

Dennis Murray called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Naomi Twine, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine & Dave Waddington.

City staff present: Mario D’Amico – Interim Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Planning Director, Brad Link – Public Service Director, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT, Justin Harris – Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 22 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked about the 2016 sidewalk repair change order (Item #5) and for an explanation of the changes. The Building Inspector has said the Camp Street property listed for a new liquor permit (Item M) has been condemned and she is not sure how the city can give a liquor permit for a building which is being condemned. Sharon Johnson said she is not for lifting the moratorium on medical marijuana as this is another step toward legalizing marijuana for the State of Ohio. It is poor to call this economic development.

PROCLAMATION

Dennis Murray read a **Proclamation honoring Tony Bonner** for his years of service to the Sandusky Fire Department and the greater community.

PRESENTATION

Rick Hogrefe thanked the commissioners and said he is thankful for the opportunity to return to this community. When going to college, he could not wait to leave the area and many others shared this feeling, but has since traveled around the world and kept thinking about the beautiful place he came from and how nice the people are here. As a scientist and developer, he built a bio-tech company which was sold and now wants to do something good here with the proceeds. He and his wife have been embraced by the city’s team and wants to help Sandusky move forward. Rick and Meghan are providing a \$50,000 donation to help a city that is special to them and help make it what it used to be. Dennis Murray said he understands this money comes with no strings attached except to be applied toward the Jackson Street Pier.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50,000 from Rick & Meghan Hogrefe to be utilized toward the Jackson Street Pier. The President declared the motion passed.

Roz Shepherd with Sandusky City Schools Great Lakes Visual & Performing Arts Academy (GLVPAA), said she has been teaching for twenty years and is blessed to be able to teach art at the elementary and middle school levels and has worked hard putting this program together which is vital for our kids. The city values art and culture and hopes this is the beginning of something great for the kids and for those in the district. The Academy starts in the 9th Grade and goes through Grade 12 and there is nothing like it in our area offering visual art, instrumental, vocal, dance and theatre. Any student can take classes, but to be part of the Academy, they must audition and there are now 39 students participating from all walks of life. During its first two years, the Academy provided over 25 art related workshops, seminars, field trips, conferences and master classes. Nine performances have been held showcasing events for students and six new arts courses are now offered at the High School. Opportunities are also offered for elementary and middle school student involvement. July events include a summer arts seminar, first Friday Arts events and a fundraiser called the Festival of Wreaths. There are many

opportunities for students to take with 25 courses in visual arts and many field trips offered to experience different arts programs around Ohio. Peter Sklar, a national talent scout, provided a seminar for students and offered career exploration for students. Students who study art are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and three times more likely to be awarded for school attendance. Education programs are mandatory in countries that rank consistently among the highest for math and science test scores like Japan, Hungary and the Netherlands. Dave Waddington told Roz Shepherd he loves her passion. Naomi Twine said she appreciates everything Roz Shepherd is doing and knows her heart is in this for the students and appreciates the creativity in bringing programs for them. Nikki Lloyd said she happened to be in an interview this morning with the mother of two students who relocated here a few years ago and said the schools have made all the difference in the world for them and specifically mentioned the GLVPAA. Dennis Murray said it is important for SCS to be highlighting the good work occurring in the SCS system and why they are so special. We have things to offer students which no other school in the area has and likes the way Roz proudly distinguishes the SCS and what they offer as this is important, long-term, to the quality of life in Sandusky. Wes Poole said he looks forward to the first Tony Award winner.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The President asked if anyone wished to remove any of the Consent Agenda Items and at the request of Dick Brady, the Item pertaining to issuance of a new liquor permit (Item M) was removed from the Consent Agenda.

A. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager

PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENTS FOR 219 ARTHUR STREET THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with these purchase agreements is the total amount of title examination, lot split, transfer fees, survey and deed preparation. Any such costs shall be recouped by the city from the nonrefundable earnest money deposits required to be paid by the purchasers upon sale. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting real property taxes in the amount of approximately \$144.62 per year.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-102: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #57-03698.000 located at 219 Arthur Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of purchase and sale agreements with respect to that real property and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

B. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager

PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT FOR 1426 LINDSLEY STREET THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with these purchase agreements is the total amount of the lot split, transfer fees, survey and deed preparation. Any such costs shall be recouped by the city from the nonrefundable earnest money deposits required to be paid by purchasers upon sale. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting real property taxes in the amount of approximately \$310.28 per year.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-103: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #57-05363.000 located at 1426 Lindsley Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of purchase and sale agreements with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

C. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**ACCEPTING SIX PARCELS THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost of these acquisitions will be approximately \$606 to pay for the title exams and transfer fees. The city will not collect the \$6,312.96 owed to the city in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the \$20,341.69 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all or part of these costs may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the parcels. As the properties are put back into tax producing status, the taxing districts will once again begin collecting real estate taxes of approximately \$6,594.86 per year.

RESOLUTION NO. 030-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the land reutilization program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

D. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 HUNTINGTON AVENUE IN LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this request for proposals is \$96 for title report and transfer fees, plus the total amount of administrative staff time utilized and fees for the required newspaper publications. It is anticipated that these expenses will be recouped upon sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-104: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property acquired through the city's land reutilization program and owned by the city identified as Parcel #57-04034.000 located at 1313 Huntington Avenue, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to proceed with a Request for Proposals process for the sale of property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

E. Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**REPEAL OF RESOLUTION & REBID OF SLOANE STREET MANHOLE REPLACEMENT & SLIP LINING PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The revised estimate of cost for the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$208,115.60 and will be paid with sewer funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed repealing Resolution #023-17R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed Sloane Street manhole replacement and slip lining project; approving the revised specifications and engineers estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

F. Submitted by Mario D'Amico, Interim Fire Chief**PURCHASE OF CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM**

Budgetary Information: The total amount for the Lucas 3.0 chest compression system purchase is \$14,631.60 through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing program State of Ohio, Schedule Contract #800252. A donation to purchase the Lucas 3.0 chest compression system was received from the Sam S. Stein & Rose Stein Foundation in the amount of \$15,000. The funds for this purchase will be paid out of the Fire Department's donation account.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-105: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one Lucas 3.0 chest compression system from Physio Control, Inc. of Redmond, Washington, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

G. Submitted by Angela Byington, Planning Director**ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH ERIE COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

Budgetary Information: STS will receive passenger trip fares, as established in the Request for Proposals from Erie County Job & Family Services for the length of the proposed contract. The revenue from this agreement will be used as matching grant funds for the Ohio Department of Transportation program grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-106: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a transportation services contract addendum between the City of Sandusky and the Board of County Commissioners of Erie County; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

H. Submitted by Jeffrey Keefe, Project Engineer**CONSENT TO SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE FOR 1907 CEDAR POINT ROAD**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

RESOLUTION NO. 032-17R: It is requested a resolution be adopted pursuant to Section 1506.11 of the Ohio Revised Code finding and determining that based upon the representations and application filed by Thomas L. Woods for property located at 1907 Cedar Point Road, the use and development of the territory so described, a submerged lands lease may be entered into by the State's Director of Natural Resources; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

I. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DRAINAGE ON VENICE PARK**

Budgetary Information: The city will record all of these documents which would be paid through the sewer fund for under \$200.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-107: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to grant a perpetual easement to Pinewood Condominium Building 5 Homeowners Association.

J. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR STORM SEWER ON PINEWOOD CONDOMINIUM BUILDING #2**

Budgetary Information: The city will record all of these documents which would be paid through the sewer fund for under \$200.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-108: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a perpetual easement agreement for a storm sewer main between the City of Sandusky and Pinewood Condominium Building #2; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

K. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR STORM SEWER ON PINEWOOD CONDOMINIUM BUILDING #4**

Budgetary Information: The city will record all of these documents which would be paid through the sewer fund for under \$200.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-109: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a perpetual easement agreement for a storm sewer main between the City of Sandusky and Pinewood Condominium Building #4; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

L. Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**CHANGE ORDER #2 & FINAL FOR FIFTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: Change Order #2 will revise the contract amount to \$280,455.60. The city applied for and was awarded Ohio Public Works funds in the amount not to exceed \$175,000 for the Fifth Street reconstruction project. The city's portion of the project will be paid with capital funds (Issue 8) in the amount of \$136,778.78. The Ohio Public Works Commission program will pay \$143,676.82 of the project costs.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-110: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the second and final change order for work performed by Precision Paving, Inc., of Milan, Ohio, for the Fifth Street reconstruction project in the amount of \$6,783.72; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances and/or resolutions as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances and/or resolutions, whether it be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in accordance with the City Charter.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM M (removed from Consent Agenda) - Submitted by Justin Harris, Law Director REQUEST HEARING WITH OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL REGARDING NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR 1819 CAMP STREET

It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does request a hearing regarding the request for a new C1 (*beer only in original sealed container for carryout only*) and C2 (*wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out*) liquor permits for Dev's Carryout & Delivery LLC, 1819 Camp Street, Unit #2.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city requests a hearing regarding this matter.

Discussion: Justin Harris said normally these items are on the Consent Agenda and hearings are not requested after receiving information from the Police, Fire, Law, Planning and Building Departments about the location and the granting of permits. The Ohio Division of Liquor Control does not have an ear to the ground at every local municipality and asks for input. In this instance, our Building Official provided a report about this specific property as it is unfit and uninhabitable and for this reason, we would like to notify the Division about the city's stance on the location; they will then make their own judgment based upon city input. Wes Poole said we have never received a report from the Building Department and for as long as he can recall, the city's response deals with whether zoning is appropriate, if there are problems identified by the Police Department, and likewise from the Fire Department. The Division of Liquor Control performs its own inspections and has issue with putting this particular location under a microscope. If there is a problem with the building, it should have been taken care of by the Building Department before now; this has little to do with whether beer or wine can be sold. If the city's Building Official chooses not to give an occupancy permit, that is fine, but to use this as a means of getting to this building is an issue for him. We have given truckloads of money to businesses all over the community to bring buildings up to standard and this store, if open, would allow a place for people in this neighborhood to get needed items without having to walk all the way to Kroger. Not getting a permit to sell beer cancels any ability for the owners to make any money to make improvements necessary to bring the building up to code. The Building Inspector indicated the area where the groceries would be sold is capable of being brought up to code. The issues with the rest of the building have nothing to do with the liquor permit and if they did, the Board should decide this. Wes Poole objects to the city using this method to cancel out a business as it has not been done anywhere else in town. Dennis Murray noted George Poulos indicated the grocery store is still not up to code and is forty to forty-five percent beyond its useful life and does not share the same characterization in this report. Justin Harris said this may be unchartered territory, but this is the first time a liquor permit has been submitted for use in a building which

is forty to forty-five percent beyond its useful life and also condemned. From a more practical standpoint, the city could turn a blind eye and indicate the building should be condemned and wait for the Division of Liquor Control to condemn it, but believes this would be a disservice to our citizens. We are notifying the Division what the city plans to do irrespective of their decision and a request for a hearing does not automatically doom the applicant for receiving a liquor permit. This will hold the building owners' feet to the fire to bring the building up to standards instead of appealing, filing lawsuits and dragging this out and would be a shorter process by requesting a hearing. If the owner truly wants to open a business and utilize a liquor permit, they will bring the building up to standard by the time the hearing is scheduled.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 5. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 2. The President declared the motion passed.

ORDERED IN MAY 8, 2017

ITEM #1 – FIRST READING

AMENDING GENERAL OFFENSES CODE REGARDING FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT, UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND DRONES

REMOVED FROM AGENDA AT COMMISSION MEETING

Dennis Murray said he understands there are some concerns about this legislation as written and the State of Ohio is also looking at passing drone legislation although not as broad; it merely addresses drones in proximity to airports. Some regulation is necessary so people do not get hit by drones on roller coasters or so they do not veer into our homes at night, but perhaps this issue needs to percolate a bit first and removed it from the Agenda as there was no objection to doing so.

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner

PARTIAL REPEAL OF MORATORIUM REGARDING CULTIVATION, PROCESSING & DISPENSARIES OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Budgetary Information: There is no impact to the general fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed amending Resolution #038-16R passed on August 22, 2016, to lift the temporary moratorium on medical marijuana cultivation and processing but retain the temporary moratorium for retail dispensary facilities; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Greg Lockhart and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to amend this legislation to be a complete repeal (not partial) of the temporary moratorium on medical marijuana cultivation and processing.

Discussion: Wes Poole said he agrees there is no reason to do a partial repeal and supports a full repeal. The existing law indicates we have full control over how many facilities, if any, open in our community and adding workload for staff to come up with additional regulations is unnecessary. Dave Waddington said we have all had loved ones suffering and this is not about going down the street and buying a marijuana cigarette, it will be in pill form. This is another tool to provide relief to someone who is suffering and is the reason he has changed his thinking about this item. Naomi Twine said she supports the amendment and has done a lot of thinking about it. When voting to put on a moratorium, Naomi Twine said her line of thinking was this was more about recreational marijuana but after being educated, stated this is about medical marijuana for people with different health issues. This is still exploratory, but we owe people with health issues the opportunity to seek medical relief. Nikki Lloyd said after being in the health industry

for over twenty years, it is hard to understand why we would cultivate and process but not dispense and it makes sense to support this amendment. Greg Lockhart said he does not look at this as a business deal; data shows having medicinal marijuana reduces the number of opiate deaths in each state in which it has been approved. If something can be done about the opiate epidemic to reduce the number of occurrences of death by allowing physicians the ability to prescribe medicinal marijuana rather than addictive narcotics, he supports this through regulation in our community. Dennis Murray said he supports the amendment because a moratorium was put into place to allow time to see how the state was going to implement this process; the State came to the conclusion medical marijuana is legal. It is true for many people of a certain age marijuana is simply bad although we do not see acetaminophen or aspirin as being bad and this is an efficacious painkiller for some people who use it and as a community, we need to move beyond stigmatizing it. He would not support the recreational use of marijuana. This will be controlled by the state and with their limitations on it, this would be fine. Staff took the appropriate steps to make this change to our zoning laws and came to the commission with this recommendation in order to be able to accommodate a potential cultivation facility and it is appropriate to look at authorizing dispensation as well. Dick Brady said it took a little bit more to convince him on this issue, but is resolved to the fact this is not a gateway drug to harder drugs and would not deny a major pharmaceutical company from coming into the city to build a plant any more than he would vote against a medical marijuana cultivation or processing plant. This would create jobs and help sick people and is reason enough to give support.

Roll call on the motion to amend: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion to amend passed.

Roll call on the motion to pass the resolution, as amended: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #3 - Submitted by Jeffrey Keefe, Project Engineer

PERMISSION TO BID 2017 VENICE HEIGHTS BLVD. RECONSTRUCTION

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$750,000 with \$75,000 from sewer funds and \$675,000 shall be paid with Issue 8 infrastructure funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 034-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Venice Heights Boulevard reconstruction project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this will be for the complete reconstruction of Venice Heights Boulevard in front of the school. All of the concrete will be torn out and replaced with asphalt, curb and gutter similar to the Caldwell Street project. The far west end of the project will be for concrete repair and replacement and patching as this area is not as bad. We will also be installing a parallel culvert on the west end to take some of the flooding from the Venice Park property and on the Pinewood Estates property and is what the three easement agreements are for in the Consent Agenda (Items I, J & K). We will be implementing a pulverization project so rather than pulling out all of the concrete, hauling in stone and compacting and placing it, we will be pulverizing the concrete in place to save money on its hauling. This will then become the new

environmentally-friendly road base and it is estimated this process will save us \$50,000 to \$150,000. This project will be completed in 2017 and was bid early so as not to interfere with the school schedule, but the easement agreements took a little longer than expected. We will make accommodations for the school, as necessary. Dennis Murray said this was a long time coming and thanked all of the affected residents for their patience and for the thoughtful way they engaged the city during this process.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #4 - Submitted by Jeffrey Keefe, Project Engineer

COLUMBUS AVENUE UNDERPASS REPAIR PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including engineering (completed - \$5,875), inspection (to be done by city staff) and advertising (Sandusky Register - \$149.60) is \$84,500. The construction cost of \$77,650 will be paid with capital funds (Issue 8).

ORDINANCE NO. 17-111: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Schirmer Construction, LLC, of North Olmsted, Ohio, for the Columbus Avenue underpass repairs project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this underpass was originally completed in 1999 and we have made little to no improvements of significance since. This will allow for surface and sidewalk repairs and pressure washing along with crack sealing in the concrete. The steel rail structure is rusting but we are not permitted to repair it unless we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to do appropriate painting of the structure according to the railroad. This project will address the city's maintenance responsibilities and will ensure the water pushing through does not cause further deterioration. When completed, the walls will be the existing off-white color. Wes Poole asked if there will be annual maintenance on the underpass going forward or if it would be cost effective to let it go and fix it in another fifteen years. Aaron Klein said it would rarely be cheaper to let something like this go and make repairs after that length of time. A maintenance plan has been developed for the Hayes Avenue, Columbus Avenue and Camp Street underpass areas on an annual basis going forward.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL

Budgetary Information: The original contract with Smith Paving and Excavating, Inc. is for \$367,280.50. Change Order #1 and final increases the contract by \$104,608.27 to a total of \$471,888.77. The project will be paid with capital funds made available through Issue 8. It should be noted the cost of the change order is an increase of 28.5% from the original bid, but it is actually a two percent decrease from the original engineer's estimate of \$481,598 which is also less than the original allocation.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-112: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first and final change order for work performed by Smith Paving &

Excavating, Inc. of Norwalk, Ohio, for the 2016 sidewalk repair and replacement project in the amount of \$124,608.27; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said as the numbers were coming in, staff looked at how and why we should change our process. The biggest change is the increase in the concrete as there were addresses in the program for individual slabs throughout the city. There were only a couple of weeks spent putting this project together last year and we did not take surveys and or know the elevations so visual inspections were done in areas with heaving sidewalks and then put on the replacement list. When getting into construction, the contractor is required to meet ADA requirements so areas that were settling after sections were removed also needed to be done. With ponding water, there were places where the edge was higher than the grass and the contractor had to go back and remove other sections so the quantities of concrete escalated simply to meet ponding and ADA requirements. An additional 14,000 SF of concrete was added increasing the program by 3,500 linear feet. Additionally, seeding and fertilizing was assumed for the area projected, but when some of the trees were removed, the contractor had to dig up roots to account for all of the issues with raised sidewalks which might not have been assumed simply through a surface look. For this upcoming year, we are going to make sure to include all of the seeding, fertilizing and mulching so the contractor will not take more than what is needed. We also updated the specifications to account for these changes in next year's program. When getting into a specific neighborhood this year, there may have been four or five addresses to repair, but residents would come out and ask for other sections to be replaced and these individual slabs add up quickly. We were trying to be accommodating to the residents and make walkable paths, although some were missed. Even with this additional work, we still are hearing from people about replacing certain sections while not doing others and we will have to be more firm with people during the next contract. Lastly, Aaron Klein said there were close to 360 properties affected which was only three to four weeks' worth of work; the bulk of the timeframe was for the tree removal efforts and by the time all of the sidewalk sections were removed, the trees were still being addressed. The contractor, inspector and residents will all be talking more with each other on a regular basis to ensure the spreadsheet is updated. Dave Waddington said he is happy with how this worked out and said it was a safety issue with some of these areas and is glad this is being resolved. Wes Poole said he understands there were issues with the turnaround time, but is more interested in ensuring we are getting the most for our money going forward. It sounds like pieces of sidewalk were chosen in different locations and then others were added. Wes Poole asked if it is the plan to identify the extra properties initially so as to pour concrete in longer lengths on the front end in the future. Aaron Klein said it is more cost effective to do concrete all in one neighborhood, but the program currently is complaint driven and there is a backlog of three to four years of sidewalks to be replaced although this could be adjusted. The other factor is there are sidewalks needing replacement because of complaints about the ADA, especially in the downtown area. Wes Poole suggested we should be evaluating the process and whether it makes more sense to piecemeal in different areas or to do an entire neighborhood at one time. Greg Lockhart thanked Aaron Klein for looking out for the concerns of the ADA Advisory Board as he hears their concerns on a regular basis and sidewalks are a means for persons with disabilities to get around town. As far as the plan, we have a GIS system which is being integrated to allow the city to know these kinds of things and will be utilized in the future. Nikki Lloyd said it sounds like there is a good plan for next year and combining the complaints with longer sections of sidewalks might be an alternative. Nikki Lloyd said she has received a lot of compliments on the program and people are very happy with it and this has also come up in Coffee With Commissioner meetings. Dick Brady said we required costs per unit and there is not an issue with the cost, there is an issue with the quantities as they were understated this year. As painful as it is for a project to run over, the neighborhoods gained value and he is okay with this being done in our neighborhoods. The square footage was 25,704 in our bid document but we actually put in almost 40,000 SF of sidewalks. \$500,000 was initially set aside for this program

but the cost actually came in at \$471,000 which is under the original estimate and we got a lot of bang for the competitive dollar process. Dennis Murray thanked Aaron Klein and his staff for addressing citizen complaints and concerns about sidewalks.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM #6 - Submitted by Jeffrey Keefe, Project Engineer
WWTP DIGESTER BUILDING #1 ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Budgetary Information: The total cost for this project is \$42,607.37 for materials, removal of the old spray foam roof, delivery and installation, which would be paid from the sewer fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-113: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a new roof for the Waste Water Treatment Plant digester #1 building from Duro-Last Roofing, Inc., of Saginaw, Michigan; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said all three of the roof replacement projects (Items 6, 7 & 8) are similar to those completed earlier this year at the Waste Water Treatment Plant using the TIPS cooperative purchasing program. The spray foam roof from the past is in bad shape because of birds and seagulls building nests and damaging it and we will replace this with a 50 mil membrane liner which is more resistant to the bird vandalism.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer
WWTP DIGESTER BUILDING #2 ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Budgetary Information: The total cost for this project is \$47,709.89 for materials, removal of the old spray foam roof, delivery and installation, which would be paid from the sewer fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-114: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a new roof for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Digester #2 building from Duro-Last Roofing, Inc., of Saginaw, Michigan; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #8 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**WWTP DIGESTER BUILDING #3 ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Budgetary Information: The total cost for this project is \$51,633.91 for materials, removal of the old spray foam roof, delivery and installation which would be paid from the sewer fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-115: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a new roof for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Digester #3 building from Duro-Last Roofing, Inc., of Saginaw, Michigan; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #9 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**PURCHASE & APPLICATION OF CRACK AND SURFACE SEAL FOR 2017 ASPHALT SEAL PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost of this project is \$73,408.50 for materials and application, which would be paid for using infrastructure dollars made possible by the passage of Issue 8.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-116: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and application of crack and surface seal from Strawser Construction, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation cooperative purchasing program for the 2017 street asphalt sealing program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this project was bid last year but it was too late in the season and we did not receive any bids. This company is listed in the State Cooperative Purchasing program and we are able to hire them. This is not a complete resurfacing; there are five categories for our pavement condition analysis and the global preventative maintenance category will be addressed in this project and will allow delay of additional deterioration for three to five years. By applying the sealant on the pavement, about 8,500 linear feet can be completed or 25,000 SF of road improvements. Roadways to be completed are: Hayes Avenue between Taylor and North Depot Streets & Polk Street to West Osborne Street; Columbus Avenue between Farwell Street and 42nd Street; 44th Street to Cowdery Street; West Madison Street between Camp and Shelby Streets & Lawrence Street to Central Avenue; Poplar Street between Fulton and West Monroe Streets & Lawrence Street to Central Avenue; Fulton Street between West Monroe and Poplar Streets, Shelby Street between West Monroe and West Madison Streets, West Madison to West Jefferson Streets and West Adams to West Washington Streets; West Adams Street between Shelby to Camp Streets, Shelby to McDonough Streets & McDonough to Lawrence Streets; Huntington from Wamajo to Roosevelt Streets and from Lake Shore Drive to Wamajo Drive. Dennis Murray said it is more expensive to do these roads in this fashion to get more life out of them and is glad the city has these funds available.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #10 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LINCOLN STREET WATER & SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$176,998.47 and will be paid with water funds in the amount of \$126,430.37 and sewer funds in the amount of \$50,568.10.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-117: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ed Burdue & Company of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Lincoln Street water and sewer replacement project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #11 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PRECISION PAVING FOR LIONS PARK RETROFIT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the project based on bids (\$571,258.57), including engineering (completed - \$59,880), inspection (by city staff) and advertising (\$178.30) is \$631,316.87. The construction cost of \$571,258.57 is broken down by the following:

GLRI Grant	\$150,010.00
Sewer Funds	\$125,000.00
Street Resurfacing	\$56,000.00
Issue 8 Infrastructure	\$240,248.57

ORDINANCE NO. 17-118: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Paving, Inc., of Milan, Ohio, for the Lions Park retrofit project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said this has been a long time coming. Wes Poole said there was a question about the placement/location of the play equipment. Eric Wobser said the original plan for Phase II of the Master Plan process purposefully relocated the existing play set so it would be on the same side of the vehicular drive, the splash pad and other amenities which are attractive for children. This issue came up during the planning process as oftentimes children were running back and forth across the drive from one area to the other and is what led to the placement of this play equipment (which is separate from what is being introduced tonight). There is a toddler play set immediately to the northwest of the shelter which will provide a place for many children to play and the recommendation is to continue moving forward to place this near the splash pad which will be safer and easier to maintain. If there is a need for an additional playset in the future for older children near the shelter, this will be assessed and done as the budget allows. Dave Waddington said he also supports this location. Wes Poole asked if we have spoken to any mothers who will use this as he is only hearing decisions of several grown men. The original input given was different when this was discussed with the community. Naomi Twine said she appreciates this, but we should not forget about fathers. This is a great resolution for parents who are trying to watch their children so they do not have to run back and forth across the parking lot. Wes Poole said he was speaking more about users of the park. Eric Wobser said as the parent of a five- and three-year old child who often goes to Lions Park - as well as Brad Link who is a parent to two young daughters - not only do they take their own personal experiences as parents into account, but there have been public meetings at Lions Park as part of the Comprehensive Plan for the city. It does make sense to place the playset where kids do not have

to cross the driving area to minimize the potential for conflicts with children. This also came up during the Orlando Pace Park project. Moving forward, we intend to have public meetings at the beginning of the planning processes.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #12 - Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman

DISPOSAL OF 2000 FORD F-150 TRUCK & PURCHASE OF 2017 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Budgetary Information: The Sandusky Fire Department's EMS funds will be used to pay for this truck.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-119: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 2000 Ford F-150 truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet four-wheel drive Tahoe from Byers Auto of Grove City, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Street Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #13 - Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman

PURCHASE OF TWO FORD CAB & CHASSIS TRUCKS FOR STREET & HORTICULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS

Budgetary Information: Issue 8 capital funds will be used to pay for these trucks.

A. ORDINANCE NO. 17-120: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2017 Ford F550 Cab & Chassis truck from Valley Ford Truck of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Horticultural Services Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 17-121: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 2000 Dodge 3500 four-wheel drive dump truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2017 Ford F450 four-wheel drive cab and chassis truck with a snow plow and dump body from Walt Sweeney Ford of Cincinnati, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing program for the Street Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said the city is thankful for starting to upgrade some of the aging equipment and to slowly begin making these investments to get back to a more modern fleet to provide services on a day-to-day basis. Last year when the Auditor of State came in, one area noted was the age of our infrastructure from buildings to equipment and everything in between. We need to make these investments to reliably provide services and we do have the finances available to make the purchases.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #14 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Planning Director

AUTHORIZATION TO REBID THE AMTRAK DEPOT RENOVATION PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The engineer's cost estimate, including base bid and alternate is \$59,270. The total estimated cost, including advertisement and miscellaneous costs is \$59,570, of which approximately eighty percent will be reimbursed with Ohio Transit Preservation Partnership grant funds and the required local match of approximately twenty percent will be paid with local funds, which includes \$19,000 of grant monies from local foundations through Serving Our Seniors.

RESOLUTION NO. 035-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed repealing Resolution #024-17R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed Amtrak Depot renovation and modernization project; approving the revised specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Angela Byington said the city accepted bids in May for the construction portion of the Amtrak renovation project which exceeded the engineer's estimate by more than ten percent; these were rejected and the project will be rebid. Eighty percent of the project will be paid with OTPPP grant funds while the local match (20%) will be paid with grant funds from local foundations through Serving Our Seniors.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a \$20 donation from Tina Weidle and a \$100 donation from the Erie County Home Builders Association for the K9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$25 from Cheryl Hendrickson (in memory of Captain Tony Bonner who retired from the Sandusky Fire Department) for the Sandusky Fire Fighters Charity Fund. The President declared the motion passed.**

- The **Police Department has extended conditional job offers** to two candidates who are currently in the final phases of testing requirements. Once successfully completed, potential start dates of June 29 and June 30 are expected for these candidates.
- Starting June 12, the **Fire Department will be delivering lunches to Huron, Central, Farwell, Foxborough and Churchwell Parks for the summer playground program** which runs through August 4. Breakfast and lunch are provided by the CAC.
- There will be a **Public Hearing at the June 26 City Commission meeting regarding the 2018 Tax Budget** as required per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.30.
- The next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is June 23 at 7:45 a.m.
- The City received a letter from the Erie County Health Department informing us they will respond to all **standing water complaints by treating potentially problematic mosquito areas with larvicide**. Residents can call the Environmental Health Division at 419.626.5623 about this service.
- Congratulations to the following **new staff members: Michael Harris – Maintenance II in Water Distribution, Larry Koelsch & Jacob Lavey – Maintenance II in Sewer Maintenance and Jason Haynes & Brandon Dubbert – Assistant Plant Operators in the Waste Water Treatment Plant**. We still have a maintenance position available in the Street Department.
- Dennis Murray recently had the chance to welcome **Brigadier General Mark Toy, Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Great Lakes & Rivers Division and 25 others including numerous legislative staff members and State Representatives from the Ohio EPA and the Ohio ODNR** as they stopped in Sandusky to look at projects related to the ongoing Sandusky Bay Initiative.
- Annual **Consumer Confidence Reports** were mailed by Big Island Water Works and this information is on the city's website.
- The **Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office will be hosting a Building Doctor Clinic** on June 29 - 30. Caring for older buildings, including ways to recognize and solve problems, will be discussed at this seminar. The program will be at the Ohio Veterans Home, Education Training Center, Room A/B, 3416 Columbus Avenue. The city's Planning Department has more information about registering buildings or requesting onsite consultations.
- The Community Development Department is currently waiting for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide the **Community Development Block Grant budget for Program Year 2017**. Once the budget has been set, the CDBG Annual Action Plan will be brought to City Commission for final approval.
- The regular **Planning Commission meeting** will be held June 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room. There will be a **Public Hearing for amendment to the Zoning Code in regard to recreational vehicles during this meeting**.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is scheduled for June 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- There will be a **workshop for the Downtown Sandusky/East Bay vision** on June 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sandusky State Theatre.

- **Matt Lasko and Maria Muratori recently participated in *Between the Lines* with the Sandusky Register to discuss our housing and economic development programs** to rave reviews. Many citizens have reached out to thank them for doing this and for the information provided. Thus far in 2017, we have committed more than ninety percent of the \$300,000 allocated for Housing Development and Beautification grants. For substantial redevelopment, exterior repairs and landscaping, approximately \$170,000 has been committed for projects costing \$955,000 representing leverage of these funds 5.7 times for every dollar spent publicly. For the down payment assistance category, we have committed approximately \$100,000 in grant funds. The down payment assistance grants were utilized for the purchase of 40 homes in the City of Sandusky by people who intend to occupy them. Approximately one half of these homes were previously vacant and one half of the purchasers are relocating to Sandusky from outside the city. Additionally 90% of the successful down payment assistance applicants were first time homebuyers.
- Work has been completed at **Erie Blacktop Field at Amvets Park** and Eric Wobser thanked all of the sponsors and city employees for their hard work including Erie Blacktop. The concession stand has been painted and there is now an asphalt walkway to the ballfields.
- **Orlando Pace Park basketball court** has been installed and we will be removing the temporary driveway and adding bleachers, benches and a bike rack.
- The **Greenhouse will be planting milkweed plants** donated by Ontario School at Cholera Cemetery.
- **Jason Werling and Victoria Kurt from our Recreation Department recently were on *Between the Lines*** where Matt Westerhold reinforced the incredible amount of new programs the city is introducing this year. People are seeing this new energy and Jason Werling's position was added to the 2017 budget to supplement the work being done by Victoria Kurt. We are able to do a lot more for more people and they are noticing.
- Dave Waddington thanked **Eric Wobser for being responsive** and said the city has a lot of balls up in the air and if we catch eight or ten, he is thrilled because he was around when things were very different.

OLD BUSINESS

Greg Lockhart said a meeting was held recently for the **Hancock Street neighborhood** with about 28 residents attending to help get this area in order. There will be a follow-up meeting on June 22 at 5 p.m. at St. Stephens Church, 312 Neil Street.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to appoint Conor Whelan to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2018. Roll call on the motion: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. The President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding the purchase of real estate. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Greg Lockhart and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to look into the feasibility/cost of renovating the Washington Park Gazebo to make it ADA accessible.

Discussion: Greg Lockhart said this was discussed at the last ADA Board meeting and noted the members would also like to dedicate the improvements to Dr. Anthony Linz who started the ADA Advisory Board.

The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said with regard to the issuance of a liquor permit at 1819 Camp Street (Item M), the Building Official's memorandum noted the building was in bad shape by sixty percent. If this is going to be fixed up, it should be done prior to issuing the liquor permit. The donation made for the Jackson Street Pier is a bit premature as the city has stated the TIF will pay for the expenses to be made on the pier. There has not been design or construction yet and the developer should wait until after this has been completed because it takes on the perception he is buying into suggestions he (the developer) wants to make on the pier while other residents do not have the money to buy influence.

Catherine Carter, 5309 Columbus Avenue, congratulated the city about the success of Ohio Bike Week and has heard wonderful things about this event and how everything flowed. On a recent trip to the Shores and Islands offices, the Ohio Festivals brochure listed 76 festivals with only three in Erie County and none in Sandusky. RiverFest, Ohio Bike Week and Cruisin' By the Bay are not listed events, but they are important. In addition, many of the maps she picked up were outdated or missing information. Catherine Carter said she tried to go to Area 49 on the Ohio Birdwatching stop, but said signage states "Cedar Point", "Boat Ramp" and "Ohio Coastal Trail" with arrows, but nothing stating "Area 49". At McDonald's, there is a sign indicating "Boat/Canoe Launch" and "Ohio Coastal Trail", but the sign states "East Sandusky Bay Water Trail Location #1, Pipe Creek Pathway", "Big Island Canoe Launch" and "Big Island Preserve and Landing". Catherine Carter suggested giving this project to students at Sandusky High School so appropriate signage can be made and erected using only one name for this area. Dave Waddington said this is an Ohio Blueway Trail and many people find their way to this area. Dennis Murray said perhaps we do need more consistent naming and signage for this area.

At 7:07 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 7:12 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 7:23 p.m., the commission returned to open session and the President announced the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Commission Clerk

Dennis E. Murray, Jr.
President of the City Commission