Community Development Committee

1. City & Pizzuti Builder's LLC, Land Development Agreement (LDA)

The staff for the City and the Pizzuti Company have negotiated a Land Development Agreement that outlines the prospective terms for the hotel conference center in downtown Kent. Much like the City & Fairmount LDA for the mixed use portion of the project, this agreement defines the terms related to the public and private investment planned to be part of the hotel and conference center. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation
The terms of this LDA essentially mirror the terms agreed to in the Fairmount LDA and there are no new commitments being assigned to the City that have not previously been agreed to by Council, so I recommend Council's support.

Council Action
Authorize the staff to execute the LDA with Pizzuti Builders LLC.

2. Annual EDA Revolving Loan Fund Certification

Each year the City is required to submit a semi-annual report of the activities performed with the revolving loan fund that were capitalized with EDA funds. City Council is being asked to pass a resolution certifying the current report. (attachment)

Administrative Recommendation
The City has effectively used EDA revolving loan funds to retain and attract new business investment in Kent. Council certification of the City's Loan Fund Plan is a semi-annual procedure that is required by the Ohio EDA to maintain eligibility and I would urge Council's adoption.

Council Action
Approve and certify the EDA Revolving Loan Fund report for FY 2010.

Health and Safety Committee

3. Parking Action Committee Recommendations

Dan Smith, Bill Lillich and Jim Bowling have been working with the Parking Action Committee (PAC) to review 2 requests that came in from citizens concerned about the current parking restrictions in downtown Kent. At their October meeting the PAC recommended Council's consideration to change the designation of S. Depeyster Street and to allow overnight parking to holders of “A” parking permits.

Administrative Recommendation
The PAC and the staff have recommended these changes and I would encourage Council's support.

Council Action
Authorize the proposed amendments to the Parking Ordinance as presented.
Finance Committee

4. 2010 Appropriation Amendment

Dave Coffee has been working with the Department Heads to propose changes to the 2010 Appropriation Amendment that are necessary for various City budget line items. Dave is asking for Council’s approval to authorize two intra-fund transfers (from Personnel to Professional Services) and one undesignated fund transfer ($90,000) as amendments to the 2010 Appropriation Ordinance. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation
Two of the requests are transfers from our Personnel lines to NonPersonnel ($44,500) with no net impact on the budget. The third increases the budget by transferring funds from the undesignated fund balance ($90,000) which are necessary for the downtown development project and I recommend Council’s support.

Council Action
Authorize the proposed Amendment to the 2010 Appropriations Ordinance.

5. Proposed 2011 City Operating Budget

The staff and I will present City Council with the proposed 2011 recommended budget for Council’s consideration. You should have received your budget package on Tuesday, October 26 so there is no attachment to this Communication.

Administrative Recommendation
I would recommend Council’s approval of the budget so that we can ensure continuity of City operations in January when our 2010 budget expires.

Council Action
Review, modify and approve the proposed budget for 2011.

Information Items

1. Health Department Statistics
John Ferlito has provided copies of the health department statistical report for September 2010. (attachment)

2. Traffic Engineering & Safety Meeting Report
Bill Lillich has provided a copy of the Traffic Meeting Report from September 28, 2010. The meeting agenda included six items for discussion: 1) pedestrian issues along Main Haymaker and Park Avenue; 2) stop sign request for Woodhill and Fairview; 3) pedestrian safety at E. Main Street crosswalks; 4) downtown parking; 5) Crain and Water signal discussion; and 6) Fairchild Bridge lane closures. (attachment)

3. Planning Commission Agenda
Gary Locke has included a copy of the Planning Commission Agenda for November 2, 2010 at 7 pm. There are three items on the agenda: 1) Self Storage Units, 1000 Mogadore Road, site plan review; 2) Acorn Alley Phase II, conceptual plan review; and 3) Kent Planning Commission, Ordinance amendment proposal for U District use restrictions. (attachment)

4. NOPEC Gas Price Update
Gene Roberts has provided an update from NOPEC listing natural gas purchase prices negotiated for 2011. The prices are the lowest in the last 9 years. (attachment)

5. Kent – Stow Bike Planning Grant Request
Jim Bowling has provided a copy of a joint letter to AMATS, under his signature and the City of Stow Assistant Planning Director, requesting consideration of a Connecting Communities Planning Grant to better link the Kent and Stow bike networks. (attachment)