

**The President 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: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to excuse Nikki Lloyd. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept the Minutes of the September 23 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

**City staff present: Aaron Klein - Director of Public Works, John Orzech - Police Chief, Rick Wilcox – Fire Chief, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Don Rumbutis - IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Sally Martin – Interim Finance Director, Trevor Hayberger – Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Paige Doster – Acting Commission Clerk.**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nick Katsaros, FirstEnergy Corporation, said he introduced himself a few months ago and wanted to make sure there were no outstanding issues with Ohio Edison or FirstEnergy he should be made aware of. The Board of Elections provided him with a list of all issues on the ballot next month. During Election Day, all polling locations are considered a critical facility and will have the highest priority for power restoration so if there are any storms or power outages, they will be good to go on Election Day.

Arlene Thompson, 1902 Adrian Circle, said someone from outside of Sandusky brought a liquor permit in previously which was approved and asked if the one on tonight's agenda for the Camp Street Bar is transferring from the previous owner (Item F). She thought the city had reached its limit on liquor permits, but there is also a new permit on the Agenda and asked where it is coming from (Item G). Dennis Murray said it would be good for the Law Director to refresh the commissioners on how it is these are issued. These are done by the State of Ohio and there is little room for the locals to have any active role unless there are some serious code violations or problems with the Police Department. There are a number of different ways permits can come into our community, be created or transferred, and it is a rather complicated process. Arlene Thompson said she does not necessarily want to be a part of the process, but the commissioners should be; Dennis Murray said it depends on the circumstances. Trevor Hayberger said each section has different rules and there may be extension to them but off the top of his head, he cannot say why this one is available or which ones are not.

### **PRESENTATION**

**New Police Officer Zachary Tyson was sworn in** who began working for the Sandusky Police Department today. John Orzech said Officer Tyson attended the Sandusky Police Academy and had perfect attendance throughout the entire academy which is an incredible feat, was number one in physical agility and was awarded the Andy Dunn Scholarship. Dennis Murray said bringing in new Police Officers and Fire Fighters to recognize them publicly is a great tradition and is glad it has been made part of these meetings.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady, 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 items from the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to do so.

**A. Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist****ACCEPTING SEVEN PARCELS THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of these acquisitions will be approximately \$353 to pay for the title exams and transfer fees and will initially be paid with land bank funds. The city will not collect the \$9,965.33 owed to the city in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the \$11,137.26 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 \$5,411.22 per year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 038-19R:** 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.

**B. Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist****REPEAL OF LEGISLATION AND NEW PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 219 ARTHUR STREET THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will recoup the cost of the expenses from the sale through receipt of earnest monies and in-kind maintenance performed on the property. While the in-kind maintenance agreement has ended, Barnes Nursery, Inc. will be responsible for the unpaid earnest money – minus the cost of a second deed preparation. The total cost due from Barnes Nursery, Inc., will be \$275.75 which will be deposited into the land bank account. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately \$144.62 per year in real estate taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-163:** It is requested an ordinance be passed repealing Ordinance No. 17-102 passed on June 12, 2017, and declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel No. 57-03698.000, located at 219 Arthur Street, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement 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 Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist****REPEAL OF LEGISLATION AND NEW PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 1432 EAST FARWELL STREET THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will recoup any new expenses from Networks of Wealth, Inc., and the taxing districts will begin collecting approximately \$188.42 per year in real estate taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-164:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Ordinance No. 17-076, passed on April 10, 2017, and declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel No. 57-04318.000, located at 1432 East Farwell Street, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Jane Cullen, Assistant City Engineer****CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL WITH GREAT LAKES DEMOLITION FOR THORPE DRIVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT (DEDUCT)**

**Budgetary Information:** Change Order #1, a deduct in the amount of \$37,011.01 will revise the original contract amount of \$287,854.45 to \$250,843.44. The final costs will be split 50/50 with Ohio Public Works grant funds. The Ohio Public Works grant will fund \$125,421.72 and the city will fund \$125,421.72 with sewer funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-165:** 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 Great Lakes Demolition of Vickery, Ohio, for the Thorpe Drive culvert replacement project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**E. Submitted by Jane Cullen, Assistant City Engineer****CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL WITH UNITED SURVEY, INC. FOR SLOANE STREET MANHOLE REPLACEMENT & SLIP LINING PROJECT (DEDUCT)**

**Budgetary Information:** Change Order #1, a deduction of \$42,110.43 will revise the original contract amount of \$193,192.25 to \$151,081.82. The final costs will be paid with sewer funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-166:** 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 United Survey, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Sloane Street manhole replacement and slip lining project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**F. Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk****LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER**

**The city has received a Notice to Legislative Authority for a D2 (wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.), D2X (grandfathered permit for beer only 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 permit transfers for Ole Camp Street Tavern, LLC to Rich's Bar & Tavern, LLC dba Ole Camp Street Tavern, 1040 Camp Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing on this matter.**

**G. Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk****NEW LIQUOR PERMIT**

**The city has received a Notice to Legislative Authority for a new D5 (spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only: beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m.) liquor permit for Cedar Point Sports Park, LLC dba Indoor Facility, 2700 Cleveland Road. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing on this matter.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances and 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 resolutions whether in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. 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 Rick Wilcox, Fire Chief**

**PURCHASE OF ONE LIFEPAK-15 HEART MONITORS FROM PHYSIO CONTROL, INC. FOR SANDUSKY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Budgetary Information:** The amount for this purchase is \$39,063 with a discount of \$9,231.73 through the State of Ohio purchasing program #800799 and a trade-in value for one LifePak-12 of \$4,000 with a grand total of \$25,016.27 which includes shipping cost of \$185. This purchase will be paid with monies from the EMS fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-167:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring one Lifepak-12 heart monitor as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one Lifepak-15 heart monitor from Physio Control of Redmond, Washington, through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

*Discussion:* Rick Wilcox said they are very happy to get this piece of equipment which it is a new generation of LifePak support and noted it is hard to find parts for current one. This will bring all three ambulances, as well as the frontline medic engine on the department, up to newer equipment. It will allow first responders to transmit reports to the hospital and the technology will be a great upgrade for quality of life and intervention for the citizens we care for.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH GARLAND COMPANY/DESIGN BUILD SOLUTIONS FOR REPAIR WORK AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for this repair work is \$174,391.20 which includes materials, delivery, installation, warranties and contingencies, and will be paid from the sewer fund. The funds for this work have been included in the recent rate increase.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-168:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for brick siding and masonry repair work at the administrative laboratory and ferrous chloride buildings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant by Gartland/DBS, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio; 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said we have been redoing the roofs at the plant to stop water from filtrating and the lab building, which includes the employee breakroom, was one of

the first completed. As soon as the roof was completed, the employees started removing drywall and noticed there was black mildew and mold inside the walls. Water was also getting through the mortar. An architect was called to take a look and find out exactly what is needed and they said the building needs to be tuck-pointed and re-caulked, and repairs made around the windows and doors of the entire building. They also noticed the ferrous chloride building needed some work and we joined the state purchasing alliance which includes 90,000-member public agencies to provide competitive prices. We hope to get this worked on before winter to reduce the damage and be able to fix the walls; the mold has already been remediated.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH D. L. SMITH CONCRETE FOR BUCHANAN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project based on the base bid and alternate bid including legal advertisement and recording fee is \$407,424.61 and will be paid with Ohio Public Works funds (\$175,000) and Issue 8 infrastructure funds from the capital projects fund (\$232,424.61).

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-169:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with D.L. Smith Concrete, LLC, of Norwalk, Ohio, for the Buchanan Street reconstruction project - Hayes Avenue to Campbell Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Wes Poole 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:* Aaron Klein said this is for the reconstruction of Buchanan Street from Hayes Avenue to Campbell Street. All of the concrete will be pulled from the western portion of the street which is beyond any maintenance or repair; it will be replaced with asphalt. We will be resurfacing and patching areas in the eastern end of the project from Thomas to Campbell Streets. Along with this, we are coordinating with construction companies for the new school as they will be doing curb and sidewalks along their project. The city will be repairing damaged curb and sidewalks along Buchanan Street as well. As part of this project, the contractor is required to coordinate with the Pierce Street contractor so we do not cause any problems at Firelands Regional Medical Center's south campus. It will be very interesting to see how all of these contractors work together in the same area but we know they can do it. We have worked with D.L. Smith and with Smith Paving who are doing the Pierce Street and Buchanan Street projects and we are looking forward to getting these streets completed. We received grant money from the Ohio Public Works Commission and hope this will be completed before school opens.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. 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 Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent  
PURCHASE OF VALVE-TURNING EQUIPMENT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the valve-turning equipment and accessories is \$24,825.20 and will be paid from water funds which were budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan and accounted for in the 2019 rate review.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-170:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase of valve-turning equipment and accessories from Bain Enterprises, LLC, of Stow, Ohio, for the Division of Water Distribution; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. 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 Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$200 from Mary Coral for the jazz dance classes overseen by the Recreation Department. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Eric Wobser welcomed Police Officer Zachary Tyson who was sworn in this evening.**
- **Police Officers will be distributing candy at several local events throughout the next two weeks including at Cedar Point, downtown, the Erie County Fairgrounds and in neighborhoods.**
- **Congratulations to Sgt. Tracey Susana who was nominated and was the recipient of the “Opening Doors Award” presented by the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities.**
- **Congratulations to Officer Bronson Lillo who was nominated for the “Above and Beyond Award.”**
- **The next scheduled Audit/Finance Committee meeting is October 25 at 8 a.m.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve the emergency purchase necessary to repair boilers at the former City Hall on Meigs Street which is estimated to cost approximately \$40,000.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said the State of Ohio requires an **annual inspection prior to using all boilers** at city facilities before placing them into service. During the inspection at our old City Hall, neither boiler met the minimum requirements for start-up. Boiler #1 had a burner controller failure which is an obsolete part because of its age. Boiler #2 had leaking heat exchanger tubes that need to be cut out and replaced with new ones. Prior to performing work on #2, asbestos analysis and (possibly) abatement needs to be completed. These boilers provide heat for the Police Department, Municipal Court and Recreation Department staff

and will ensure the pipes do not freeze. It is important to make sure we do the repairs immediately. This emergency repair may cost around \$40,000 for everything and we need to get it done before cold temperatures set in. The appropriate legislation, with applicable funding sources, will be requested once final costs are known and this needs to be done before the colder temperatures set in.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

- At the end of September, the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019** which increases funding for and helps communities to clean up toxic pollution, restore fish and wildlife habitat, manage invasive species and reduce runoff pollution. Eric Wobser thanked U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur for her support for boosting federal investments to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Of course, we will continue to monitor grant opportunities.
- Eric Wobser thanked the **SHS Gentlemen’s Club and several city residents, commissioners and staff members who generously donated their time to unload unwanted items from 790 vehicles during the annual Dump Day.**
- The Street Division will begin **city-wide leaf collection** on November 6 and will distribute information through the press and social media. Residents are asked to pay close attention to the dates and times to ensure they receive the best service possible. If residents cannot meet the schedule, there will be a drop-off area for bagged leaves near the Marquette Street entrance to the City Service Center seven days a week from October 21 to January 6. For questions about the city’s leaf collection program, contact the Department of Public Works at 419.627.5829.
- Requests for Qualifications for inspection services for the **west side utilities & connectivity improvements project** and **Warren Street reconstruction design** are due by November 8 at 1 p.m. All questions may be directed to the Engineering offices at 419.627.5829.
- Congratulations to **James “JR” Best on his retirement** from the position of Chief Operator after 34 years of public service at Big Island Water Works. JR has played an integral role in providing safe and refreshing drinking water to the community for over three decades and we wish him well in his next chapter.
- There were **three properties on North Depot Street damaged by fire which began at 427 North Depot Street.** The owners of 425 North Depot Street, which was an occupied property, are currently working with their insurance company to complete the necessary repairs to make the home habitable again. 427 North Depot Street was a total loss and at risk of immediate collapse. The city received three bids for the emergency demolition of the property and awarded a contract to Ed Burdue and Company to complete the demolition for \$8,950. The city is also awaiting reimbursement for the demolition from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development through their property servicer - BLM, Company, 431 North Depot Street. With damage estimated at over fifty percent of the structure, is not at risk of immediate collapse and was not yet ordered demolished. The city

is working with the property owner to determine if the facility will be demolished or repaired.

- The City of Sandusky will be releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the **underpass gateway lighting project**. We are seeking an artist to partner with a lighting company, electrical company, electrical contractor or a lighting team to create artistic lighting for the underpass as well as a possible second location at the Columbus Avenue underpass. These locations have been recommended through the Neighborhood Initiative and the Public Art & Placemaking Master Plan. Public Works is taking the lead on this project with input from the Planning Department and the RFP will be released the week of October 14.
- The **Planning Commission meeting** is October 23 at 4:30 p.m. at 240 Columbus Avenue in the City Commission Chambers.
- The **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** scheduled for October 17 has been cancelled.
- The **Landmark Commission meeting** is scheduled for October 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. There will be a general discussion on various items including required maintenance and demolition of structures covered by the landmark ordinance. The meeting is open to the public and comments are encouraged.
- The **Public Arts & Culture Commission meeting** is scheduled for November 19 at 5 p.m. in the city commission chambers.
- The **Sandusky Recreation Department would like to invite the community to an Open House** at their new offices at 222 Meigs Street on October 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Department will showcase their new Rec Room for programming and artist Leslie Griffin will be working with visitors, young-and-old, to start work on a mural throughout the day. Other programming is being scheduled and the Salvation Army, OHgo and other community partners will be in attendance as well. Look for updates at the Sandusky Recreation FaceBook page.
- The Recreation Department, Buckeye Broadband, United Way of Erie County and Cameo Pizza are partnering on the third-annual **Dot the i, Block the M Walk/Run** on November 30 starting at 8:30 a.m. The event has become a Sandusky tradition on the day of the game. A one-mile Big O option has been added for this year's event and the race is the final event for the 2019 #RUNDUSKY Race Series, sponsored by Firelands Regional Medical Center. Interested participants can register online at [www.runsignup.com/dotblock2019](http://www.runsignup.com/dotblock2019).
- The new operators of the **Shelby Street boat launch** are hosting their first event on October 20. **The inaugural Kids Fall into Fishing Derby** will start at 8 a.m. with weigh-ins at 2 p.m. at 101 Shelby Street. The event is free for kids 16 years and younger and registration ends October 18 at 7 p.m. All participants must sign in at the boat launch on Sunday morning between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. For more information, to help sponsor, or for questions regarding this event, please call the Sandusky Bait Company at 419.366.3927 or e-mail [sanduskybait@gmail.com](mailto:sanduskybait@gmail.com).



**OLD BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted for the sunflower to be made the official flower of the City of Sandusky.**

*Discussion:* At the last meeting, Dave Waddington said Wes Poole asked for public comment about this. Since that time, citizens have responded through social media and 701 respondents were for this while 180 were against it which is just under 80% in support. Greg Lockhart said he likes sunflowers and has planted a number of them throughout the city; he would like to donate some seeds for this and would like these to be accepted for some of the neighborhoods. Dave Waddington said he spoke with Tom Speir briefly about this and said it might be a good idea for some of our smaller parks. Wes Poole said for those who were not overly excited about this, the key is the process. A flower representing our city could be any flower of our choosing and hopes the community realizes we reached out and received input from those who were interested and supported having sunflowers. He expects the staff will now find lots of little places to plant these to represent our city.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

Dave Waddington said every year we seem to have a recurring problem with leaves as the seasons last longer and asked if there is a way to communicate with residents about **not clogging catch basins and clearing them of leaves as necessary**. This can cause flooding or ice as we get into the winter season. Aaron Klein said the city typically issues a press release and will coordinate this to get the appropriate information out so people do not blow or rake leaves into the roadways, especially over catch basins. If they are in the road, as soon as it rains, they will blow into catch basins.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel, City Manager's evaluation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine and Dave Waddington, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tom LaMarca, 206 48<sup>th</sup> Street, said he noticed armour stone has been placed along the shoreline at Lions Park and said this is a major deviation from the Master Plan adopted in 2009. The Master Plan called for removing all of the concrete and debris and cutting the slope back to provide a transition from the upper part to the water's edge. Portions of the slope are being planned with a drought-tolerant plant and he noticed grass was planted up to the edge of the stone. Future improvements beyond the restoration include a 10' wide accessible walk to the water's edge and an ADA path ideal for strollers and walkers while providing access. Perhaps the stone was put here in error and asked the commissioners to look into this as it was supposed to be a sloping, grassy terrain leading to the pebble beach. We all recognize this is a natural pebble beach and is not sand, but it still is a nice beach. This is the only public beach access for the citizens of Sandusky and we missed this opportunity when the Famous Supply property was sold which would have made a beautiful beach. On another note, he noticed someone did a very nice job on the sign for the historic park at Erie Boulevard and Cleveland Road. The concrete steps poured at the Jackson Street Pier still appear to be higher than 4.6' above the baseline which he thought was the edge of the sheet piling. For \$8 million, he thinks we could have had either granite or marble rather than pouring concrete and does not know if we got our

money's worth. He thanked the city for hiring the new police officer and congratulated him on his appointment.

Nancy Bertsch, 105 West Water Street, asked about the property directly west of the downtown parking garage and if there has been any settlement with Erie County. This hole has been here since the parking garage was built and wishes someone would look into this, study it and find an answer for this as it is in the center of downtown.

Deborah Stewart, 1010 First Street, said she was raised at 1340 First Street and her maiden name is Herold; her mother and sister still live in this home. The house was built in 1904 and she is here to get some clarity about the bicycle path and to give some peace of mind to her mother and sister. They received a map in the mail and it looks as if the pathway will go right up next to their house. She would like to bring some closure to them as to what will happen and how they can have some security and peace of mind knowing it will not be on the side of their home. She thought this may have just been a drawing, but what is happening to them is terrifying. She loves the idea of a bicycle path and what we can do in the city, but for the last twenty years since the railroad vacated the property, her parents felt they should have it; whether right or wrong, they did not and now they have a fence on either side. Dennis Murray encouraged Ms. Stewart to reach out to Aaron Klein to get answers to her questions or to put her in touch with the appropriate person.

Arlene Thompson, 1902 Adrian Circle, said there have been problems on Adrian Circle throughout the years and they have had different catch basins. They have had to plead with people to get the old type back. There is only one on Adrian Circle and water drains onto Adrian Circle from the one near Cleveland Road and Pipe Street as well as the one at Perkins Avenue and Pipe Street and we should find a way to put another one or two in on Pipe Street. During storms, her husband goes out with his rake and high boots to clean them out and the new one is better, but leaves do fall and clog them. Arlene Thompson asked who the city is trying to advise about this and said people who come to commission meetings, watch the replays on Buckeye Broadband or who watch [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) know, but this does not include all of the citizens of Sandusky. There should be more effort to let people know about leaf collection. When the snow comes, her home is at the end of the cul-de-sac and the plow stops in the circle and snow piles up. In the wintertime, there is very little access for the water or snow to disappear and other arrangements should be made. Remington Avenue had a makeover many years ago but Pipe Street did not because the citizens living there did not want to pay the fees. This was not fair to children who had to walk down Rohde Street with no sidewalks to catch a bus in the snow.

**At 5:47 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. The Commission went into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. At 6:51 p.m., the commission returned to open session.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the review of the City Manager. The President declared the motion passed.**

**At 6:54 p.m., upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.**