

**The President called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Dave Waddington, and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**City staff present: Aaron Klein - Director of Public Works, John Orzech - Police Chief, Rick Wilcox – Fire Chief, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Planning, Don Rumbutis – IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Trevor Hayberger – Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked about damage done to the dock at the property leased by the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association (Item D). The grant for Lake Erie Shores & Islands is their second and said money should instead be provided for the Jackson Street Pier project. The change order for sidewalk work (Item #15) mentions the lineage affected and asked if the city is done with sidewalk replacement in Washington Park, or if additional sidewalks will be repaired. He asked if the money being provided to Buderer Drug Company is a loan or if it is a reimbursement grant (Item #6).

Jeff Rengel, 421 Jackson Street, said the alley being vacated has never been maintained by the city, has never it been open for municipal use and there is no ordinance confirming it as an alley (Item #2).

#### **PRESENTATION**

**New Fire Fighter Steven Haines was sworn in** who began working for the Sandusky Fire Department on August 10. Dennis Murray said he hopes Fire Fighter Haines has many years of service, said he is joining a great institution and wished him luck.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Naomi Twine presented a **Proclamation outlining the 2019 Drive Sober Crackdown campaign**. Dennis Murray said this campaign has made great progress in reducing the number of persons driving under the influence as have developments such as ride sharing apps, and said folks are taking this more seriously than their older relatives.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Dennis Murray announced the opening of a **Public Hearing regarding the proposed vacation of a 10' alley for three parcels along First and Second Streets.**

Greg Voltz, Planner, said this proposed alley vacation is for Parcels #57-03841.000, #57-03858.000 and 57-03857.000 located between First and Second Streets. The adjacent properties are both a mix of residential parcels and vacant land. The existing zoning is commercial recreation and the petitioners are requesting to vacate only a portion of the 10' alley. The existing use is as unimproved right-of-way and the applicant intends to use the vacated alley to construct a personal storage building. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this vacation to the City Commission.

**The President asked if there were any questions or comments regarding this vacation. There being none, the President declared the Public Hearing closed.**

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The President asked if any of the commissioners wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Nikki Lloyd requested Item F be removed and it is re-numerated as Regular Agenda Item #1 below.

**FIRST READING****A. Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director****THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE FOR PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost will be an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for each year. The cost will be distributed to the general fund (\$14,000), water fund (\$7,000) and sewer fund (\$7,000). The prior ordinance was passed by the City Commission on December 27, 2016 by Ordinance 16-222 that covered the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. There is no increase in the cost.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Office of the Auditor, Local Government Services Division; for the preparation of the December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports.

**B. Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director****PAYMENT TO SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT FEE**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for the annual support fee is \$29,874. Of this amount, \$14,937 will be paid by the general fund (\$7,468.50), by the water fund (\$7,468.50) and by the sewer fund (\$7,468.50).

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-127:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing payment to Software Solutions Incorporated of Lebanon, Ohio, for the annual software support fee for the period April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**C. Submitted by Nicole DeFreitas, STS Administrator****AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH ODOT FOR RURAL TRANSIT PROGRAM GRANT AND BUS & BUS FACILITIES GRANT FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

**Budgetary Information:** The 5311 rural transit program funds comprise approximately fifty percent of the Sandusky Transit System's budget and without this funding, the system would not be able to operate. The required local matching funds will be generated from multiple local sources; STS anticipates receiving \$90,000 in fare revenue, \$500,000 in contract revenue, \$50,000 in capital replacement fund revenue, \$65,000 from advertising, \$60,000 from fares paid by organizations, \$16,000 in Elderly & Disabled transit fare assistance program funds and \$260,000 in city general revenue funds. The 5339 Bus & Bus facilities grant will require \$20,500 of local match funding, all of which will be capital replacement fund revenue.

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 026-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Ohio Department of Transportation through the US Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration for the CY 2020 Bus & Bus Facilities program grant for the Sandusky Transit System; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 027-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the CY 2020 Rural Transit program grant for the Sandusky Transit System; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent****LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SANDUSKY BAY ROWING ASSOCIATION FOR BOAT LAUNCH AND SHELL STORAGE AREAS**

**Budgetary Information:** Sandusky Bay Rowing Association will pay the city \$1 per year as rental during the term of the lease.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-128:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city Manager to enter into a three year lease agreement with Sandusky Bay Rowing Association for a portion of Parcel No. 57-60001.000 located at the end of River Avenue and F Street for purposes of a boating launch and shell storage area; and declaring that ordinance shall take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**E. Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**BRIDGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CY2020 TO 2022**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact for the city.

**RESOLUTION NO. 028-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the preliminary legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the bridge inspection program services project for calendar years 2020 – 2022, PID No. 109334, authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the preliminary legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation for this project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**F. Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FOR ZUPPAMAN**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of D1 (beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.), D2 (wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.) and D3 (spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1 a.m.) liquor permits transfer from Benjamin Vito Pruitt dba Benny Vito's Grill & Bar to Benjamin V. Pruitt dba Zuppaman, 1186 Cleveland Road. It is requested the Clerk be authorized to notify the Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing.**

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd 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 full accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances and/or resolutions whether it be in full accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said some damage was done to the floating dock due to the water table being so high and waves which landed on it. The contractor was called to look at it and he (Aaron) will follow up to make sure this has been repaired.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd, Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the City Charter.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item #1 - Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**TREX LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FOR NOBLE AXES**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of D1 (beer only for on premises consumption or in sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.), D2 (wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.), D3 (spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1 a.m.), D3A (extended issued permit privileges until 2:30 a.m.) and D6 (sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and midnight) liquor permits transfer from CDG DT Columbus LLC dba Claddagh Irish Pubs, Columbus, Ohio, to Noble Axes LLC 121 East Market Street, Sandusky. It is requested the Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing.**

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing on this matter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, and Greg Lockhart, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The President declared the motion passed.

#### FIRST READING

**ITEM #2 - Submitted by Greg Voltz, Planner**

#### **PROPOSED VACATION OF 10' ALLEY**

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

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed vacating a portion of an alley located west of Wildman Street between Lots 400 – 403 on Second Street and Lots 404 – 407 on First Street, within the city, as set forth on the vacation plat, a copy of which is marked Exhibit A-2 and attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading and in full accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said he understands members of the Planning Commission recommended this alley vacation. Dick Brady noted there was a slight objection regarding a requirement for curb cuts and asked how significant of an issue this is, if we need to pay attention to it, and who would be disenfranchised by doing so. Angela Byington said this property around the city's right-of-way was recently rezoned. During the rezoning process, the Planning Commission asked staff to review a possible overlay district for First Street. As part of this process, and to be more pedestrian-friendly, one of the items which came up was the curb cuts. The Bike Path will be on the North side of First Street and this property sits on the South side. The owner wants to construct a storage building to access the property from the side or rear rather than onto First Street. We are asking the property owner to not place another curb cut on First Street. Dennis Murray said he understands where they would like the curb cut to be but asked if it impacts the decision as to whether or not to vacate the alley. Angela Byington said the applicant stated his concern is the trailer they use to access the property would not be conducive; the Planning Commission still has the opinion the curb cut should not be on First Street. This is not a commercial project, it is a personal storage project which would not need Planning Commission approval. Planning staff would make this recommendation and the Engineering Department would have to grant authorization for a curb cut; there is additional oversight needed for this project. Angela Byington said the recommendation is being made to make First Street more pedestrian-friendly and to slow down traffic. Wes Poole said unless someone had told him, he would not have known there is an alley here. It is all grass and he does not see any reason why the city should not allow for the vacation of this alley. There are many, many curb cuts along First Street and a single additional one for the use of this facility is not going to change the safety factor on the street. He asked if there is something which indicates a reason this individual should not be able to move forward with what he is trying to do. The Planning Commission did not give him reason to believe there is any foundation for suggesting this and another residential drive will not cause any problems whatsoever. Additionally, he heard the Bike Path will be on the opposite side of the street. The amount of concrete for Bimini Drive and Nantucket Drive at First Street hardly compares with individual driveways. These curb cuts are all over town and people are accustomed to walking past them and this needs some depth.

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

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist**

#### **GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CASE DEVELOPMENT FOR 409 WEST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing a total of \$37,500 in grant proceeds from the Community Development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis in the

amount of \$7,500 at a time when the receipt of Certificate of Occupancy for the completion of each of the first five units.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-129:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$37,500 through the housing development and beautification grant program to Case Development, LLC, in relation to the property located at 409 West Water Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Debi Eversole said the site at 409 West Water Street is roughly .45 acres and is bound by Shoreline Drive to the north, Decatur Street to the west and Water Street to the south. The site was once home to a building called Norman Hall where Frederick Douglass spoke to a crowd on March 16, 1864. Norman Hall eventually became offices for the Hinde and Dauch Paper Company and as the company expanded, it was demolished and replaced with a much larger building that later came to be known as the Keller Building. The Keller Building was demolished in 2015 after years of vacancy and deterioration leaving it an empty lot ever since. Case Development, LLC, a highly successful residential developer out of Cleveland purchased the vacant land in 2016 to ultimately construct a 13-unit housing development in two or three phases. After receiving approvals from the Planning Department and Planning Commission along with commitments for two of the five units in Phase I, the first phase is scheduled to begin in late summer, 2019. The view from Water Street will show two of the five-unit buildings. The start date for the western portion has yet to be determined. The north elevation from Shoreline Drive will show three single family carriage houses which will also be a future development with a start date yet to be determined. Phase I development will consist of a five-unit townhouse building on the eastern portion of the site along West Water Street. The total construction budget for the first phase including utility and site work is just over \$1.5 million. The building phase for the development includes access to a rooftop deck. The ground level includes a garage with a bonus room. The second story includes a living area, kitchen, bathroom and open area off of the kitchen which could be for entertaining or dining. The third story includes two bedrooms and two additional bathrooms. The rooftop deck area will be accessed from a third story through a covered stair top. The estimated budget breakdown includes \$1,043,051 in construction costs, \$333,226 for site development, \$54,024 in soft costs, \$47,408 in design and engineering, \$37,800 for permitting and licensing for a total submitted budget of \$1,512,509 for Phase I. If approved, this grant request in the amount of \$37,500 would bring a total estimated investment of \$1,475,009. Since the project is creating five new individually parceled properties and all are residential in nature, it is eligible for housing development and beautification grant dollars in the amount of \$7,500 per unit as a substantial redevelopment project costing in excess of \$50,000 per unit. In this case, the applicant is eligible for a grant of up to \$37,500 and at this time, we request permission to enter into a grant agreement with Case Development for this proposed funding at a time when receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the completion of each of the first five units.

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

**ITEM #4 – Submitted by John Storey, Economic Development Specialist**

**GRANT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE ERIE SHORES & ISLANDS FOR INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT AND SIGNAGE**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing a total of \$14,000 in grant proceeds from the economic development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-130**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$14,000 through the small business assistance and signage and façade grant programs to the Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau in relation to the property located at 125 East Water Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* John Storey said this is for the Biemiller Building located at 125 East Water Street. The mission statement of Lake Erie Shores & Islands (LESI) is to grow the region's tourism through collaborative promotion that increases visitor spending and makes the Lake Erie Shores and Islands an ideal place to play, live and work. This move is intended to provide the organization with prime leasehold space in the heart of downtown with Renaissance Too's mixed-use restoration project. LESI will be tenaning the first and second floor of the building to house their administrative offices and serve as an informational hub for visitors. LESI will lease approximately 4,900 SF and the \$14,000 grant request is broken down with \$10,000 through the small business grant and \$4,000 through the signage grant funding. The \$10,000 grant will allow for the purchase of interactive informational kiosks and charging tables for up to four phones or tablets. The \$4,000 will allow for installation of two exterior signs along Water Street and Shoreline Drive and multiple window vinyl signs at both entrances. The sign will be 20" x 17' and will be placed in an existing recessed panel with routed PVD board, raised letters and border. This is a \$25,000 project with 44.4% of owner equity, 15.9% through a signage grant and 39.7% from the small business assistance grant. The project was brought before the Economic Development Incentive Committee on April 10, 2018, and they approved a \$14,000 award although the project has been pending approval because of storm damage and approvals recently made by the Planning Commission and Landmark Commission respective to the signage. The project is slated to be completed by the end of 2019.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 5. Abstain: Dick Brady and Dennis Murray, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 5. Abstain: Dick Brady and Dennis Murray, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer  
DESIGNATION OF SLUM AND BLIGHT FOR 627 HANCOCK STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact with this legislation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-131**: It is requested an ordinance be passed designating Parcel No. 56-00954.000 located at 627 Hancock Street as a "blighted parcel" ("Spot Slum") as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1.08 for the purposes of blight elimination; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said it is good to see a blighted property on Hancock Street declared as such. Greg Lockhart said being able to demolish this property allows for future growth and expansion in an area where Buderer Drug can maintain their headquarters. It is outstanding when a business can stay in one area for over 100 years and he is excited to see us help them out.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The**

**President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer  
GRANT AGREEMENT TO BUDERER DRUG COMPANY, INC.**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for contributing \$150,000 toward the cost of the asbestos abatement and demolition. The funds are to be expensed from the EMS fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-132:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to Buderer Drug Company, Inc., in relation to the property located at 627 Hancock Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko said this is a legacy company which has been in Sandusky since the 1800's. They have been operating in their current facility since 1973 at Hancock and Monroe Streets. They also have facilities in Avon and Perrysburg, but Sandusky is their corporate headquarters. They historically have leased the space being proposed for demolition but the condition of the property is near deterioration. They would like to acquire this site for options rather than imminent plans to rebuild. In 2018, they negotiated the purchase of this property for just under \$60,000 and are undertaking a six figure renovation to their existing facility. The demolition and asbestos abatement of the former Fischer Drug Company at 627 Hancock Street is what is being proposed here and the cost of this is \$212,000. This property was next on the city's target list for industrial and commercial demolition and through this transaction, the city will contribute \$150,000 in grant funds. We will not have to provide additional funding and this will be disbursed only after the building has been taken down and the lot is graded and seeded. The slum and blight designation allows the city to potentially tap into the county, state and federal resources necessary. Dick Brady said this could be seen as a \$62,000 discount for the city on what would have been our entire burden, and we are also able to get rid of the blight.

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

**ITEM #7 – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM DELL MARKETING**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the project is \$26,451.69 and will be expensed as follows:

Water fund	\$1,298.04
Oakland Cemetery	649.02
Municipal Court (computerization fund)	\$10,384.32
Fire Department	\$5,599.05
Police Department	649.02
Sewer	2,596.08
Water Distribution	2,296.78
Law Department	324.51
IT Department	840.67
Mills Creek Golf Course	649.02
Sewer fund (admin. support)	582.59
Water fund (admin. support)	582.59

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-133:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 36 Dell workstations with peripherals, one laptop and one projector

from Dell Marketing L.P. of Round Rock, Texas, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program to be used by various departments; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

#### **FIRST READING**

**ITEM #8 – Submitted by Tom Horsman, Planner**

#### **NEORIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEMBERSHIP AND EZFARE MOBILE TICKETING APP FOR SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost for the annual membership to NEORide is \$1,000 and there is an annual fee of about \$1,000 as well to utilize the EZFare mobile ticketing application.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting the bylaws to NEORide Regional Council of Governments and approving membership into NEORide, an Ohio Council of Governments.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole said he supports this and asked if someone can speak to it so the public understands what we are doing. Tom Horsman said he has been helping the Transit Administrator with this project as a way to increase coordination with other transit agencies in Northern Ohio. NEORide was founded by transit agencies in Akron, Portage and Stark Counties as a way to increase coordination between the two for joint funding and grant writing. Since this time, they have expanded to ten members. In addition to the benefits mentioned, NEORide has been involved with the creation of a mobile ticketing app through Masabi. This allows people to purchase transit tickets on a mobile application the same way one can access an Uber or Lyft ride in multiple cities. By joining NEORide through this Resolution, the commission can enter into conversations with NEORide and Masabi and become part of the EZFARE ride app to make it easier for Sandusky residents to purchase fares. Three or four other cities are expected to join in addition to Sandusky. Wes Poole thanked Tom Horsman and Nicole DeFreitas for continuing to come up with new ways to improve our system and make it more effective.

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

**ITEM #9 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

#### **PERMISSION TO BID FERROUS CHLORIDE SYSTEM REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project including inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$503,600 and will be paid with sewer funds. This cost will be split with Erie County as per the current Sewer Services agreement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 029-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant ferrous chloride system rehabilitation project; approving the 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 full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dick Brady said we are sharing the cost of this with Erie County.

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

**ITEM #10 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**AUTHORIZATION TO BID CEDAR POINT CHAUSSEE WATER TOWER DEMOLITION**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated demolition cost is \$97,500; additional costs include advertising and miscellaneous expenses in the amount of \$500 for a total estimated cost of \$98,000 from water funds. Cost increases from the original estimate in 2018 are a result of inflation in this type of construction, the current market for scrap metal and availability of skilled workers who can perform this type of demolition work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 030-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Cedar Point Chaussee water tower demolition project; approving the 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dick Brady, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Greg Lockhart said he does not know how this item can be on the agenda when it was tabled previously and has not been removed. Trevor Hayberger said this legislation is different than the last one presented and the price is different. If passed today, the other one is a moot point. Wes Poole said he is troubled by the fact we go out of our way to circumvent the process. Legislation was presented and tabled for whatever reason, the price has changed and it is then brought back as completely different legislation; this may technically be legal, but it gives him pause, and he does not think we should operate this way. It would have been just as simple to remove the first item from the table, deal with it and present another clean piece of legislation going forward. It does not make him comfortable how this came about. The legislation now on the table is essentially the same thing for less money and is being brought to the table without any conversation. The attachment states a report will be brought back to the commission as to whether or not it should even be torn down. Simply changing the price and saying it is "new" troubles him although it may be legal. This is an unnecessary maneuver for something we will ultimately take down anyway. Aaron Klein said this is the water tower on the Cedar Point Chaussee which was taken out of service in 2012 and officially decommissioned in 2016 after the EPA approved it no longer being part of our distribution system. In 2018, the original request for demolition included a price from the contractor looking to do the work which well exceeded \$10,000. Since that time, the prices have gone up and we do not think we will be able to award the project with the original budget. In addition, asbestos removal is included in the demolition though slightly different from the previous one. We needed to increase the estimate to allow for all of these costs as per the Ohio Revised Code and a contract award cannot exceed ten percent of the estimate.

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

**ITEM #11 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer****CONTRACT WITH ERIE BLACKTOP, INC. FOR PIERCE STREET RECONSTRUCTION & RESURFACING PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including legal advertisement, recording fee and survey work is \$359,877.11 and will be paid with Issue 8 infrastructure funds from the capital projects fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-134:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Pierce Street reconstruction and resurfacing project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #12 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, Assistant City Engineer****OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR CAMP STREET RESURFACING & RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to submit the application. Notification of award would be in December, 2019. If awarded, the project would be constructed during the second half of 2020 since funds would not become available until July. If awarded, any matching funds required would be incorporated into the 2020 budget. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$416,463 and we are requesting a combination of loan and grant funds in the total amount of \$241,463 of which \$175,000 would be OPWC grant funds and \$66,463 would be a zero percent Ohio Public Works Commission loan. The city's total portion of the project (\$241,463) would be funded with capital projects funds (Issue 8). The application will be written to maximize the amount of points received, increasing the possibility of being awarded funding based on the combination of grant/loan money requested.

**RESOLUTION NO. 031-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (Aid to Local Government Improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Camp Street resurfacing and reconstruction project; and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this is to reconstruct Camp Street from Monroe to Washington Streets. This project was not included in the 2020 Capital Plan and when using OPWC monies, they like to fund arterial or main routes with high traffic volumes. In the past, we have looked for projects which we could split about 50/50 and \$175,000 will help maximize our points. If we do this and are fortunate enough to get funding, it will be available next July, but we will know later this year and will update our Capital Plan accordingly. The city applied for this project through the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the State of Ohio and the federal government. Wes Poole commended the Engineer and his staff who put a great deal of effort into identifying streets which need to be done and obtain funding through outside sources. He appreciates this and knows these types of projects are complicated and require a great deal of work.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi**

Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #13 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR 2019 CITY-WIDE RESURFACING PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to submit the application. Notification of award would be in December, 2019, giving sufficient time to allocate resurfacing dollars as part of the 2020 capital improvement planning process. To achieve maximum points, the cost of this project is estimated to be \$350,000 and we are requesting a 50/50 split. Therefore, the cost to the city would be \$175,000, coming from Issue 8, capital projects fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-19R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (Aid to Local Government Improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the city-wide resurfacing project; and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said contrary to what was stated in the last application, the Ohio Public Works Commission typically likes to see main collector roads sent to them for funding. We are doing something a little different which we have not tried in the past. We took the 46 worst segments of streets throughout the entire city to distribute the work throughout the city. We are very hopeful they will be able to provide us with funding. We looked at the funding splits and are doing everything we can to maximize our points to take care of these and if this works, we will try it again next year and the year thereafter.

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

**ITEM #14 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent**

**PURCHASE OF PUMP FROM XYLEM DEWATERING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE SEWER MAINTENANCE DIVISION**

**Budgetary Information:** The purchase of this piece of equipment and support materials shall not exceed \$50,627.18 and shall be paid with available sewer funds in the current 2019 operation and maintenance budget.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-135:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1960 6" Gorman Rupp pump, Mode 16A2, as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a Godwin CD150S critically silenced 6" dri-prime pump, trailer and accessories from Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc., of Painesville, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Sewer Maintenance Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg**

**Lockhart, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #15 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**CHANGE ORDER WITH SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE 2019 SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The original contract with Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., was for \$70,738. Change Order #1 and final increases the contract by \$8,783.46 to a total of \$79,521.46, or approximately 12.4%. The project will be paid with \$77,495.23 from capital projects funds made available through Issue 8 infrastructure funds and \$2,026.23 from the Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-136:** 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 2019 sidewalk repair and replacement project in the amount of \$8,783.46; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in full 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Greg Lockhart, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$50 from the Solowiej family in memory of William Emmett Stahl for Mills Creek Golf Course. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$50 from the Solowiej family in memory of Joan Sickman for the Police Department trust fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Dave Waddington to be used toward the maintenance of or planting for the area in Washington Park near the Martin Luther King, Jr. bust.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said this is in honor of Toni Morrison who recently died. Ms. Morrison was from Lorain, Ohio, and went on to be a very successful writer including the book "The Bluest Eye" which was given to him. She was a minority woman writer and this was her way to escape the world and get the 'blue eyes' she always desired because of the 'white' ideas at the time.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- **Eric Wobser welcomed Hannah Nedolast as the new Assistant Law Director.** Hannah is a graduate of Willard High School and a recent graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law. Hannah will be working in the Civil Division primarily, but will also assist in the Criminal Division.
- **Mason Dye has been given a conditional offer for a full-time position in the Police Department to replace Sgt. Snyder.** Once testing is finalized, he will be sworn in at the August 26 meeting.

- **Police Officers participated in many community events over the past several weeks** such as Touch a Truck, Walk a Mile, the Back to School Rally, cooking lunch for the Churchwell Park program, OHGo activities and other events.
- Eric Wobser congratulated **Tim Schoeppner on his retirement from the Sandusky Fire Department** effective August 2. Tim has 20 years of service and he has served our citizens well.
- During some of the very hot days, the **Fire Fighters, led by Fire Fighter Jeff Danevich, have set up “popup water parks”** throughout the city parks.
- The **city successfully sold its \$4.7 million temporary urban renewal bonds** on August 1. The interest cost was 2.37% and the bonds will mature on August 1, 2020.
- To enhance pedestrian safety, the **traffic pattern at the intersection of Hancock and Market Streets will transition to a four-way stop on August 13**. Signs have been posted to alert motorists of the reconfiguration.
- **Sherman Street between Pierce Street and Perkins Avenue is complete. Follett Street between Columbus Avenue and Wayne Street** is scheduled to start August 12 for three weeks in duration.
- As follow-up to the application for infrastructure damage assistance funding, city staff met with officials from the Erie County Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of Oak Harbor and Buffalo, New York, to review sites of **lake flooding around the city**. It is hoped to secure some relief from the costs associated with this flooding.
- Demolition work has been completed at the former **Wisteria Farms site on Campbell Street**. Final grading and seeding has also occurred. The city will be retaining ten percent of the contract amount, or \$9,000, to ensure substantial growth of the freshly planted seed. The city wishes to thank Garza Dirt Works for their quickness in completing the work and their responsiveness to questions from neighbors as the work was underway.
- The third **Walk Wayne/Hike Hancock event** is scheduled for August 14. The walk area includes Wayne and Hancock Streets between and including Monroe and Scott Streets. Both Sandusky City Schools, First Baptist Church and others are participating, along with several food vendors.
- The **Planning Commission meeting** is scheduled for August 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is scheduled for August 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- The **Landmark Commission meeting** is scheduled for August 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- **The Public Arts and Culture Commission meeting** is scheduled for August 14 at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers.
- Work has begun in **Huron Park to install the playground equipment** purchased at the end of 2018, through commission approval, from Play & Park Structures. City workers are clearing the area next to the splash pad and will begin setting footers and installing the equipment in the next several weeks. Following installation, concrete will be

poured around the new play space and then a shelter will be constructed and a poured-in-place type surface will be installed. The project should wrap up by early fall. The project is funded through Recreation capital funds, Mylander grant funds and a grant from Erie MetroParks. This will be the eighth neighborhood park rehabbed by the City of Sandusky since the passage of Issue 8.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington said the **Central Park cleanup this past Saturday** was successful and thanked kids from Hancock School who showed up to help.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**It is requested a Public Hearing be set for September 23 regarding the proposed rezoning of 2309 Columbus Avenue. The President declared the motion passed.**

Nikki Lloyd said she wanted to address the last commission meeting. This is not mean to spark debate, it is more about sharing thoughts and hopes to try to bring our community back together. She appreciated what the President was trying to accomplish at the end of the last meeting and said "Ask the City" is a great opportunity for residents to stay informed. Knowing we all lead busy lives and not everyone can manage to be here to ask important questions, it is important to give our residents the opportunity to ask any question at any time. This allows us to be more transparent and informative with our community since the more a community knows, the better we can work together. For example, streets have been a hot topic and she appreciates the street work being presented on tonight's Agenda. Understanding our finances is another thing and understanding dollars can only be spent in certain areas. Looking back ten years ago until now, we have a lot of catching up to do and the same can be said for our trees and sidewalks which are the property owners' responsibility. It is nice to have city assistance, but it should not be expected. As for the behavior we have had in this room as of late, she is really disappointed. She has worked for corporate America for 24 years and one of WalMart's motto's is respect for the individual. Unfortunately, she has not seen respect for the individual recently in this room. We are all adults and hopes we were all taught better and to treat people better. It is plain and simple for Audience Participation which is coming up tonight. This is not the time to receive answers to questions. There is a respectful way to ask a question and a respectful way to make a public comment. There is enough hate in the world and it would be nice to not bring this into this room so we can work together to get to a better place. She speaks for every single person in this room we all want a better Sandusky and everyone at these tables has been working to provide for this. She asked to respect staff members who are all human; we do make mistakes, but have the best intention for our entire community close to our hearts. For the commissioners at the table, Nikki Lloyd asked to respect the forum Dennis Murray is trying to establish. Our Directors and City Manager are trying to bring a better Sandusky to its constituents and asked everyone to please respect the hard work they do and to treat them as they would like to be treated. If Sandusky is going to be successful long-term, we have to stop dividing this community and work together. If people do not like the direction the city is going, they should consider running for office. An election is coming up and she encouraged everyone to get to know the candidates, including their history. Both will lead Sandusky in the direction we want to see and people should vote for those they would be proud to talk to their children about. The youth is our future and we need to make sure we are setting a good example for them because they are watching. She is asking everyone to lead by example. If we are going to be a better Sandusky, we all need to teach our children how to do so as well. Keep sharing ideas and keep bringing them to the City Manager and to our Directors. Keep asking questions and making suggestions as this is the only way we will grow together. The commissioners are here because of the citizens of Sandusky who voted for them and all are here to work with together and it is going to take all of us to make Sandusky a better place.

Greg Lockhart asked about the orange hoses on Shoreline Drive as he has heard about this from many people in the community. Aaron Klein said these are a **dewatering system for the trenches** which are being installed so we can get the pipe into a dry area, do the proper compaction and

get the backfill in. The dewatering contractor is also doing the same thing on the Jackson Street Pier and this is not uncommon.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mike Willinger, 131 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, President of Remember Cruisin' Car Club, said they just completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year hosting the Friday night charity car show in downtown Sandusky. They put this on as a way to give back to the community. Last year, six car shows raised a total of \$6,000; six different charities received \$1,000 each including Serving our Seniors, The City of Sandusky for the skate park, the Fireman's Shoe Fund, the Sandusky Police K-9 Unit, Back to the Wild and the Adam Tetzloff Memorial Scholarship. They look to donate a comparable amount this year to these organizations. Since the show started in 2006, the car club and its sponsors have raised \$60,000 for local charities and organizations. This car show, like other downtown events, brings people to support the downtown businesses. Each year, visitors continue to enjoy and support the downtown area and businesses - not just during the shows - but throughout the year. They met with the city in March and were told they were being moved from Columbus Avenue in 2020 and were given a list of options. The options offered will not accommodate them due to a combination of factors including parking limitations, poor location and timing and a lack of amenities. They understand there are a lot of pros and cons on this issue, but feels there are a lot more pros than cons. They ask the city to review the options and work with them to resolve any downtown business issues and help preserve these historic Friday night charity car shows in their current venue both next year and beyond. Wes Poole said we have received a letter from three downtown businesses who totally support the car show as well as additional events which we allow downtown, and there is support from several businesses. We have until January when the 2020 permits go out so we have until then to resolve this and asked where we go next. We need to be sure all events are treated equally and we have some kind of template which justifies any action taken. The streets belong to the entire community.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said back in May, 2018, the commission passed skimming off ten percent of the bed tax which amounts to \$140,000 each year to go toward the marketing and programming of downtown; however, the city did not explain at that time how this was going to be implemented. Twenty-three business people and staff have decided how to spend this money each year. The city created a Business District Marketing Manager position with a salary of \$55,993 per year. This salary is not included in this \$140,000; it comes out of the City Manager's budget which is the general fund. Overall, we have \$200,000 per year coming out of the general fund for this program. The purpose of the position is to create and improve the strategy for the management of the programming of the business district, to coordinate with business district stakeholders and merchants and to improve the business climate downtown. This position answers to the City Manager and Business District Advisory Council which includes key city staff, downtown stakeholders, Main Street Board members and regional partners. Sharon Johnson said Main Street is supposed to be taking care of themselves, not the taxpayers. We just bought ourselves a Director of Main Street and gave a budget for downtown expenses on this. Main Street needs to be self-supporting and get themselves a new director with their own budget, raise their dues and manage this. Instead, we have picked up this tab. The group was formed without an Agenda, Minutes or open meetings and she is bothered by the open meetings. It is not just staff members, there are 23 business owners gathering to spend this money. Sharon Johnson asked if there is going to be a budget for the commission to approve, otherwise, we do not know where this money is going.

Tom LaMarca, 206 48<sup>th</sup> Street, said his concerns about the Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive are the same and he is concerned about the dewatering process and the pollutants on the Pier. These pollutants are going through the dock and stone base and we are potentially going to have more pollutants than we have had in the past. Some people have seen the water coming out in a syrupy mess. Some of the water did escape directly into Sandusky Bay, but does not know if this is properly monitored and said perhaps others need to be brought in to take a look at this project as it is moving along. We recently had the biohazards group asking for money to help fight the algal growth and this is just one more step in this food chain of our ecosystem. Our EMS, Fire and Police Departments are understaffed and overworked and he thought Issue 8 was

supposed to address this to add more Fire Fighters, Police Officers and EMS personnel. The EMS vehicles must have tons of miles on them and folks who take care of patients are simply overworked and we need more people to help them and the Police Department as well. With the additional people coming into downtown as it continues to grow, we will have more needs for these personnel as well and should take a look at ways to address these issues. The City Commissioners are also overworked and underpaid and we need to adjust our pay scale for them so we can get people to step in and take the beating they do. Commissioners do not just show up at 5 p.m. for a meeting and he understands this and they are probably putting in 30 hours or more preparing for meetings. We should find a way to pay future City Commissioners bigger salaries comparable to at least what the Perkins Township Trustees receive which is about \$20,000 per year. These are also part-time jobs without benefits.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said it is obvious we are sticking with the President's idea of not answering questions here and suggested they be answered by a staff member after the meetings. When handing out grants like we did tonight, the definition of reimbursable should be better defined in the legislation as it is not understood by those watching or paying attention to the Agenda. It is not clear whether we are reimbursing or if the applicant is reimbursing, and there is a simple way to fix this problem. Tim Schwanger asked if the Fire Fighter hired tonight is for a new position or if it is to replace one. He asked what will happen with the old play equipment in Huron Park after the new equipment is installed.

Nancy Bertsch, 105 West Water Street, said she spoke to Dennis Murray about the hole in the ground next to the parking garage downtown (on Market Street). She did receive a response from County Commissioner Pat Shenigo and understands this is for air flow through the lower levels of the parking garage. She asked for someone who knows about this to look at windows, fans or something else we could use here. This is a safety issue for the city and right in the center of our downtown.

Jackie Powell, 1118 Sycamore Line, Treasurer of Remember Cruisin' Car Club, said they are a non-profit organization. Any money received goes back to local charities in the community including the Fire Department's Shoe Fund, the K-9 unit, the Skate Park and Serving Our Seniors. The more money they bring in, the more they give back to charity. She asked for the Friday night shows to be kept on Columbus Avenue.

Kathryn Carter, 5309 Columbus Avenue, said she drove around town two Saturdays ago and found the city's marina was full, including cars parked along all of the curbs. There were no trash cans where the public was parked and the parking lot was full of trash on Sunday morning and afternoon because it did not get picked up. The parking lot across the street was full, Jackson Street had three empty spaces and the lot had about two dozen empty spaces with vehicles pulling in. People were heading to the ferry boats or trying to get to them through the construction on the Jackson Street Pier. The lot behind Daly's was almost full but the parking lot had 134 empty spaces in the middle of the day on Saturday. Now the stakeholders are complaining about customers needing to park closer to their businesses. She said Eric Wobser explained to them their customers are supposed to park in the lots in the blocks of Water, Wayne and Jackson Streets. Because of poor signage and lousy placement, the signs did not direct ferry customers to the garage as promised and perhaps Eric Wobser should stand on Shoreline Drive and hand out flyers to drive people to the conveniently-located parking garage within a short walk of the ferries. There has never been a problem with the block of Columbus Avenue near Washington Park during short periods of time when there is an event in town including the Remember Cruisin' Car Show and the Art Walk. The longest period of time the streets are blocked is during Ohio Bike Week. These excuses are all made up so it will not be a big surprise when all of these activities are moved to the Jackson Street Pier. Rumor around town last year was the car show people were told they would be moved to the Pier or to Shoreline Drive in 2020. The Farmer's Market people were told they would be on the Pier in 2020. Touch A Truck was at Battery Park this year with lots of room, and lots of parking, and there were lots of great comments about it. It makes so much sense, but it was already mentioned last year about moving Touch A Truck to the Pier next year. She wants to see people coming to town for the restaurants,

interesting shopping and to ride the ferries, but proper signage, if placed correctly, will move traffic one block east or west, north or south to get vehicles around blocked streets to downtown parking areas and businesses. The public may be surprised at what will be forced onto the Pier from other places they are now, or new events which would be better in other places in this city for many reasons. Blocking off Columbus Avenue or Washington Park is not the problem the city is trying to create; this is part of the overall plan. The city has to create an excuse to move all of these events to the \$8 million 'goose farm' which has a 30-year mortgage to make it party-central. Keep the people in town to spend their money here instead of Put-In-Bay. These events would make money anywhere in this city and noted how convenient this plan puts all of these businesses and all of their participants in the area of two commissioners' businesses who will directly and financially benefit. When Bucyrus has their Bratwurst Festival, they block off the whole city except for local festival parking. Everyone else is directed completely around the whole area, main highways and all. It works for them, plus it is a speed trap. Here we are talking about two blocks of one street. If the City Manager's plan was working so well, Jackson Street parking would have been full of stakeholders' customers - not people riding the ferry boats. Eric Wobser has been saying for three years people can always walk a block or two, but asked if the stakeholders were listening. At a previous meeting, Kathryn Carter asked if public questions can be answered at the next meeting under "Old Business". People come to ask direct questions and the city should understand the passion they have for the problems they are trying to face or get corrected.

Arlene Thompson, 1902 Adrian Circle, said she cannot hear the commissioners in this room. The new equipment volume needs to be adjusted or people need to lean into the microphones. Money is coming from the EMS fund for the \$150,000 grant to Buderer Drug, but she just heard we need new equipment and asked why we are borrowing from one and not taking care of our own. She asked how much it costs to ride in an ambulance and asked if we can help the citizens instead of giving money to businesses. In the old days, people built their own businesses. We want them to stay, but asked if they would still expand if the city did not provide money. At the last meeting, money was given to Loris Printing and she commended them, but saw a sign on Hancock Street for Loris Printing. The Commission Agenda item stated this was being given to Loris Printing on Cleveland Road and this does not make sense. There was an article in the newspaper about repaving Perkins Avenue, but it was only for the Perkins Township (north) side. She asked why the city did not apply for grant funding for this project as they were asked to join, but the city said 'no' because of tearing up sidewalks and said it would not be a good idea. We should be looking for some grants and asked why the city did not know this was available. The people should be given a chance to vote on things. People come here who just want to talk and we are hearing things being passed under Section 14 which used to be called "emergency". There has still not been a meeting scheduled with Friends of the Jackson Street Pier about this fiasco.

Wes Poole said we have created an environment in which people who come to the podium are so uncomfortable they break up their conversation because they do not know whether or not it is appropriate to ask a question. He finds this distasteful and said he will bring up unanswered questions under Old Business in the future. People who have elected the commissioners are asking questions and we just look at them. He understands trying to maintain decorum and sometimes we just hear statements, but when we cannot or refuse to simply tell the public whether or not we hired a new Fire Fighter or replaced one, this is beyond what he is willing to accept or how we should treat people. We had a long speech earlier talking about respect and he finds this horribly disrespectful. These are questions which the entire public might be interested in hearing answers to and said we have an obligation to answer them. Greg Lockhart said there may be an issue of clarity here with respect to asking questions. Citizens can come to ask questions; and it would be appropriate to say whether or not there is an answer at the time they are asked. If conducive to the question, we can use the email system to provide answers. One of the things we need to pay attention to is communication to and by the citizens and making sure we are fully open and transparent to move forward together and not have so much discord. A lot of times we simply cannot answer questions, but there may be another direction to advise people to take to get answers. He does not want people to have the impression they cannot come here to answer questions. We should be more attentive as to how we communicate with the

citizens. Dennis Murray said he is enforcing the rules as written and has acted according to the Rules of Order. He is paying attention to the time limits and what he struggles with is not being able to answer every question and this is the reason for the 'Ask the City' email creation. All of the commissioners are asked questions and we will continue to feel our way forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 7 p.m., upon motion of Greg Lockhart and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Commission Clerk

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