

8TH REGULAR SESSION:

Kenton City Council met in their 8th Regular Session on April 25, 2022, at 7PM in Council Chambers. Present: President Joel Althaus, Sue Fox Buroker, David Beazley, Antwillia Davis, Ray Lawrence, Pegg Wren, Anda Tudor, Robin Jones, Law Director John Schwemer, Mayor Lynn Webb, and Safety Service Director Cindy Murray.

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

MINUTES:

Althaus: Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting? Hearing none, they'll stand approved as printed.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TIME TO SPEAK:

Althaus: We have no one on the agenda, but there will be time at the end of the meeting under comments if anyone wants to address Council.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Althaus: I have no communications, does any Councilmember have any?

PETITIONS:

Althaus: There are no petitions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Police: Chief Dennis Musser: One of our new cars will be here sooner than expected, so we're looking forward to that...(can't hear...static)

Althaus: What color will it be?

Chief Musser: Same as the others...metallic gray.

Fire: Chief Bruce Donnelly: We're working on finalizing the date to flush hydrants in the SW Section in May. It typically takes about 3 days, depending on the call volume (can't hear...static)...received an email from Brian Claus on the ladder truck and the aerial inspection is complete...there is a problem with an outrigger that needs repaired and also one of the valves on a pump needs replaced...(can't hear...static) we've replaced 3 of the 4 valves before, so I'm guessing this is the one that wasn't replaced. I'm hoping to have it back by Memorial Day, but they think it will be sooner. We've finished up our hazmat refresher training (can't hear...static) so everything seems to be running smoothly...

Althaus: I want to thank you both for always coming to our meetings and keeping us updated.

Parks & Recreation Director: Jacqueline Fitzgerald: I just want to say we've got a great board and they're doing a great job of moving the needle (can't hear...static)...the quarry looks really good and we've got a lot of campers so far...our new managers are Don & Deb Purcell...(static) working on a strategic plan...we've also applied for Capital Budget funding and are hoping to get a significant amount and we'll gear it towards the park at the quarry and France Lake. So I'm excited to see what they come back with...we're hoping for \$125,000 and that will move the needle for us. I know there has been a lot of discussion about the tree out there at Saulisberry Park, so we have a professional actually going out to look at it to see if it needs to be removed, and if not then we can take the rope down. I know there were some questions on social media about that so we're addressing that. Swim we've sold several passes so far. Just a reminder that May 15th is the last day for the Early Bird Special and then it goes to the regular price. The guys are working on the pool getting it ready and chemicals are coming in for that, so things are going very well. Joel, do you want me to speak to, and maybe the Mayor will, but just kind of our community development side?

Althaus: That's fine.

Fitzgerald: Maybe you reported last time on our visit to Jobs Ohio in Columbus...we had a great meeting...Joel and the Mayor went with me. Jon Cross, our State Representative, invited us down to meet with Jobs Ohio to see what we could do for the City of Kenton to help move some things forward, some job creation, and some possible businesses. It was great to network with them and we'll be hosting them in May...they'll be coming here to Kenton and they'll meet with the Mayor, Jon Cross, and General Murray, and I think Joel and myself. We're looking for some more engagement with them and Lynn & I have some meetings coming up that we'll continue to engage & see what we can move the needle for our community and strike while the iron is hot. So we've got a lot good things going and we're networking with a lot of great people and hopefully we can keep on. We're busy! I appreciate what you all do on Council for us to help us get that moving. Any questions?

Althausen: Thank you, Jacqueline. Okay, we don't have anyone here from the Auditor or Treasurer. John, did you have anything? (no) Safety Service Director?

Safety Service Director: Cindy Murray: So in your packet you got the WWTP Discharge report and you'll see we had a bypass on March 7th when we had a 1 ½ inch of rain. Also, in the packet is the Public Works report and I just want to touch on a piece of equipment that we have, and you'll see it's listed under the sewer crew. We also purchased a Topo machine and we're recording the GIS coordinates for...we're starting with the lead line mapping as part of the lead line replacement program that every community has to complete. We'll also be mapping all of our manholes and valves in town, so we're moving that forward as far as technology. Things I need to touch on, the W. Espy St. Water Main project will begin May 1st and we'll get that out to the people that live on...there are 2 homes on Robinson Avenue that they will be starting in front of so it will be a limited bit of parking in front of their homes for a short time. Then they'll move out onto Espy Street. We had the Columbus Storm Sewer project opening & the bids came under the engineer's estimate, so that was a good thing. We have the Issue II Street Resurfacing bid opening this Thursday. And the last thing I have is it's that time of year again so please do not blow your grass into the roadway because it just blocks the sewers up. So please aim it towards your yard.

Schwemer: But please mow your grass.

Murray: That Issue II bid opening Brenda says is on Friday.

Beazley: So the 28th or 29th, one of those two.

Murray: Right, this week.

Althausen: You stole John's comments about the grass. Ha.

Schwemer: I get on about leaves too, but we're not there yet. Ha.

Mayor Lynn Webb: Logan, you can go ahead & get set up and while he's doing that I'll just give you a reminder this Friday night is the first night for Cruise Night. We'll get "cruisey" up there, not crazy, (can't hear...static). It reached 29,000 people on Facebook and 2,000 people engaged it. So anyway, it's going to be every other Friday and we'll have a calendar up there, but it starts this Friday at 6PM so bring your lawn chair, your hot rod, or just yourself or your motorcycle and hang out. We're looking forward to that. Spring Cleanup, we had that last week. The weather didn't cooperate, but still Brent said we did 8-10 30-yd. dumpsters. It's a little less than what we've done in the past, but I think the weather played a factor in it. Also, I'd like to thank the Community Foundation...they definitely showed us a lot of love. They'll be buying the flags that go around the square (all of our flags), the Tree Commission received money, Parks & Rec received money, and both Police & Fire received money, so they were very gracious to the City. We are very grateful for that. Just another thing...Cindy has grass and my thing is trash totes. Make sure we get them up to your house. If you don't and I have to pull them up to your house, it's \$20. I won't holler but I'll charge you \$20. Okay, so this is Logan Johnson and he's an operator on the sewer crew for now and he does an excellent job. So this new piece of equipment...how much did this cost?

Murray: \$43,000.

Mayor: \$43,000 and we just really wanted you guys to see what a neat piece of equipment this is and Logan will share some video which will show you the amount of time saved and money saved. So Logan, go ahead and show your expertise.

Logan Johnson: Well, as you guys can see, I've already loaded this so you can see the tile at the very top is busted at the front of the manhole.

Murray: Take your mouse and move it...

Johnson: It's right up here...do you see that? Okay so the Ques computer that came along with the machine automatically generates a report for the sake of time and not necessarily wasting everybody's night, I did not bring copies of that. I'm just going to kind of highlight as we move through this. This is one of those things that if nobody had seen the inside of this, you never would have seen it on top of the road. So it might not have been an issue now, but it's going to become an issue when it popped somebody's tire. I'm just going to kind of pop through there and the biggest thing about this...this was done up on Steiner Avenue and our maps show there is a manhole there, so we've been looking for years for this. These RD Zande maps are from 1994 so for 20 years people have been convinced there is a manhole in this road and we cannot find it. We dug the road up in a couple of places looking for it because we were hitting on metal but still couldn't find it. So this eliminated it for us. Like I said, I'm not going to go through the entire thing because it's about 25 minutes long, but to give you a little idea I do believe, if I remember correctly, we did address some of this.

Murray: So this is a sewer.

Johnson: Yeah, this is the inside of a 12" line. This will give you a good look at the inside of one of the lines. I've only ever seen a handful of these as I've been doing this, and it's usually the same thing not anything above ground...they usually create sinkholes, which you've all seen, and I don't know how this

hasn't yet, but if we don't obviously get it fixed, we're going to be dealing with another problem down the road. I'm going to jump forward on this & try to find you a tap...the other good thing about this is we can inspect our taps for those that are tied into this. In the past we've had to dig sewer lines up and climb down in and once it's exposed the city has to put it together. I can tell you right now that this tap you're looking at it is separating from the main. So now I don't have to go up there and tear everything apart to try to tell you what that looks like. Now I can walk in & say hey at 220 ft. this house is tied in and your tap is separating from the main and you need to have that fixed. You see what I'm saying? It saves on the city's time & resources and it's not necessarily that we don't want to do those types of things, but we waste a lot of time & resources messing with things like this because we had absolutely no idea what the real problem was. Again, like I said, we were looking for a manhole and never found it and this is why...at about 455' into this the line starts to take a turn so this is what was kind of getting everybody because nobody understands why this line is turning. But at 520' it's a 70' curve in this road where this manhole is supposed to be at and it wraps all the way around the edge of Steiner. As I was making my way around this I started finding, as you'll see as we get further into this...this does not have steering controls. You can purchase one with steering controls, but for what we're doing with it it's really not necessary. This thing is designed to go through being beat up. It can handle being in small lines, it can handle hitting the sides of tile so if you ever see videos as you're about to see I'm about to smack this thing into the side of a tile, but it doesn't turn so it's got to be forced to turn. Like I said, this is a 70' bend and as we get further down here and we get on the other side of these 2 taps right here, I could not tell you where these are coming from. This is another issue and after we get the manhole figured out, we've got to figure out where these are coming from and what they are. They're not small like a house tap. Does that make sense? A small tap is going to be like 4" and the one I just showed you that's all blocked off is what a house tap is going to look like. I don't know what these are, they're much larger than a 4" so I'm going to assume, and I hate to say but I'm going to say it, it could potentially be I&I which means that it's got a storm sewer tied to it somehow or somebody has a storm line tied into our main and thought it was a storm line. You'd be amazed at how many places I find things like that so we're working on it. This actually helps us because it's running nonstop you know what I mean. You can see tile separation, which is not unusual, but this is what I want to get to...this is right at the edge of Steiner and that's where we're like what's going on here...these are tree roots that are getting inside of this line. We can go in & cut these things out and remove them, but there's only one way you're going to get rid of them and that's tearing the line out & putting a new plastic line in. I get it, it's money and it's a lot of money and it's not a cheap project. Some of these sewers are deep and it's way outside of what we can do. So I'm aware of that and when I say something like that I'm also very aware of the cost involved with doing those kinds of projects. As you guys can see these are the roots all down through there and actually the one on the right looks like it's broken through the tile. If it wants water, it's going to get water. Then you see that brick...that's not the first time I've found bricks laying in the sewers. I don't know how they get in there and I don't know where they come from. We also haven't figured out how we're going to get them out yet because we don't have anything that's going to push a brick out. So we're still kind of working on that one. So the video the rest of the way doesn't really show you what's on the other side of that brick so give me just a second here & I'll show you what is on the other side of that brick. What the issue has been on Steiner is we've got a house that's been dealing with sewer gas & another lady who's been dealing with issues because her sewer keeps backing up and couldn't figure out why it was backing up. We couldn't find the manhole so we couldn't get close...running 600' with a line isn't the ideal way to deal with something like this, you want to find something closer to it. Hence, the reason we were digging up the road trying to find the manhole because we couldn't figure out what the problem was. As you can see right here, can you see that? That's all the room that sewer line has got left.

Mayor Webb: And that's a 12" line.

Johnson: And that's supposed to be a 12" line. That's actually right where the lady's shrubs grow in. I just tore a sewer out on Grove Street, the school up here, and it was the exact same thing. Thankfully she wanted them removed so we didn't cause a problem in that aspect, but they had filled the entire line so that's why that school was having problems. We didn't know it because we couldn't see it. The manhole that attaches is about 6'-7' away so there was no way to get in it & do anything with it to begin with. But this right here, all these are roots and it stretches back that 70' and takes that turn. That's how we discovered there wasn't a manhole up there. I'm sure everyone in this room is familiar with cost to put blacktop down, what it costs to maintain stone being in a hole when you can't fill it because you're waiting on it to settle...the whole road could've looked like that and it wouldn't have been a good thing. So I'm actually quite grateful for this. We had a tap up there that we've been shoving a hose down into and getting water down into and breaking it up and keeping things moving. Over the last couple of weeks,

we've been making sure to do that at least once per week. So what's actually happening with this video is we're making sure...we blew the bottom of those roots out so that was letting everything escape, but we didn't get the roots out. Like I said, it's not ideal to go 520'. Yeah, we've got 625' of hose on the new truck but it's not ideal to run it that far you know what I mean? The farther it goes the less power it has. So if we could get closer ideally the manhole we've been looking for, for the last 20 years, then we can shoot straight to it and take care of it and get it out of there.

Beazley: Logan, when you're speaking of that unit, are you talking the hydro hoe?

Johnson: Yeah, it's the hydro hoe but I just call it a vac truck. It's nice because it's a combination...

Murray: It's our new one that they came & thanked you and were bragging on...

Johnson: Oh yeah that thing is amazing and this thing is amazing. Just being with the City for the last few years there were a lot of things in that aspect that we needed to jump into the 21 century with and these 2 things most definitely put us in there. Like Cindy was talking about being able to use that Topo machine to digitalize all of our maps and stuff like that to make them more accurate. I'm doing that with the map I'm using and trying to make it more accurate because they slapped it on a piece of paper and yes maybe some of it's there, but there are a lot of things we've discovered aren't there. This is one of those situations where like up in the 2nd ward there a bunch of people's yards who have sewer lines and mains running through and they're not going to be excited if we have to go up and tear them all out because we're looking for a manhole that our map tells us is there. So this is saving a lot of that and it's also helping with public relation...you're not dealing with people getting frustrated and aggravated because you're back there tearing their yards up, or the roads, etc. So that's all I really had to show you. We're super grateful for it and I seriously feel it's jumping us very far ahead. One more thing I want to add to that is there are a lot of problem areas & things like that, and since we've gotten this we've been able to address and been able to figure out what's actually been going on. Sometimes it's just because there is a brick in there...how did a brick get in there? I don't know how a brick got in there. I don't know how it moved, I don't know how it got there but now that we know it's there we can pin that down. Lynn asked me a good question earlier as I was making sure this video was working, and that was how can I guarantee this is exactly where it's at? There is a piece of equipment that came along with it and it sets off a sonar signal and this equipment can pinpoint exactly where that is. So I can walk up and set it on the ground and I can tell you the depth...well the depth is still kind of average and you've just got to kind of take it for what it is because you get between numbers, but that's how I can tell you exactly where something is sitting at. So now when we're dealing with a sewer we're not jumping in there blind and creating an issue. We're going in there knowing exactly what it is that we need.

Mayor Webb: Thanks, Logan.

Murray: Do you have any questions for Logan?

Beazley: Good information.

Mayor Webb: Again, we have a tremendous crew. And again, thank you for approving the finances to give them the tools to do this. Logan brings a wealth of technology there (can't hear...static). That's all I have.

Finance: Beazley: Finance doesn't have anything to add. We will have some form of notes from tonight's meeting and there will be a couple of items as we get to the legislation, Sir.

MOP: Wren: MOP did meet and everyone had a paper in their packet...I do apologize because the % sign behind 1.5 if you guys tried to figure it, it didn't make sense. The % sign was a boo boo, I was typing too fast. So they took the present salary and took 1.5 to get these numbers. We talked about this several times before and, as the paper said, Council has not had a raise since effective January of 2000, and the Law Director's last increase was June of 2014.

Althausen: Pegg, wasn't it everyone not just Council? Other than the Law Director...

Wren: Right, all the elected officials. And this, if approved, would not go into effect until January of 2024. So that's when the next Council & elected officials would go into office.

Althausen: Pegg, can you comment to what all else you guys looked at as far as other towns?

Wren: We looked at...thanks to Cindy, she got all the cities around in the State of Ohio, both charter and non-charter, but since we're non-charter she broke it down to that and I have that if anybody would like to look at it of what these cities make. What is proposed here is within the range on the low end let's say of every one of those elected officials. Some of them are significantly higher than ours. Also, the next MOP meeting I had for Wednesday May 8th, but I didn't realize I'll be out of town that day, so I need to talk to my committee and change that.

Althausen: Okay, so we'll cross that off. That's pending.

Davis: This says May 18th.

Wren: Right, I will not be here.

Davis: You said 8th earlier so I didn't know.

Wren: May 18th, sorry.

Utilities: Jones: Last Wednesday RCAP put on a virtual meeting...Sue, myself, Lynn & Cindy were there and it was interesting. They talked about what was between Kenton, Hallway, Beach City and Johnstown and we kind of like built up on opportunities of how we bring the utilities commission together and where our water supplies came from. It was very educational, and I think we kind of have a better vision for what we want our utilities committee to do as we move forward. Our next meeting is May 11th at 4:30PM for Utilities.

Althaus: Any questions for Robin? Streets...anything?

Streets: Lawrence: We meet right before...I think it's the 13th....

Althaus: You meet on the 12th.

Lawrence: The 12th, yeah. There was nobody at the last meeting.

Althaus: Right. I think some of the things on your agenda going forward are with sidewalks...

Lawrence: Sidewalks, yeah that's our big issue we're trying to address.

Althaus: Any questions for Ray? Anything new for Legislation?

Legislation: Davis: Legislation has not met since our last meeting, but we do have an ordinance in here from our last meeting.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Planning Commission, Beazley: Nothing.

Parks & Rec Board, Jones: The next meeting is May 11th at 6:00PM here. Jacqueline already updated everybody, but we do have a really great committee and it's kind of fun to be a part of that whole crew.

Grove Cemetery Board, Davis: We've not met since our last meeting.

Shade Tree Commission, Buroker: We met on April 14th and I didn't see any minutes or notes in our packets, but through much discussion they finally arrived at the decision to hand out the seedlings from 3-5PM on Wednesday the 20th so that's been done already. I know the Head Start program wanted 35 seedlings themselves and thought that would be a good photo op. Also, they were discussing where to put a tree that is being donated by KNR (Kenton Nursing Rehab). I know they were looking at the elementary school or the fire department and they were talking more about the fire department because they have a lot of runs to KNR. Russ was going to talk to the guys since he might know them. Ha. They also discussed dead trees to come down on 602...I forgot to put down the road...but it had been on the list for a year and there are around 40 on that list of trees to come down. There is an issue at 422 E. Ohio Street and then they recently removed one at 414 E. Ohio Street. Cindy talked to us all about a change that is going to be happening anyway on N. Detroit Street coming in the future where those trees will all be coming down in 2025. She is supposed to talk to Stephanie Miller (ODNR) to come up with some type of a plan. We were reminded not to mulch our trees up that it's killing the trees. It's not supposed to be piled up. Our next meeting is May 11th at 1PM.

Althaus: That's good information...I wonder if that's why my tree died...Any questions for Sue? Okay, BKP...I owe you a set of minutes and I did look and I do have those, but there is nothing else new to report there. Did I miss anybody?

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Althaus: I'd just bring up, and John you might be able to jump in here and help me, but one of the things we want to get before all of you is something we've talked about off & on and that's what we'd have to do in the codifieds, if anything, if the Income Tax position would fall under the Auditor. I do believe that would involve a change. Again, it's something we've talked about for years so I'm just kind of throwing that out there. Unfortunately, Legislation doesn't meet before the next Council meeting so John if you'd look at the codifieds real quick to see what it would involve. That comes from talking to a few different communities and also potential changes down the road here in personnel. So right now, the Income Tax Director is hired & fired by the Mayor and they would become supervised by the Auditor. It's not reflective of any current situation, it's just aligning it more with helping with communication. Any thoughts on that?

Beazley: Would that be something you'd direct through MOP as opposed to Legislation?

Althaus: It can be either...it involves changes in the codifieds. But my point in bringing it up now is we may try to get some information out to you all before then because within reason there is a bit of a

time frame issue on this possibly. But yes, one of the two committees can look at it. Is there any other new business?

Schwemer: I wasn't sure where to bring up the hearing we had earlier...

Althausser: Right now, yes.

Schwemer: Okay, a number of Councilmembers were here at the hearing that we held today at 6:30PM. It was an application by Holly Ulrich on the rezoning of 231 N. Glendale Street in Kenton. Basically, she wants to have a daycare center, which is a larger facility. We have Type A & Type B which Type A is 1-6 kids and Type B is up to 12...wait, I better make sure...no, Type B is 1-6 kids and you're allowed to have that anywhere in town and we can't regulate that because our ordinances permit it. Type A requires Board of Zoning Appeals approval and that's up to 12 kids. This would be a much larger center. She was indicating possibly up to 50-55 kids and again this is at the corner of Glendale & North Street. So the Planning Commission met and they set the hearing for this evening and after the public hearing the recommendation was 2-1 to recommend the zoning change from R-1 (Residential) to B-3 (General Business). So that's the recommendation of the Planning Commission. So now Council needs to set a hearing, which we've already got the date set up with Council...you guys will have the public hearing and then ask me to draft legislation if that is the ultimate determination to change the zoning. It is kind of a spot zoning, we have no business districts around it, and it is in a residential neighborhood. Brenda will give you the date or we can just tell you right now...we planned on having it the 1st meeting in June, which is 6/13 at 7PM. We'd open the Council meeting up into the Public Hearing. So notices will go out again and we may have people from the public be there either for or against it, but I'd recommend that everyone in the meantime go up in the neighborhood and see the logistics of having employees & drop offs and everything in that neighborhood. Logistics was one of the main concerns raised in that neighborhood. Keep in mind what we need to think about in this process, and again there is no decision tonight, but once we do a zoning change it's left at that & if the use stops another business could come in there that's maybe not neighborhood friendly. So those are just things to think about. Holly said she'd be here at the meeting to be able to answer questions, but of course if there are any in the meantime, I'm sure Brenda would get you her phone number and it's even on the zoning application, but I know you don't have that in your files. I'm sure we can get that if anyone would like to talk to her before the hearing. I'm not sure much else needs to be said unless there are any objections to having that hearing set at 7PM on 6/13 June.

Althausser: Part of that is we have to wait 30 days, we have to give the public 30 days, so that's the 1st meeting after the 30 days. Any objections to that? And we'll do it like we have been the last year or so. It would begin first thing for the Council meeting. Now I would prepare you we might actually have some comments at this one and you all may have quite a few questions, so we might be in for a little bit longer Council meeting. I'd just add a couple of things. I'd encourage you to find the Section of the ORC or we can forward that to you where they reference day cares and zoning. I'd also encourage you...this is not a routine request because we traditionally have not spot zoned. By spot zoning I mean you've got an R-1 and a neighborhood of all R-1 and then right in the middle you'd have a B-3. This is the highest level of business before you get to manufacturing so the other thing to be aware of is what other businesses could be legally done on that property in the future.

Schwemer: Just look at our codifieds in the business section. Just pull it up...it's the 5th zoning designation. There is the residential (one-two family), there is the residential (multi-family), there is the neighborhood business, the downtown business, and then the general business. Right after that is M-1 Light Manufacturing, which you cannot have households in unless they're grandfathered, and then you have M-2 which is our Heavy Industrial. That's the steps of the zoning.

Althausser: You heard John say the Planning Commission voted 2-1 to recommend it to Council. So one of three did not recommend it. Your job will just be to go forward or don't. If you want to ask John more questions, I'd encourage you to do that too. Anything else under new business?

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

3RD READING: None

2ND READING: None

1ST READING:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-006, TITLE ONLY; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS TO COMPLETE A SYSTEM WIDE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM EVALUATION SURVEY PHASE II, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althausser: Who can explain this one to all of Council?

Murray: I can. So last year we did Phase I with a lot of flow metering and things like that. One of the main issues they found with the flow metering is the syphon that goes underneath the river into the WWTP. We think there is a lot of inflow in that syphon. So as part of Phase II they were going to do some more flow metering and they were going to look at this syphon and they were going to do a lot of camering of another line that was coming into the plant that had high flows in it. You had approved \$200,000 for Phase II of the SSES last year in our budget. Because we truly think this syphon is going to be a big issue, we asked them to break that \$200,000 apart and let's do it in small chunks. The first chunk/phase is for \$47,000 I think I said earlier...

Beazley: \$47,800 is what you told us.

Murray: And it is to study that syphon and then one of the reasons we asked them to break that into phases a little bit is that so if it is we maybe have some money that we can work with to get that syphon lined in order to resolve that issue. With all of the issues we've had going on this past year so far at the WWTP, we didn't want to take \$200,000 and put it into more studying because we might need that money to fix some problems at the plant. That's why we asked them to break it into phases.

Althaus: Cindy, you'd like for Council to consider this tonight?

Murray: Yes, they would like to do this syphon study during the wet season.

Beazley: Mr. President, because this is already a budgeted item in the amount of \$200,000 and this expenditure is less than \$48,000, it makes perfect sense to us so I would move...

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mr. Lawrence that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Wren & second by Ms. Jones to approve Resolution No. 22-006.

Althaus: Is there any discussion? (Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried)

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-009, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING KENTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 660.08 RELATING TO GRASS AND WEEDS IN THE CITY OF KENTON.**

Althaus: That can be summarized pretty simply...does someone on MOP want to do that? It's simply the change in charges, right?

Davis: This is Legislation. All we've done is simply changed the fee if you don't mow...the administration fee for commercial from \$150 to \$300.

Althaus: The Administration, Law Director & MOP...is there any urgency on this?

Davis: It's not MOP, it's Legislation, and 3 reads is fine on this.

Althaus: Alright, if there are no objections, we'll move onto the next item.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 22-007, TITLE ONLY; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT.**

Althaus: This is the CHIP program...John, do you want to explain a little bit for some of the new Councilmembers?

Schwemer: Sure, and Dave is very familiar with this too, but it's through the State of Ohio and they provide money for loans for basically home improvements for low income for certain needed repairs. This is a program we've had for a very long period of time. It's administered by the CHIP Office and Shari Stevens works down at the 555 building to do this. So it's not actually our money, it's coming through the State budget and this is for us to basically renew the plan with the department to continue to do this. If we don't that money is going to other communities and they'll just have more money and we'll lose out on the ability for us to help some low-income folks maintain their homes, roofs, etc. This is just continuing the program that's already in place and again this does not cost the City funds but if we don't do this, we're losing the funding mechanism to help people.

Althaus: So, while we have a full slate of everybody here, does Council have any desire to consider it tonight or not?

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mrs. Wren that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence & second by Mr. Beazley to approve Resolution No. 22-007.

Althaus: Is there any discussion? (Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried)

- **ORDINANCE NO. 22-010, TITLE ONLY; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE CITY OF KENTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Althaus: David, do you want to touch on this?

Beazley: Sure. Let me pull my handy dandy notes from Pam out. This pertains to the N. Detroit Street water & storm sewer reconstruction program, which we anticipate to be completed in 2025. The

engineering is broken down over 3 years and we did not properly appropriate this in the budget. It's \$176,700 this year, it's \$140,000 to be added to next year's budget and an additional \$77,000 in the final year for the engineering of this. This is the complete tear down & rebuild of that paving from Carrol Street north to Eliza. So it's a very expansive project and we've received \$2 million in ODOT grants for this already, and applied for \$3/4 million from TAP as it applies to safe walkways and sidewalks and things like that along the same pathway. So this is the engineering portion and we really do need to move forward with this with some degree of...

Motion by Mr. Beazley & second by Mr. Lawrence that the rules requiring legislation of a permanent or general nature to be read on three separate days, be suspended. Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Davis and second by Mrs. Wren to approve Ordinance No. 22-010.

Althausen: Is there any discussion? **(Roll call vote, 7 ayes; motion carried)**

SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Althausen: I guess we crossed off MOP as a pending meeting date and Pegg will work that date out with her committee and notify everybody. All the rest of the dates are correct (Utilities on 5/11 at 4:30PM; Legislation on 5/12 @ 4:30PM; & Streets on 5/12 @ 5:30PM).

Beazley: Mr. President, I would ask that we conduct another Finance meeting at 6PM on 5/23.

Jones: There is also Park & Rec on 5/11 from 6-7PM here.

Althausen: Okay, we've just been putting committee meetings there but we can add that.

OTHER MATTERS:

Althausen: Does any Councilmember or Administration have any other matters to bring up?

Mayor Webb: Two things I forgot...one, May 5th that is the meeting or a get together...I don't know, a meet & greet at Vet's Hall from 8-9:30AM. We're kind of copying off how the other counties, like Hancock is doing it and Logan County, so the State officials will be there, Townships, it's open to City Council members...that makes it easier for Senator McColley and the Treasurer's Office from the State so if we have questions for those guys, it's easier for them to come to one meeting instead of trying to hit all these little towns. So May 5th, 8-9:30AM, so rise & shine at Vet's Hall. We'll probably do it on a quarterly basis and see how that goes. Then ODOT is doing traffic studies. They put some poles up against these posts out here last week and they were doing video & traffic count on these 2 streets. They're going to move it north sometime this week and they also have video & counting on the cross walks too. You'll see a lot of activity there. That's all I have.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION:

Beazley: I simply want to echo the Mayor's appreciation to the Hardin County Community Foundation for the dollars they've injected into the City this year and in previous years. It's been very helpful, and we appreciate it.

Althausen: Alright, you see the list of meetings and our next meeting is May 9th. We added Finance for May 23rd, and Lynn mentioned the meeting for elected officials on May 5th.

Chief Donnelly: The week of May 16th is when we'll begin flowing hydrants.

Althausen: You just want to get on Cindy's list of water usage...you'll have to add all those gallons up. Ha.

Murray: Uh huh. Yep, they better keep track. Ha.

Althausen: Okay, anybody else? If there are no objections, we're adjourned.