

**20<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

Althausser: Good evening everyone & welcome to our 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Kenton City Council. Before we go into our normally scheduled Council session, I'd like to open our Public Hearing this evening in regards to rezoning property. I'll turn this over to John Schwemer to introduce that.

Schwemer: Yes, as reported in Council previously, we have an application by a number of property owners...some of the property addresses are 840 S. Detroit, 930 S. Detroit St., 220 Letson St., 499 Sycamore St. and then there are a couple of properties in-between that are unimproved without homes on them. That is an area that is zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) & the request here is to rezone to a B-3 (General Business District) so it's kind of taking a step back & it doesn't allow as much of the commercial use as M-1, but really the thrust is it would allow people to live in that district. Under the M-1, unless they are grandfathered in you are not supposed to have a home. We have one property that was grandfathered in that is a residence & always has been so that is not in violation. But there is a proposal for one of the other units to be a residential structure. So that is the request. The Planning Commission did meet, had a public hearing & there being no objection or comment they did recommend the rezoning to Council. So of course we set this hearing so really that's the jest. There are residences around the area & there isn't heavy industrial in this triangle anymore, so we're really not creating any more violations and it's really not a spot zoning because we're really just taking it back a little bit...it abuts the railroad to the south and pretty much residential on most of the other area. So I'd open it to any questions or comments.

Althausser: Does anyone in the audience have anything they'd like to add? Okay, last call on comments. Hearing none, this public hearing is adjourned.

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(NOTE: Jacqueline Fitzgerald was sworn in prior to the meeting)

Kenton City Council met in their 18<sup>th</sup> regular session on October 25, 2021 at 7PM in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althausser, John McEntee, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb & Safety Service Director Cindy Murray. Absent: Ray Lawrence and Pegg Wren.

Prayer given by Mr. McEntee and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES:**

Althausser: You had in your council packets a record of the minutes of the previous meeting. I know a few of you may have not had a chance to look at those yet, but at this point are there any objections or corrections? Hearing none, the minutes will stand approved as printed.

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:**

Althausser: We have no one on the agenda, but if someone would like to address Council you will have the opportunity under the comments portion of tonight's meeting if you so desire.

**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS/UPDATES:**

Auditor, Brian Hattery: Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a couple of things this evening beginning with the electric aggregation. I'm working with the Safety Service Director & we're getting closer to making a decision on a recommendation on the electric aggregation being offered to the citizens of Kenton. I did inquire about the natural gas aggregation & the response I received as prices seem to go up there is a standard comparison offering (SCO) where if you don't choose a plan, you kind of get defaulted so we have Dominion East Ohio who is the natural gas supplier or utility for our area. Dominion East Ohio...we are on the western portion but apparently what I've been told is they have in eastern Ohio large reservoirs of shale natural gas so their standard offering kind of beats what others can offer right now. What we're being told is it doesn't really make sense at this time to try to put out for bids to supply because what Dominion seems to offer under their standard rate is kind of beating them all. However, that being said, if you would choose as a Council representing the citizens...if you feel we need to offer the citizens something, another choice if you will or aggregation program, you can let me know and we can have a discussion on what to provide the citizens & what to pursue. Again, it's the same as electric where they can opt out, but that would be something we'd have to discuss if you strongly want to pursue it. Are there any questions about that? Okay, the other thing is I do want to introduce the newest member of my staff, if you will, she is Asst. Dep. Auditor Tina Weber. I'm going to have her come up & introduce herself.

Tina Weber: Good evening, my name is Tina Weber. I was a resident of Forest & I live outside of Mt. Blanchard now. I'm a graduate of Riverdale High School. I don't know what else you want to know...

Althaus: We're just really happy to have you onboard, Tina.

Weber: Thank you.

Althaus: There will be plenty to do immediately, as I know you've already seen.

Weber: It's been a fast 2 weeks, but I'm glad to be here. Thank you for the opportunity.

Hattery: That's all I had. Thank you.

Chief Bruce Donnelly: The biggest thing I've got tonight is one of our new hires, Will Boughan, is from the Westminster area & I'll let him a more formal introduction of himself.

Will Boughan: I'm Will Boughan & I currently live just outside of Westminster & this is my 2<sup>nd</sup> day shift here so, so far so good. Thanks for the opportunity.

Donnelly: When our other new employee gets around to it we'll bring him up & let him do an introduction too. So far both have kind of gotten thrown into it and so far have been doing a fairly good job, and I'm just thankful they were able to get hired now.

Althaus: Thanks a lot Chief and welcome.

Lt. Rob Lutes: I have nothing.

Althaus: As far as departments, on behalf of Council I would first like to mention that we do have a couple of members under the weather this evening, more on that in a little bit. But more importantly, I'd like to welcome Jacqueline Fitzgerald to our midst. Jacqueline jumped right in and volunteered to fill the spot vacated by Patti. I know you've been before this body many times, but if you want to jump in...

Jacqueline Fitzgerald: It's just an honor to serve the city. Patti was a wonderful person, and she was passionate about the city and I'm certainly passionate also and I'm just glad to serve the next five meetings.

Althaus: I'm sure Jacqueline will reach out to any of you if she has questions and vice versa because of her experience here in Kenton. I'm very happy that we have you here.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS:**

Althaus: We do have what I'll call communications...they are the minutes from the Tree Commission from Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Questions on those? We don't have any new petitions tonight...Antwill, do you have anything on that?

Davis: We have the petition from Todd Cannode for the 1879 Electric property. Safety did meet this week & did approve the recommendation to go ahead & vacate that alley.

Althaus: If you'll recall, that's just an alley amongst properties they own that surround that. Any questions from Council on that recommendation? So I guess John we can say that was duly recommended by the committee & see that in a couple of weeks.

Beazley: Mr. President, I'd remind you of the other communication we received.

Althaus: Oh gosh yes, thank you David. We did receive a thank you from Not By Choice reading "thank you for your donation in memory of Patti Risner". That was to Council, Administration, people that are usually at this meeting that donated on behalf of Patti. That was one thing we could do in her memory.

#### **MONTHLY/ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Althaus: We have the Water Y-T-D Revenue report (total revenue vs. billing). That's actually the only report...any questions on that?

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Althaus: We have a written report from Finance from 10/11/21. David, is there any update...

Finance, Beazley: I'd simply update that we met again tonight & are much closer on the general fund balance. We have one other fund that is still in need of some work and our Administration & Auditor's staff have agreed to go back & do a little more work on that. I would like to take the opportunity to compliment our Administration, our employees, our Auditor's staff, our Dept. Heads for their cooperation in working together & getting us to the place we are. We should be able to approve a document to go forward & be read at our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November in order to secure 3 reads on our budget.

Althaus: I definitely echo those comments & thanks David for the update.

Safety, Davis: Safety did meet...we are getting ready to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward lights/light poles. So we did the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward last year & we'll do the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward and see if there are any additional needs we have there.

Regional Planning, Beazley: Regional Planning did meet & there was a minor adjustment to the increase on assessments (can't hear...static).

Cemetery, Davis: Grove Cemetery meets next meeting.

Althaus: BKP meets again tomorrow night. (can't hear...static)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Althaus: Obviously we don't have enough people here tonight to be able to pass anything on the agenda. (can't hear...static). Is there a date/time we could look at having a special session in order to take care of these items? Wednesday would probably work...

Davis: I can do this time Wednesday. I don't know what everybody else's schedule is.

McEntee: Mine would have to be a little bit earlier.

Davis: I can go as early as 5:15ish, but it may be toting a kid...

McEntee: Mr. President, are we looking at 20 minutes, ½ hour?

Althaus: I'm going to say ½ hour because we're going to go through several pieces. We'll read each of these tonight real quick because they're on the agenda, but almost everyone of them we were going to ask you to address tonight.

Murray: Do we think 1 of the 2 absent tonight will be available Wednesday?

Althaus: I'm going to attempt to have 1 of them...I know 1 will not...

McEntee: If we do Wednesday 6:30 would be the latest that I'd be able to be here.

Althaus: Well, we have met sometimes around 5:00-5:15 because it also helps the staff here because they're getting off work.

McEntee: I'm okay with that.

Althaus: Wednesday at 5:15PM? (yes). Okay we'll plan on 5:15PM here Wednesday unless you are notified to the contrary. Okay, we'll go ahead and work through the items on the agenda...obviously there is nothing we can do anything on tonight, but let's see if we can field any questions on these.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-008, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, 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: Are there any more questions for Cindy on this, or Cindy anything you want to add?

Murray: I've got the list of streets, but they're in my office...

Althaus: Again, on all of these there are some dates and time frame issues that Mark (Doll) has to have us adhere to.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-009, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, 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 EAST COLUMBUS STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: Any questions on that?

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-010, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, 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 DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS-PHASE II PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: Questions?

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-024, 2<sup>ND</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND TO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: We will have all 4 of these in front of us on Wednesday.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Althaus: We will also doublecheck on all of these items to see if there is any room on any of those time wise...Item C is referring to larger projects engineering...Cindy, is there a time frame?

Murray: You want to know when are they starting Phase II?

Althaus: No, Item C in new business...what is our time frame that you would have to have this passed by?

Murray: All 3 of them have to be passed so he can submit the applications for the money.

Beazley: Cindy, we're actually on new business...the W. Espy & E. Columbus engineering project.

Murray: When do I need to have it by? Yesterday.

Althaus: So in other words, there is not a deadline sitting out there regarding applying for something.

Murray: No. But the E. Columbus Street project we want to go out for bids in February or March, so we need to get the engineering done. We can still read them tonight, right?

Althaus: We're going to read them...

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-011, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althausser: That is the firearm sale. Obviously, we know we're going to do it, we already approved the new firearms, but do you have anybody hot to trot that wants them like tomorrow?

Lt. Lutes: No, but they'll be sold as soon as it's passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-026, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 840 S. DETROIT, 930 S. DETROIT STREET, 220 LETSON STREET, AND 499 SYCAMORE STREET IN THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO, FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).**

Althausser: This is the legislation out of the public hearing this evening. Again, this is something we'd like to move on as fast as we can, but we'll have to see what transpires Wednesday afternoon.

Schwemer: Doug (Carmean), you understand where we are with this? We were planning on taking this up for a vote tonight, but we legally cannot do so. So we're trying to move this through. I apologize and I understand your concern.

Carmean: Okay, I appreciate that. I understand.

Citizen: I'm here in respect to the properties, so do I need to come back Wednesday if there is going to be a vote?

Althausser: I actually can't answer if there is going to be a vote. We hope so, but we'll need 6 people here. But no, I don't feel you need to be here. Council has been through the public hearing and some of them might have even heard the original zoning hearing. There has been nothing negative presented by any party at all.

Citizen: I just want to make sure it's going to be residential...

Althausser: It's going to B-3 but that would allow for residential. (People talking all at once) I'll just remind everyone...the 3-reading requirement is to give residents especially the time to respond. We all know that folks will say oh my gosh why did the city do that, but a lot of times we've read these things 3 times and that's why...to give folks an opportunity. Now we have a means to circumvent that, to read them once and pass them, but it requires a super majority of 6 Councilmembers. So we're meeting Wednesday to address these items that have been read twice and the problem with all of these items in new business is this is our first reading so if both Councilmembers, and I know one still will, but if our other Councilmember cannot make it then I guess we'll have to measure or have to decide how significant the time issue is with these on whether we meet again 48 hrs. later. We have to give the public a 48-hour notice.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-027, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althausser: This is the one I just asked Cindy about and her statement was she needed it yesterday. But we know there is no application deadline or anything.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-028, 1<sup>ST</sup> READING, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021 FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althausser: During the Finance Committee meeting tonight it was brought to our attention that the 2<sup>nd</sup> line under the general section, fire maint. of equip. of \$10,057.00 is an error. It does not need to be in there so it can be stricken. That would make the bottom number \$8500. I guess I'd ask Council if you want to formalize that change & we can ask for a motion.

Davis: Are we allowed to amend this?

Beazley: We wouldn't amend because it's stricken because it's a typographical error.

Althausser: We're not amending because it's not even been moved yet. When we did it a couple of weeks ago, we probably shouldn't have done it that way. We probably had a motion that we didn't need to. So that was in error & I believe it was just left over from a prior template or something.

Beazley: Typographical.

Althausser: Okay, any questions on that? That's the purchase of ammunition for the new firearms and several sort of yearend line adjustments. Okay, we'll plan on being here Wednesday evening at 5:15PM. We will definitely have in front of us for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading all those items in old business (can't hear...static)...Is there any further new business?

Murray: Our broker for our employee health insurance is Waypoint and we would like to leave them and go with a different broker come January 1<sup>st</sup>, so I just need the approval from Council to do that.

Beazley: Send a termination letter.

Murray: Right, send a termination to Waypoint.

Beazley: And that has to be in their hands by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Schwemer: This is not a resolution or ordinance we're just voting for approval. So a majority of Council will suffice for purposes of directing the Administration to provide termination letters.

**Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mrs. Davis to authorize the Administration to provide a letter of termination to Waypoint.**

Althausser: Is there any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 5 ayes; motion carried)** Is there anything else, Cindy?

Murray: No, but I'll stay up here since I'll be up next under comments.

Althausser: Oh, didn't I tell you I was going to change the order? Ha.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Murray: The only thing I have tonight is Emily Martin has given her notice & her last day will be this Friday. I just wanted to thank Emily for her years of service here for the City of Kenton and her dedication to the City. Thank you, Emily. Does anybody have any questions for me?

Hattery: Just one thing...the United Way Radio Day Auction is this Saturday from 10AM-3PM. If you've never listened, it should be on WKTN, I've helped and volunteered with it for a number of years now & it's always an interesting time when you're down there at the headquarters with all of the phone calls & everything. They're going to try to do it on Facebook...there's always a little bit of a delay but there's like 125 different items by 100 different sponsors & donors. The large majority of that is people within the City & within the County. It's a great fundraiser for the United Way to help meet their goals. There are ads in the paper listing some of their items, so I'd encourage you to...

Beazley: Neat stuff.

Hattery: Yes, they always try to get a variety & again get local businesses & people to help donate and generate excitement & interest to help raise funds for the United Way. So I'd encourage you to peruse your paper and listen and vote...not vote, sorry, bid! Not that voting, bidding & money are...hahaha.

WKTN, Brennen Byrne: I'll just confirm that the United Way Auction will be on WKTN.

Althausser: And on WKTN there won't be as much of a delay as there is on Facebook.

Byrne: Absolutely. It's live!

Beazley: I'm just happy to have all the new folks come onboard including Jacqueline, our firefighter, and our new Asst. Dep. Auditor.

Fitzgerald: It's just a pleasure to serve & I appreciate you guys' help.

Jones: Thank you, and welcome Jacqueline, our new firefighter that left already, and Tina.

Schwemer: Remember we have Trick or Treat coming up so everyone be careful. At least during the day, I feel like it's safer and I think more people can actually get out & enjoy it safely. So everyone keep an eye out this weekend with lots of kids running all over the place.

Mayor Lynn Webb: Several things...first, I just want to touch base with our SOUP Kitchen. Cindy does a great job on getting the menu from Dorothy & the ladies down at the Coterie. If you have an opportunity, go down and support them & have a meal with them. They do a phenomenal job & it's a neat thing for our City, so a shout out to the ladies there who do the SOUP Kitchen. They're just a neat group of ladies. Also, I want to give a big congrats to Our Place Family Dining who got restaurant of the year. I think there was 150+ entries/nominations and that was from the Area Agency on Aging who gave that award out. Our Place Family Dining last year through COVID...Walk 16 would feed our seniors and that was Meals on Wheels and then they quit delivering due to COVID. Jen at Our Place heard the need and really reached out on her own and found all kinds of grants & funding & she really picked up and filled in that spot of feeding our seniors. She has also taken on the Veterans in our community with a free breakfast every Wednesday at 9AM for the Veterans. So just a bid congratulations for the restaurant and Jen...she always rallies for the community so I appreciate that. Also this week or next week we'll have a couple of houses being demolished (2 burnouts) and that is billed so hopefully we'll get that money back which will be a plus. If anybody has noticed the archway is down...the good news is we saved the lion's head so hopefully in some sort of revitalization piece we can reuse it because it's kind of a neat piece that was over the archway. But Russ Noonan from Delphos, Ohio his company is who demolished it and did a phenomenal job. Also just for clarification, we put that out for quotes and we always want to support local but he came in and we didn't have a local that would tackle that. It was quite a feat but he did an amazing job. Also, after the meeting I need to talk to Safety Committee to touch base on a couple of things. Tomorrow & Wednesday I'm going to Ohio Economic Development Summit so I'm looking forward to that to see where we can throw our hat in the ring and fit in that piece (can't hear). So other than that, that's all I have.

Beazley: Mr. President, Madam Mayor, there is a forecast for potential rain on Saturday...have we considered an alternate date?

Mayor: No.

Althaus: You want the candy you'll go. Ha.

Mayor: As Cindy Murray would say...how did that go...we won't melt?

Murray: My dad used to say you're not sugar so you won't melt. Ha.

Althaus: We could quote your dad all night. Ha. I thought the contractor did a great job on that. They pretty much had it done last night.

Mayor: Yes, and then he came in today & did some final sweeps.

Althaus: I assure everyone out there, there were tons of opportunities over the years for that archway to be saved. It isn't the City of Kenton that would be in a place to take taxpayer dollars and go out and do that on private property. While I appreciate the architecture...it's just a shame that had to be torn down. Folks it was horrible. For those also that were questioning how quickly it was done, we blocked it off and were moving as expeditiously as possible given the legal requirements that exist. You can't just go in & tear down private property. And to be truthful, there is a lot of question as to even owned that property. That was a very odd property. The reality is it was very questionable who owned it. Again, I'd like to welcome everyone announced tonight, and Rob you're not doing your job because somehow somebody snuck in the door...I don't know how that happened. Congressman, do you have any comments?

Representative Jon Cross: Did you talk about Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>?

Mayor: Not tonight.

Rep. Cross: Never turn down a free podium...Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday, we have the Director of Development Lydia Mihalik coming here and this is a great opportunity for Kenton to roll out the red carpet. It's a very important meeting because the City of Kenton has applied for up to 4 million...

Mayor: We applied for \$10 million...

Murray: A little bit more than that...

Rep. Cross: How much more than that? We can make that the headlines.

Murray: \$10,150,000.00

Rep. Cross: Give me a little extra column space, Tim (Kenton Times). Ha.

Tim Thomas: Can I take a picture of you too?

Rep. Cross: Yeah, yeah, once we get the check, how about that? But in all seriousness, I have complete faith that you all will roll out the red carpet & I'm going to join you all. But this is a huge opportunity to go get very big dollars. We have done our part in the legislature to allocate this funding and now it's the Director's sole position to give us the money. She can say yes or no. So I told the Mayor the first thing we need to do is invite her here and let's tell our story and let's show her all the work that you've done for the last 4-6 years, maybe even longer. I mean, we've had this issue since 1940 so says the history books. But the point is, let's show her what you have done, let's show what accomplishments have been completed in Phase I, and let's walk her around our downtown because I think what the State wants to do, and I'm not talking on behalf of the Director or for the State, but they want to make sure they're putting good money over good opportunities. You're shovel ready & have plans so this is where we could see \$10 million (+) come to the city and how amazing that would be to take that pressure off your backs. So, whoever is going to be involved, one big giant hug & a thumbs up to you all. You're going to do wonderful because you've got a great story to tell, so let's go sell Kenton and let's get the money. I wish it was a little easier where I could just vote & give you the money, but it's got to go through the bureaucratic agencies and we've got one extra step. So it's a big meeting on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. I can't underline how big of a meeting this is because this is real, real money. How much is the project total? \$30 million?

Mayor Webb: \$20 million just for the infrastructure.

Rep. Cross: So this money would be half of the cost of the infrastructure. Plus whatever we decide to do from a legislative standpoint with future capital projects, as well as I think we're still looking at potential federal money to be allocated for additional infrastructure projects in addition to what we've done. I just know the Governor & the Legislature are in-sync in making sure that we're trying to use dollars for proper infrastructure because now is the chance to bite at the apple because there is so much money flying around. So, congratulations to you all for getting to this point...to the Council & to the Mayor congratulations on some of the CBD...was it CBD?

Mayor Webb: CDBG.

Rep. Cross: CDBG monies that you got.

Mayor Webb: We got \$500,000 for CDBG & then we had \$2 million for Small Cities...

Rep. Cross: That's just headline after headline.

Thomas: I've put most of that in the paper.

Mayor: It didn't make headlines though...

Rep. Cross: Good luck & roll out the red carpet.

Althaus: Doug, is there anything you want to comment on about the (can't hear)

Carmean: I'll answer questions if I can but Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is huge for Kenton City Schools. We've got an opportunity like Jon mentioned that there is money out there for us to be had for our project...almost \$30 million is going to be State funded for a new school (can't hear...static)...our kids deserve it with the conditions to contend with. The school hasn't changed since we went through there. We're not still driving the same car we drove 30 years ago...we have electric windows now instead of crank up windows (can't hear)...we appreciate your vote.

Althaus: Okay so we'll see everyone at 5:15PM on Wednesday. I'd like to ask for a motion to excuse our 2 Councilmembers.

**Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Ms. Jones to excuse Ray Lawrence & Pegg Wren.**

Althaus: Is there any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 5 ayes; motion carried)** So we'll reconvene at 5:15PM on Wednesday. We're adjourned.

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Joel Althaus, President of Council

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Brenda Hanna, Clerk