



Date: July 2, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Toni Troutner	Councilmember	Present	
Marli Larimer	Councilmember	Present	
Bill Boyce	Council President	Present	
Dana Ralph	Mayor	Present	
Satwinder Kaur	Councilmember	Present	
Dennis Higgins	Councilmember	Present	
Les Thomas	Councilmember	Present	
Brenda Fincher	Councilmember	Present	

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Move to approve the agenda as amended

Chief Administrative Officer, Derek Matheson added Public Communications item 4D - Springwood Neighborhood Update with Assistant Chief Kasner presenting and Consent Calendar item 8J - Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy Resolution. Matheson provided details regarding the change to the levy rate that has required the City to repeal and replace the prior resolution adopted on June 4, 2019.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Boyce, Council President
SECONDER:	Les Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	Troutner, Larimer, Boyce, Kaur, Higgins, Thomas, Fincher

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Recognition

i. Employee of the Month

Mayor Ralph recognized Pam Clark as the City's July Employee of the Month.

B. Community Events

Council President Boyce provided details regarding upcoming events at the accesso ShoWare Center.

Councilmember Fincher invited the public to attend the WIFFCO® Field grand opening on July 9th from 10-11 a.m. and the "SPLASH" at Lake Meridian Park on the Fourth of July. Visit KentWA.gov for details.

C. Economic and Community Development Update

Bill Ellis, Economic Development Officer provided the Economic Development Update as follows:

Naden Avenue - The call for offers is now closed and the City has entered negotiations with a hospitality development company. This is a cooperative, interdepartmental effort examining the site plan and deal points. Access and easement issues are being worked on.

South King County Base for Metro - The top 3 sites have been identified. There is one in Kent and two in Auburn.

Kent Valley Initiatives - The City received \$65,000 from the Port of Seattle to support the "Rally the Valley" subarea data collection and marketing efforts. Funds will also be used to conduct an Interurban and Green River trail opportunity assessment.

Blue Origin Expansion - This expansion will provide for space to house thousands of additional employees.

New Space Conference - The City's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is a sponsor of the SEDS Aerospace Job Fair that will be held on July 15th at the Green River College Kent Campus.

Ellis advised of the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee's youth apprentice signing day recently held at the accesso ShoWare Center. AJAC has a training facility in the Kent Valley and has recently re-upped their lease for two additional years.

D. Springwood Neighborhood Update

Assistant Chief, Jarod Kasner provided information on resident's concerns over the Springwood Park neighborhood and surrounding area.

Kasner spoke regarding the Police Department's response to recent reports of violent activity, including the report of shots fired and carjacking on July 1, 2019.

Immediately after hearing of the concerns, Kasner contacted neighbors and the Mayor to address these issues that are important to the Police Department and the neighborhood residents.

Kasner detailed the other calls that came in for other incidents in the area, including a burglary in progress.

Kasner addressed issues with officers obtaining video from cell phones, Ring systems and other home video.

The Department is investigating the cars involved in this incident and detectives believe they are associated with a larger group.

The Mayor and Chief Padilla will meet with the Birch Creek Park management to discuss issues.

The Police Department is reaching out to the community to discuss block watch programs, and look for opportunities to make internal departmental improvements. Immediate improvements include leveraging resources and looking for ways to fund additional officers and support staff. A POD camera will be relocated to the park and two bike officers will be assigned to patrol the area.

Kasner indicated the police department will work on improving the flow of information and will leverage the Auto Theft Task Force for information on auto thefts throughout the area.

Kasner indicated this is a regional issue and we need to look at the entire judicial system. The prosecution of juvenile offenses is quite low and there needs to be an emphasis on helping juveniles get out of the criminal system.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

A. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Derek Matheson, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that there will be a special workshop meeting at 5 p.m. on July 15th and a special City Council meeting at 5 p.m. on July 30th, both to discuss and possibly take action on a police-related ballot measure for the November ballot.

During the July 16th City Council meeting the City will be introducing neighborhood program members 45 and 46. Matheson advised that his report is in today's agenda packet and there is no executive session.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ralph spoke to the residents of the Springwood neighborhood and the City as a whole. Her goal for the City is to be a thriving, safe community. Public safety is her top priority and that will not change. Kent is growing rapidly and is a big city. The violence around the region is not acceptable.

The City will compassionately, but aggressively fight crime. Mayor Ralph is meeting with neighboring cities to discuss how to address common issues. Mayor Ralph will work with the police department and King County Prosecutor's Office regarding concerns she has about crimes not being prosecuted and the lack of consequences.

Mayor Ralph is working with the King County Housing Authority to address concerns that some of the crime happening in the area stems from criminal activity at the Birch Creek apartments.

Mayor Ralph will be working with Parks Department on the master planning process for Springwood Park. The goal is to make the park more useable, accessible, and safe.

Work will continue on long-term strategies to improve the safety at the park and the entire City.

Mayor Ralph wants residents to feel safe in their homes and that the City is doing the best that it can with the available resources.

Residents can help improve safety by calling and reporting crime.

Mayor Ralph is committed to keeping the residents informed on the City's plans and efforts to make improvements. The Mayor invited the residents to call or email her with any concerns so that she can address them.

C. Councilmember's Reports

Council President Boyce provided a recap on today's workshop on the Water System Plan Update.

Boyce advised that the public should call 253-856-4723 to report graffiti.

Councilmember Fincher advised that lifeguards are on duty at Lake Meridian Park and invited the public to visit KentWA.gov for information on summer parks programs.

Councilmember Thomas chairs the Operations committee and indicated meeting details can be found in the minutes at KentWA.gov. Thomas advised that the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority board meeting will be held on July 18th at station 74.

Councilmember Troutner advised that after the July 9th Public Safety Committee meeting, there will be a "Coffee with the Chief" at Coffee on Fourth.

Troutner advised that August 6th is National Night Out and the public can

visit KentWA.gov for information and also register their event. Troutner attended the recent Association of Washington Cities conference where Kent's Municipal DUI Court was presented with the Municipal Excellence Award.

Councilmember Higgins serves on the Regional Transit Committee. During the last meeting, there was a presentation on the Metro Connects Bi-annual report - this is their long-term vision. Rapid Ride I is coming to Kent in the next 2-3 years. This line will run from Auburn to Kent Station, up to the Benson and then into Renton.

Higgins chairs the Public Works committee and during the July 1st meeting, the committee recommended the Council accept a \$1.4 million dollar grant from WSDOT for repaving of 212th street in 2020. The other grant was from the Washington State Legislature through their capital budget - \$1.5 million dollars for 224th Phase II project currently under construction.

Councilmember Larimer serves on the King County Affordable Housing committee. During the June 21st meeting the committee set the framework for the next 5 years. This committee makes countywide policy recommendations and strategic action plans for staff to research and bring back to the different jurisdictions recommendations from Affordable Housing Task Force. Larimer is encouraged about the conversations around building generational wealth through different ownership models and building awareness of the needs in Kent.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ralph opened the public hearing.

Chad Bieren, Deputy Public Works Director, provided the staff report on the Development Agreement between the City of Kent and Blue Origin, LLC and its affiliate Blue Properties, LLC.

A new research and development facilities is being developed on the site. One of the requirements of the development is to build half street improvements along their frontage. 76th is in the flood plain and needs to be raised. The City will build the entire portion of 76th Avenue and Blue Origin will provide storm drainage detention and treatment for the portion of 76th Avenue that needs to be built.

No one was signed up to testify.
No written comments were received.

Higgins advised that this is a good outcome for the City. We don't have to buy property for a retention pond and Blue Origin does not have to pay for raising of the road.

A. Move to close the public hearing

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Boyce, Council President
SECONDER:	Les Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	Troutner, Larimer, Boyce, Kaur, Higgins, Thomas, Fincher

B. Public Hearing on the Development Agreement between the City of Kent and Blue Origin, LLC and its affiliate Blue Properties, LLC

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 1986 which adopts and approves the Development Agreement between the City of Kent and Blue Origin to address improvements to 76th Avenue South and storm water mitigation facilities, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director, and hereby directs the City Attorney to prepare a resolution supporting the Council's approval of the Development Agreement.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Higgins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Brenda Fincher, Councilmember
AYES:	Troutner, Larimer, Boyce, Kaur, Higgins, Thomas, Fincher

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ralph provided guidance on the process for the Public Comment item on the agenda. Mayor indicated that as we are entering election season, she reminded the public that according to Washington's Public Disclosure Commission, it is not proper to use this Public Comment period to campaign for or against any candidate for office or to support any proposition on the ballot.

Tim Brown, a Kent Resident gave information on the recent Mill Creek Canyon Hike. 32 residents showed up for the hike. Four historical sites were visited. Brown indicated the City Council needs to step up and support the Parks Department with more funding and to come up with a plan to end the destruction that is happening in parks.

Anita Veen, a Kent resident, spoke regarding the recent Mill Creek Canyon Hike and indicated there will be additional hikes scheduled. The hike inspired people to volunteer to clean up the parks. Veen spoke regarding the

homeless, trash, and drug deals taking place in the parks and encouraged the City Council to make parks a priority.

Councilmember Thomas requested the public call code enforcement to report issues.

Mayor Ralph requested residents call or email the Mayor, police department or code enforcement. The City has four officers working on the homeless issues in parks and public spaces. Mayor advised that the police department is working with the homeless and works with services providers to outreach to folks living in camps and offer services.

Patrick Michaud, a Kent resident, expressed concerns regarding a dramatic increase in violent crime in and around Springwood Park. Michaud has captured some video of the incidents. In the most recent incident, a young man was shot at during an attempted carjacking. Michaud indicated the police response that took 20 minutes was unacceptable. Michaud expressed concerns that the police officers did not have the capability of capturing the video he had. Michaud urged the police department speak to be out in the public, speak to neighbors after incidents and for the Mayor and Council to do their job.

Zandria Michaud, a Kent resident, spoke regarding her frustration over the increase in gun-related incidents in and around Springwood Park. Michaud provided details on recent violent events in the Springwood Park area, including a recent one in front of her home. Michaud requested Chief Padilla have a bigger police presence in the area. Michaud asked residents, the Council and the Mayor to work together stop violence in the community.

Gabriel Michaud, a Kent resident, provided details regarding a recent shooting that happened in the Springwood Park area. The same people are doing the crimes and there needs to be stricter punishment. Police need to be visible in the park at least once a day. Police Officers need to be visible and talk to people to make the park a safe place to visit.

Todd Minor, a Kent resident, spoke regarding the police funding crisis and encouraged residents to support a ballot measure for public safety. Minor expressed the need for action that is transformational. Minor suggested finding creative ways to drive usage by residents in the community to bring positive momentum to the Springwood Park community. Minor spoke in support of having stronger conversations with the King County Prosecutor's Office and creating block watch programs.

Linda Kensinger, a Kent resident, spoke in support of having more activities and events throughout the Springwood Park and surrounding area. She has lived in her home for 26 years and has always enjoyed the park. Kensinger

suggested the police utilize all of the outside cameras she has at her home to investigate crimes.

Kiana Blouin, a Kent resident living in the Springwood Park area spoke regarding the recent spike in gun violence in the area and no longer goes to the park due to needles and drug paraphernalia throughout the park. Blouin has joined with community members to come up with ways to make the area a safe place to live. Blouin encouraged more communications from the police department to the community members.

Julie Murray, a Kent resident spoke regarding transients in the park and associated drug activities taking place in the areas where there are high bushes and trees. Murray requested the City clear out the bushes so there is no place for the transients to hide or for criminal activity to take place. Mayor Ralph indicated she will work with the Parks Department to get the area cleaned up.

Council President Boyce thanked the public for coming out to speak and indicated that our Council and police department want to do the right thing. Boyce expressed his appreciation for residents coming tonight to make the Council aware of the issues. Boyce indicated "we own it" and the Mayor will take charge and take action to make the residents of Kent safe.

Fincher expressed appreciation of tonight's speakers. Fincher provided examples of the City's work cleaning up homeless camps.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Boyce, Council President
SECONDER:	Les Thomas, Councilmember
AYES:	Troutner, Larimer, Boyce, Kaur, Higgins, Thomas, Fincher

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Council Workshop - Workshop Regular Meeting - Jun 18, 2019 5:00 PM
2. City Council Meeting - City Council Regular Meeting - Jun 18, 2019 7:00 PM

B. Payment of Bills

MOTION: Move to approve the payment of bills through May 31, 2019 and paid on May 31, 2019 and approve checks issued for payroll for May 16, 2019-May 31, 2019 and paid on June 5, 2019 and audited by the Operations Committee on June 18, 2019.

C. Professional Services Agreement with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for Services in Connection with the South 224th Street Project - Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. for expert environmental consulting services, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

D. Consultant Services Agreement for Transportation Master Plan Phase II with Fehr & Peers, Inc.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Consultant Services Agreement with Fehr & Peers in an amount not to exceed \$365,000, to provide consultant services for the Transportation Master Plan Phase II, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

E. Consultant Services Agreement for the South 228th Street UPRR Grade Separation Bridge and Roadway Phase 5 Project with KBA, Inc - Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with KBA, Inc. for contract administration, contract management, quality control, and inspection in the amount of \$717,000. for the South 228th Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Bridge and Roadway project, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

F. Grant Agreement with Washington Department of Commerce for Park Improvements at Morrill Meadows Park – Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a grant award agreement with the Washington Department of Commerce, in the amount of \$970,000, for park improvements at Morrill Meadows Park adjacent to the East Hill YMCA, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the Parks Director and City Attorney.

G. King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant Agreement for West Fenwick Park - Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with King County in the amount of \$200,000, for the playground at West Fenwick Park, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the Parks Director and City Attorney.

H. New Connections of South King County Lease Agreement - Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Lease Agreement with New Connections for the City-owned building located at 422 West Titus Street, subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the Parks Director and City Attorney.

I. Interlocal Agreement with King County Flood Control District for Lower Russell Road Levee - Authorize

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the King County Flood Control District for ownership, construction, operation and maintenance of the Lower Russell Levee Project, and authorize the Mayor to take all actions and sign all documents contemplated by the Interlocal Agreement in support of the Project, all subject to final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

J. Medic One/Emergency Medical Services Levy Resolution - Adopt

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 1985, repealing Resolution No. 1983 that was adopted on June 4, 2019, and providing for the City of Kent's approval of a ballot proposition to provide stable and long-term funding for the countywide Medic One/Emergency Medical Services system that specifies an initial levy rate of 26.5 cents per one thousand dollars assessed value.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. BIDS

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ralph adjourned the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Kimberley A. Komoto

City Clerk