ORDINANCE NO. 3923

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending section 2.01.020 of the Kent City Code to identify two Council meetings where the Kent City Council will meet at an earlier 5:00 p.m. meeting time, and establishing and affirming a regular Council workshop schedule to occur at 5:30 p.m. on all regular Council meeting days, except when a regular Council meeting occurs at 5:00 p.m.

RECIDALS

A. Section 2.01.020 of the Kent City Code codifies the regular meeting dates and times of the full Council. Each year, by separate motion, the Council moves its meeting time to 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of August so that the Council may participate in the annual National Night Out event, and the Council often reschedules its regular meeting on the first Tuesday of November for Election Day purposes. The Council has determined that it would be more efficient to amend the code to permanently move the regular meetings occurring on the first Tuesday in August and the first Tuesday in November to 5:00 p.m.

B. The Council also has met and will continue to meet on most regular meeting days for Council workshops, and it is appropriate to clarify...
that these workshops also constitute regular council meetings of the Kent City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. - Amendment. Section 2.01.020 of the Kent City Code, entitled “City Council Meetings,” is amended as follows:

Sec. 2.01.020. City Council Meetings.
A. Meeting location. The regular and other meetings of the City Council shall be held in the Council Chambers at the City Hall unless otherwise designated by majority of the City Council at a regular or special meeting.

B. Regular meeting date and time. The regular meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except that during the month of December of each year, there shall be only one (1) regular Council meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of said month. If a regular meeting occurs on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next business day at the same hour. Regular meetings shall convene at 7:00 p.m., except that the regular meeting scheduled for the first Tuesday in August and the first Tuesday in November shall be held at 5:00 p.m.

C. Special meetings. Special meetings shall be held as provided by law at such times as may be designated. Regular meetings shall convene at 7:00 p.m. If any such day of a regular meeting is a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next business day at the same hour.

D. Council workshops. Council will hold workshops to discuss pending local and regional issues at 5:30 p.m. on each regular Council meeting
day, except when a regular or special Council meeting occurs at or before 5:30 p.m. Although typically no final action is expected to occur at these workshops, they do constitute regular Council meetings and are subject to all the rights and limitations available to Council at any regular meeting.

**SECTION 2. - Severability.** If any one or more section, subsections, or sentences of this ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. - Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its publication as provided by law.

Suzette Cooke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Jacobo, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY
APPROVED:  7th day of July, 2009.
PUBLISHED:  11th day of July, 2009.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 392-3 passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK