entire chapter from the County Commissioners' handbook on Port Authorities. We have a similar chapter where we learned a lot more about our CIC, and the couple of you that are CIC members remember getting that chapter a couple years ago. The first two items though, the Ohio Port Authorities, that's an overview and I would encourage you to look at that further, if you haven't already, and then the Port Authorities as an Economic Development Tool, that was produced by OSU. It's a fact sheet from OSU Extension. So, the process would involve, we have talked to a few other nearby port authorities; Marysville, reaching out to Logan County now, we've talked to Van Wert. We mentioned Toledo-Lucas; that's the first port authority in the State of Ohio. That's the largest port by far, in the State of Ohio. Not only is it a true port, which is, these did originate as maritime port authorities, but they have evolved through expansion in the ORC to be an economic development tool. There are many other counties around us. Of the counties around us, I think all but two or three have a port authority, and that's also a reason that we wanted to at least look at it further. The process now would be to work with a few of those counties, and look through sample documents from a couple different law firms and get, just like we did the Economic Development, the jobs creation tool, several years ago, for those of you that were here. We talked about it, decided we wanted to go further, got a draft in front of council to look at and then we introduced it through legislation. So, that would be our request tonight with the folks you have here to ask any questions you have and then at least to give a year or nay as to whether we'd like to pursue moving forward.

Beazley: One more question; you mentioned the Ohio Revised Code expanded port authorities' ability to be used as an economic tool. Do we anticipate the current atmosphere in the legislature would be favorable to these continuing and growing economically in Ohio?

Althaus: Yes. That has been...

Beazley: It's not something that would be in jeopardy at some point?

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Althaus: I don't see it. I mean that part of the ORC has been there....'72?

John Schwemer: I very, I just, it's an economic tool and if the legislature starts pulling back on that, that makes Ohio less marketable than other state. So, I think it'd be not a good political solution.

Beazley: Essentially, I wanted to get a rubber stamp that says this is something that...

Althaus: It's not new in the ORC either. It is not new. In fact it's gone one, there was the original and then a fairly major reiteration, which they call the new ports versus the old ports. So with that, what other questions would you have? I know an awful lot of material to look at. What we'd ask is if council would consider letting John move forward with looking at potential legislation, or if you see any red flags that you're not comfortable with, to voice those now.

**Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mr. Lawrence to move forward with gathering information to facilitate the creation of a port authority in the City of Kenton.**

Althaus: Any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)**

Althaus: Thanks everyone, and Jerry thank you for your guidance.

Pfister: It's my pleasure. I think it's gonna be a wonderful thing. It's not an end all, but it certainly is a big plus when people are looking to spend that kind of money, and we've got some beautiful sights.

Althaus: Alright, thanks a bunch Jerry and don't feel like you need to stay, Jerry. Yea, if you want to, go right ahead. Is there any other new business to be considered? Okay, before we move on, I would ask council to consider a motion to go into Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase and/or sale of property.

**Motion by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Beazley to go out of Regular Session and enter into Closed Session under Section 121.22(G)(2).**

Althaus: Any Discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried. Time 7:36 PM)**

**Motion by Mr. Beazley and second by Mrs. Davis to go out of Closed Session and return to Regular Session?**

Althaus: Any Discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried. Time 7:52 PM)**

Althaus: Okay, Ordinances and Resolutions. First section on first reading. Got a few items for you and I will warn you we do have at least one item in each section that we will ask for a suspension of the rules.

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-033, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022, FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: Pam has a very detailed explanation of 22-033 right here. This is one that we would ask that you consider a suspension of the rules. Brian or David is there anything you want to add?

Beazley: Principally, the items here that are of an urgent nature are the hospitalization cost because those came in more than the original budget and we're reaching the back end of the year and we still have premiums to pay.

**Motion by Mrs. Davis and second by Ms. Jones that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried.**

**Motion by Mr. Beazley and seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adopt Ordinance No. 22-033.**

Althaus: Any Discussion? **(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-034, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2022, FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: And again, Pam has a detailed description for -034. Are there any questions? This can wait for a little bit anyway. I had asked her to kind of do that; if she's got things that can wait that way public would have a chance to comment.

Beazley. This is typical, end of the year Legislation; cleaning up line items that were deficient.

Althaus: Okay, if there are no objections, we'll read that again in two weeks. Alright, item three.

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- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-035, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO.

Althaus: This came out of MOP. Obviously this can be, and should be read the full three times. I would just note, at any time, any council member can move to amend, to impact this legislation anyways. Are there any comments or questions right now? Alright, if there are no objections, we'll read that a second reading in, at the next meeting.

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- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-010, TITLE ONLY;** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE AND TO EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, FOR A CITY OF KENTON CITY-WIDE STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: This is the one that two weeks ago, that Cindy and I kind of stared at each other and couldn't remember; but Emma did check with Mark. We need to get this done if we want to get qualified. Actually, Mark was really impressed that Emma was way ahead and had it already read once. But we don't have the full three. So, I would ask that council consider.

**Motion by Mr. Beazley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 6 ayes; motion carried.**

**Motion by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Mr. Beazley to adopt Resolution No. 22-010.**

Althaus: Any discussion?

**(Roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carried)**

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-029, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SUBSECTION 1250.03(g) AND SECTION 1236.20 RELATING TO TEMPORARY BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, AND STORAGE CONTAINERS IN THE CITY OF KENTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: This is from the good work of the Legislative Committee. Any questions at this time? Any objections to reading that, a third and final reading? So be it.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-030, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SUBSECTION 1250.03 AND ADOPTING SECTION 1236.21 RELATING TO POOLS AND PONDS IN THE CITY OF KENTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: Again, hard work by the Legislative Committee to keep our folks safer. Any objections to reading that for a third time in two weeks?

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-031, TITLE ONLY;** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND TO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Althaus: Cindy says we still time. She's not in a hurry to get a bunch of bids in. So, if you all don't have a problem with it; we'll read that again in two weeks. No items on third reading.

**SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Althaus: Any addition to what we have there? Let's see, do you have a regularly scheduled one, Legislation?

Davis: We would typically meet on the 19<sup>th</sup>, I'll talk to them later.

Althaus: So, you've got Public Utilities. Now, Finance will be the next meeting, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Public Utilities, looks like the 12<sup>th</sup>. If that the right?

Jones: Correct.

Althaus: 3:30; and the other three, if you end up having a meeting, we can get that out.

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**OTHER MATTERS:**

Althaus: I just wanted to make a comment; thanks to Stephanie's good work. She has been working with me in the intranet, and pretty quick we'll be getting you, in the next week or so, an email where council will get access to the employee, and I did say intra-net. She's done some really good work. I cannot say enough. It's very professional. We're going to get you the login, the instructions, and how to get to it but the nice thing she's also done is there's a council sub-folder and I've got some rights to that now, and what we're trying to get to, is to where each of you have a folder where you can put your things, and while we may not want to think about it, I may drop things in there too, once a month. You'll know where to go to find them and the nice thing is, let's say down the road, one of you decides not to run again, your successor will have that same spot. I will also give you a warning, there may be some changes to e-mail names, maybe at some point down the road but it will not affect us. What we've found is we've been told we should use the names and we should not use the office, from a security aspect. So, but the nice thing about the folders, since they wouldn't inherit, like for example, mayor- what we were doing was passing the e-mail name, account name, where ours, like Sue, we had to set one up for you, we would still be doing that. It wouldn't inherit, obviously your direct e-mail, but they would be able to get to the work. So, what we're trying to work on anyway.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:**

Beazley: I would add to your electronic missive there, in legislation at our next meeting, we expect to be approving, or at least reading the legislation as it pertains to the website development and some things of that nature which will help us, moving forward again, I would give kudos to both Stephanie and Emma on their research and work getting that prepared for us.

Lawrence: They had a memorial disc golf tournament down there. Thanks to those involved. That was huge, it was really nice to drive by there and see that place just loaded with cars and people.

Althaus: yeah, I'm glad you brought that up. Very good event.

Jones: The last Market on Main was two weeks ago, well it was only a week ago I guess, yesterday and a city employee John Aisel and his wife worked like, out of the box hard, and he arranged, on his vacation to have the fire trucks out here, the BKP, they were a big piece of that, and they were very, very nice, committed couple to our community. So, I'd like to mention them and tell them thanks. It was fun, when they were talking about that, I missed it this weekend because it wasn't there, and it was always something to look forward to. So, thanks to Cindy and Lynn because they put a lot of hours in up there and it was a great even all summer.

Cindy: I slept in, Saturday.

Althaus: The last comment I would make before we adjourn would be on the upgrades to Council Chambers. I think everyone was either on the committee or was here except Antwillla. Finance did approve a recommendation that we upgrade the sound system and everything in here. I would encourage council, if you have things that you think we ought to be doing in here; and I'll shoot Antwillla this, the quote out to you so you see what all we're wanting to upgrade. Let me know. If there are things that you want to change in here; just better ways where we can outreach. I mean obviously with this; we want to look at streaming again. At a minimum, we want to look at recording the video and having it available on a YouTube channel of our own but at it's best, depending on what council's desires are, we might even go back to streaming again, live. But outside of that, there, even in the décor and what we have displayed I here, if you notice I did make the executive decision, at some urging, there was an old Tree City USA Plaque from like 15 years ago, Emma put that in storage for me. So, anything like that, please let me know. We do want to improve, and we just want to be more appealing, so we get some more public involvement. With that, if there are no objections, we will be adjourned until our next meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 Joel Althaus, President of Council

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 Emma Boutwell, Clerk