Unauthorized Items

1. Donation from the American Legion Portage Post #496 (Draft #14-85)
   As a result of the new Kent Parks and Recreation Bingo Program operated by the American Legion Portage Post #496, the American Legion is donating last month’s proceeds ($1,260.38) raised from the bingo games to Kent Parks and Recreation.

   Administration Recommendation
   I recommend Council accept the donation.

   Council Action
   Authorize acceptance of the donation.

2. New Police Facility Land Acquisition (Draft #14-80)
   Council is asked to approve a land purchase agreement for property at 206 College Avenue in the amount of $209,000 that is required for the construction of the new Police Facility at the end of College Street. The Agreement includes a leaseback option for the landlord to honor their existing lease through the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

   Administration Recommendation
   The land purchase meets the criteria established by Council and I recommend Council authorize the execution of the property purchase and leaseback agreement.

   Council Action
   Authorize the land purchase agreement for the acquisition of 206 College Avenue and approve the leaseback option.

3. New Police Facility Land Acquisition (Draft #14-81)
   Council is asked to approve a land purchase agreement for property at 210 College Avenue in the amount of $220,000 that is required for the construction of the new Police Facility at the end of College Street. The Agreement includes a leaseback option for the landlord to honor their existing lease through the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

   Administration Recommendation
   The land purchase meets the criteria established by Council and I recommend Council authorize the execution of the property purchase and leaseback agreement.

   Council Action
   Authorize the land purchase agreement for the acquisition of 210 College Avenue and approve the leaseback option.
4. New Police Facility Land Acquisition (Draft #14-83)

Council is asked to approve a land purchase agreement for property at 218 College Avenue in the amount of $150,000 that is required for the construction of the new Police Facility at the end of College Street. The Agreement includes a leaseback option for the landlord to honor their existing lease through the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

**Administration Recommendation**
The land purchase meets the criteria established by Council and I recommend Council authorize the execution of the property purchase and leaseback agreement.

**Council Action**
*Authorize the land purchase agreement for the acquisition of 218 College Avenue and approve the leaseback option.*

5. New Police Facility Land Acquisition (Draft #14-84)

Council is asked to approve a land purchase agreement for property at 12 Tonkin Court in the amount of $132,000 that is required for the construction of the new Police Facility at the end of College Street. The Agreement includes a leaseback option for the landlord to honor their existing lease through the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

**Administration Recommendation**
The land purchase meets the criteria established by Council and I recommend Council authorize the execution of the property purchase and leaseback agreement.

**Council Action**
*Authorize the land purchase agreement for the acquisition of 12 Tonkin Court and approve the leaseback option.*

**Information Items**

1. City Fire Insurance Rating Upgraded

Chief Tosko forwarded correspondence to me from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) indicating that as a result of the recent public protection re-evaluation of Kent, our community insurance rating has been upgraded from level 5 to a 2 (lower the number the better out of 1-10). This is excellent news as it confirms that our Fire Services rate out as one of the best in the nation and most insurers use the classification for calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties – so this improved rating should give our residents greater peace of mind and save them money on their insurance bill. (attachment)

2. ICMA National Community Partnership Excellence Award

I am pleased to report that the City and Kent State University have been selected by the International City Manager’s Association (ICMA) to receive the 2014 Community Partnership Excellence Award. This award recognizes what ICMA considers to be the best example in the nation of a true community partnership. I know that we’re so busy in the daily grind that sometimes it’s easy to lose sight of the significance of the level of partnership and success that we’ve achieved in Kent but these awards are a great reminder that Kent has become an example that communities all over the country admire and emulate. I hope you share in the sense of pride that comes with our emerging national reputation. (attachment)