

**The President called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Pastor Curtis Johnson of New Jerusalem Baptist, and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dave Waddington. Commissioners Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Blake Harris, and Mike Meinzer were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**City staff present: Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, McKenzie Spriggs – Commission Clerk**

**City staff via teleconference: Trevor Hayberger – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager, Angela Byington – Director of Planning & Development, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Aaron Klein - Director of Public Works, Rick Wilcox – Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief & Assistant City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the Minutes of the May 26 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Dick Brady spoke and introduced Pastor Curtis Johnson, of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, who was invited to speak to the commission and greater Sandusky community. Dick Brady said he invited Pastor Johnson to share his unique perspective on the events that have gripped both this nation and Sandusky over the last few weeks. Sandusky has had two very successful public responses by the way of a nonviolent protest and a gathering of citizens, collaborated by Commissioner Blake Harris at the Jackson Street Pier. Blake Harris did that on his own and the commission commends him for taking that initiative, it turned out to be a beautiful day and a significant event for many of our citizens. He asked Pastor Johnson to share his views on what comes next, both for our community and for our nation. He understands that throughout our nation, people are protesting the incredible and unbelievable violence that occurred in Minneapolis on part of a police officer, and our citizens certainly have the right to exercise their amendment for protest. His concern is, protests at some point have to turn into action. If they do not, then all those efforts are wasted. Let's not waste this opportunity. I look forward to Pastor Curtis speaking, Pastor Curtis Johnson, the floor is yours.

**Pastor Curtis Johnson of New Jerusalem Baptist**—He thanked the commissioners for this time, and shared he was humbled to be there. He wanted to come and share these sentiments-- First, he wanted to say how proud he is to be a Sanduskian, born and raised in this beautiful city. He is humbled by the privilege and want to commend the citizens of our community for the peaceful protests that have gone on. He wants to remind us, as we look at what lies ahead and the challenges that we've had, we see down through the years. He shared a quote, "accountability feels like an attack, when you're not ready to acknowledge how your behavior harms others." For many of us when we hear what's going on in the climate of our culture throughout the United States of America, sometimes even in our community, we feel as if someone is attacking a specific group, a specific race. It is not an attack when we understand some of our actions have caused some of the pain and turmoil that we have seen. It was the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that suggested a riot is the language of those who are unheard, the people who have been unheard and for so long we have seen what this nation has done to blacks. Many times, people who disagree sit in silence and he thinks what we've seen through the incident with Mr. Floyd, the rising up of this nation. We have noted that people are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Forces have united from every walk of life, from every age, from every sect and said enough is enough. When we hear the term, "Black Lives Matter" it does not mean that other lives don't matter, it suggests that there has been for years, and decades and centuries, there has been emphasis on making the black race feel inferior or less than. This is the hurting area, now we

need to see special attention and get some things in place. He said the questions that were posed by Mr. Brady-- “What do we do and where do we go from here? What do we do now? What is our plan of action?” These questions are important because every time we have a march, a protest, and then there is no action behind it, it becomes a moment. We don’t want to be—as a community, as the great city of Sandusky, we don’t want to be just a moment. We want to have a movement. In order for that movement to happen, we need to mobilize ourselves. We need to make sure that we ensure our children are able to understand that we may be different by the way we look, or our ethnic background, or where we come from, or what we have, but the one thing we do have in common is that we’re Americans. We’re people. We’re here together. And we must learn how to move forward. He wanted to commend our Police Chief, our Sheriff and all those working who have proven themselves to be allies to all people, to make sure our community is safe and ensure we go forward. He wants to continue to challenge our community, our city, to reach out to the necessary persons when an issue arises. Let’s not make it our business to destroy our city but instead let’s help build our city up. Let’s challenge one another. He wanted to challenge those who are leaders, those who sit in high seats, it becomes their responsibility to call out those things out of balance. If he goes into a room and everybody in the room looks like him, whether it’s the same age or color, there is an issue. We want to make sure we are inclusive and working together. This isn’t a black America, this isn’t a white America, this isn’t a Mexican or latino America, this is America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. In order for us to do that, we must begin to understand that our differences make us better. He explained when we come together, we’re not so much a melting pot, but we’re a stew. The interesting thing about a stew is you put everything in the same pot, but it doesn’t lose what it is to come together and make it taste good. Like the carrots still taste like carrots, the potatoes still taste like potatoes, the roast still tastes like roast, but this stew is so good because it’s better together. That’s what he wants to challenge with—In Sandusky, we don’t have to try to be anything other than what we are, who we are, but we can be better. We can demonstrate and make sure we’re showing ethnic and cultural diversity, unity, peace, and solidarity, not just in the faith based community, but in legislation and the judicial system. We can mobilize people in our community to understand the importance of taking steps to move and propel forward to make sure there are equal opportunities for people, regardless of their age, sex, and ethnicity. Where we go from here is to make sure we are having healthy and open conversations. The key when we dialogue, we can’t only dialogue with people who are in our sphere of influence. We have to bring people to the table. Maybe that includes persons who are underprivileged and underserved, they should have a seat at the table. It can’t just be, “we’re over here and we’re in this social class, this economic class, so we’re making all the decisions.” He said this pandemic has taught us that common enemies exist. Coronavirus is a common enemy. It doesn’t care what color, age or sex you are. It has taken its toll on people. Racism is a common enemy. It’s going to take all of us to combat that. We will combat it one life at a time, and one heart at a time. It’s going to take some internal evaluation to move us forward. Hold your friends, hold your family, hold yourselves accountable when we say things that might not be conscious of others, when we feel certain things, and ask ourselves where is the root of that, where does it stem from, and deal with that and guard our hearts and move forward as people. We have some action plans and he is going to ask for assistance as we move forward. He challenged us to continue healthy conversations and dialogue. He warned some of those will be tough, some of those will be uncomfortable, but in the friction of those things that are uncomfortable, allow it to draw us closer, to become the stew that tastes much better together. God bless and thanks for this time.

Dave Waddington said he wanted to publicly thank New Jerusalem and Pastor Johnson for opening the church the last few years, and hopefully this winter, for the warming shelters. Dora Grant is an angel we got over in that neighborhood. He said there’s going to be a winter sometime in the future we might need it a week or two, and he appreciates that they open it for people. Pastor Johnson responded their church exists to serve this community. They are here whenever needed, and their doors are open.

Wes Poole said Pastor Johnson is my favorite speaker of all time. He always enjoys his message and he hopes all will take time to digest what Pastor Johnson talked about. Going forward we will come up with some ideas and things to do that make it become a reality. This is a great city, which

is why the marches went well. He expected that, and didn't expect anything less. He thanked Pastor Johnson.

Dick Brady said as the president, he gets advice from a lot of commissioners. He received advice from both Dennis Murray and Dave Waddington to ask Pastor Johnson to address the commission. It is the best suggestion he's gotten from fellow commissioners. He believes Pastor Johnson hit the nail on the head with his comments and agreed with him, Sandusky is a different community. He likes to think we do not suffer from many of the ills that larger communities do. Sandusky has come a long way, but we all have a long way to go. It is our challenge as leadership to pave that direction. If we stop with the protest, we've lost this war.

Pastor Johnson responded, we do not want to lose this momentum.

Naomi Twine expressed her appreciation for Pastor Johnson, for taking the time to come in and use the invitation that was extended to him. He said a few things that resonated with her "better together, actionable steps, and hold ourselves accountable." She said she will take those things to heart. Those are things that as leaders, we need to advance forward. She said he represents the people of this community very well and not just the black community. The community as a whole—the clergy, young people, people of all different walks of life. She appreciated him coming in to provide us words of wisdom and actionable steps. Sandusky is a great community, we have a wonderful law enforcement department in this area who have created relationships with our citizens, which has helped us not to have as many challenges. But she doesn't want to rest her laurels on that because there is so much more we need to be doing and we can be doing.

Blake Harris said he too would like to thank Pastor Johnson for sharing his thoughts and words. Much like Naomi Twine alluded to, the two words that stuck out were much like the themes of yesterday: accountability and dialogue. We must sit down and have difficult conversations before we can stand up for something and ultimately, stand up together. It is critical we continue this moment and keep trending in the right direction to strengthen our community moving forward. He thanked Pastor Johnson again.

### **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.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ITEM #1 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Director of Planning**

#### **CONTRACT WITH ED BURDUE, LLC CDBG FY2019 DEMOLITION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost for six (6) of the demolitions will be paid with FY19 Community Development Block Grant Funds totaling \$97,764.75. 1104 Hayes Avenue will be demolished using recently received fire insurance funds being held by the City from the insurance company providing coverage on the property totaling \$6,231.47 and FY19 Community Development Block Grant Funds totaling \$3,380.53. A tax lien will be placed upon the properties for the costs of asbestos abatement and demolition.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-086:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ed Burdue & Company, LLC, of Sandusky, Ohio, for the CDBG FY2019 demolition project #2; 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 pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Angie Byington said we're requesting a resolution of necessity to enter into contract with Ed Burdue and company in the amount of \$107,376 for the demotion of seven single families structures that are severely deteriorated. This project was slated to be completed earlier in the year but was delayed due to Covid-19. Six of the properties have been issued demolition orders and 2139 Parkview is owned by the city. The contract will include asbestos abatement and demoltion, and the properties will be demolished at the beginning of August. 1104 Hayes Avenue will partially be paid for with fire insurance funds, in the amount of \$6,231.47, the remainder of

the contract is CDBG funds, therefore there will be no impact on the general fund. It is requested the legislation be passed under section 14 of the city charter to expedite demolition.

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

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Director of Finance**

**GRANT APPLICATION TO FEMA FOR COVID-19 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact. The total amount requested will not exceed \$50,000. As this is an ongoing pandemic, the exact amount of expense reimbursement needed is undetermined at this time. These expenses will be paid from the Federal Grant fund. The City's share of 25% will be paid with Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 024-20R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving and authorizing an application for the FEMA Public Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. It is further requested that this legislation 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 pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Michelle Reeder said this is a FEMA grant for public assistance funding for anything related to Covid-19, related to protective measures. These funds could not go towards wages, at this point it could also not go towards any other item we've requested. For example, we had the assistance of the firefighters grant for Covid-19 that we brought forward. We cannot double dip into that. This FEMA grant will cover other items, such as thermometers, cleaning supplies, desk shields, floor graphics, masks, and gloves-- Items that were not budgeted for but are directly related to Covid, and we can ask for a 75% reimbursement from FEMA for eligible expenses.

Dick Brady said \$50,000 is a significant amount of money. He is pleased we are reaching out in every direction, for every dollar we can find. He thanked staff for taking advantage of these programs and hopes we can continue to do that to get us through the difficult time that lies ahead.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from an anonymous donor to go towards the Police Department. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation from Amtrak for the fixtures and labor provided to upgrade lighting in the canopy adjacent the platform at Amtrak. The approximate total is \$3,444. The President declared the motion passed.**

- Thank you to the following people who, in addition to volunteering their time, made in-kind donations of landscaping items such as plants, flowers, dirt and mulch toward beautification of several City parks and properties. Actual values are unknown:
  - Barb Manner
  - Chad Hepp
  - Jim Maloney
  - Jeff Krabill and the Ohio State University Alumni Association

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept the donation of time and in-kind items.**

*Discussion:* Dick Brady said this city runs on the backs of a lot of volunteers. These people are part of those volunteers and we certainly appreciate the donations of money, but also appreciate the donations of time people give us.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- A **statement from Chief Orzech**, Chief of Police: We would like to thank the community for the outpouring of prayers and support during these troubled days. The protest of over 1,000 citizens on Monday, June 1st was peaceful and allowed for the expressions of many to be heard. The police department stands by each of our citizens that are outraged by the horrific actions of a police officer in Minneapolis, taking the life of George Floyd. We are equally troubled by the inaction of the other three officers. We will continue to work on building relationships and trust in our community, so that we can be an example for other communities to strive for.
- Our Community Impact Officer, Jeff Danevich will be focusing on beautification of the city and picking up trash throughout the week.
- **Brad Wimmer will be retiring June 16, 2020** after 33 years of honorable service as a Firefighter/Paramedic to the Sandusky Fire Department. Brad started his career with Sandusky Fire on June 11, 1987. We want to thank him for his dedication, professionalism, and service to Sandusky.
- The next **Finance Committee** meeting will be Friday June 19th at 8am.
- The **municipal income tax filing deadline** has been extended until July 15, 2020.
- The City will no longer have an employee available to assist with filing municipal income taxes. For income tax assistance, residents can contact the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) at 1-800-860-7482 or visit their website, [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com). Tax payments can also be made at the Customer Accounting Office at City Hall located at 240 Columbus Avenue.
- This week the **Street Department plans to restripe Water Street between Franklin and Meigs Streets**. The centerline will be shifted south and the designated bike lanes will be combined and shifted to the north. Upon completion of Shoreline Drive, this will allow for over 3 miles of a continuously striped and separated bike path between the police station at the east and the current west terminus near Amvets Park.
- **Phased opening of the Jackson Street Pier will continue over the next few weeks** as construction continues, the great lawn grows and new areas are available for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Staff continues to work with the Ontario government and US Customs regarding international ferry service operations based on travel bans and will provide updates as they're known. The binoculars will be reinstalled soon on the north end as the agreement with Tower Optical is being finalized.

- **Buderer Drug Co., has completed the demolition of the blighted former Fisher Drug building located at 627 Hancock Street.** Over the next couple of weeks, contractors will complete final grading and seeding of the lawn and will also be painting all exterior walls of the remaining components of the building to match the Buderer Drug facility. The City committed \$150,000 to this project and will be disbursing those funds shortly. We want to thank Buderer Drug Co., for their continued commitment to the City of Sandusky and for the major investment they have made at the intersection of Monroe and Hancock Streets.
- **Demolition will commence on the Cooke Building on Wednesday, June 10 through Friday, June 19.** The first three to four days will consist of the demolition of the building, with the remaining days focusing on the clean-up of debris. The following traffic changes will take place to ensure safety of workers and patrons to local businesses:
  - Market Street will be closed to westbound traffic between Columbus Avenue and Wayne Street.
  - Columbus Avenue will be closed from Market Street through the construction zone to the north, located about mid-block.
  - Traffic to local businesses will be permitted from Water Street through mid-block on Columbus Avenue to the south.
  - The west side of Columbus Avenue’s sidewalks will be open to pedestrian traffic.
  - Visitors to businesses located on Columbus Avenue, between Market Street and Water Street, are encouraged to utilize the Water Street Parking Lot or the Jackson Street Parking Lot.

The City has sent out a press release with the above information and a logistical map of the closures and staging areas. This information is also being shared on social media and directly to downtown merchants and stakeholders.

Eric Wobser explained the historic significance of the Cooke Building and its iconic location. While sad that we’re losing the Cooke, we are excited to be working with the Hogrefes to ensure it doesn’t stay an empty lot and that another building will take its spot and last for another hundred years.

- On June 3rd, **Earl Mullins of the Building Division retired.** We would like to thank Earl for his years of service and dedication to the City and our residents. We wish him and his family all the best.
- The City resumed collecting normal fares June 1. **Sandusky Transit Services** will launch EZfare mobile fare payment on June 8th.
- The regular **Planning Commission** meeting for June 24th is tentatively scheduled at 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting for June 18 is tentatively scheduled for 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Landmark Commission** meeting for June 17 is tentatively scheduled for 4:30 PM.
- The regular **Arts and Culture Commission** meeting for June 16 has tentatively been scheduled for 5:15 PM.
- It is yet to be determined if meetings will be held remotely or at City Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington said he's been out to the recycling center and talked to four people from Perkins, Castalia, and Sandusky. Is there a way that we could limit hours and have a volunteer sit there? What they've said is there's no recycling other than for their home and if they have excess or large stuff, they bring it to Sandusky now.

Dick Brady asked Dave Waddington if his concern was inappropriate dumping.

Dave Waddington said the other day he saw a chair and a plastic lamp sit outside the dumpster. He watched a lady and asked where she was from, she was from Perkins. He asked if she came there a lot. He wondered if the recycling facility could be open during business hours, and acknowledged a camera was there at one time, hoping there was a way we could police the area better. He said the overflow is an issue and we're spending our tax payers' money to help other communities out.

Eric Wobser said we appreciate the feedback and he will talk to Aaron Klein in Public Works. At one point we were partnering with Erie County Solid Waste District and they were providing some funding and asked for some availability to share with other members of the county. He doesn't know if that's still the case and can't remember if we were able to come to terms, as we knew it would be complicated if we overwhelmed the limited sites, with folks not only from Sandusky but from the greater community. He said our public works director could speak to that and if we were finding that we're having non-residents use it and it is exclusively a residential facility, we can both talk with Chief Orzech and figure out if there's a way to do some enforcement or remind folks of the fact this is reserved for residents because it's covered through city expenses.

Dick Brady asked Eric Wobser if parks are going to be reopened on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 and asked for clarification on basketball hoops.

Eric Wobser said yes, we are working through the details on opening things including restrooms. But yes, it is the top priority of public works, and they're working to ensure we start to reopen on the 10<sup>th</sup>, per the Governor's Orders allowing us to do that. City staff are going to start with basketball hoops. Those are something the city has heard kids are missing and we're anxious to get them back out there. We will be reopening parks and playgrounds, splash pads, restrooms, but we intend to start with basketball hoops as we work out the details for what we need to be doing to maintain those other facilities.

Dick Brady asked Eric Wobser to provide in conjunction with Finance Director, Michelle Reeder, a snap shot of our financial report that the commission received a week or so ago, ending in the month of May. He said the report looks better than what we're probably going to see in the next few months and is wondering if Eric Wobser can give us a reader's digest of that. In addition he thinks it makes sense is if we have some type of a financial snap shot each month at a commission meeting. He thinks that will go to great lengths to keep commissioners and the community abreast of where we are and where the pluses and minuses, debits and credits go in this accounting system that we're all going to be paying so much attention to for the next several months.

Eric Wobser said he can certainly give an overview and then if Michelle Reeder has the ability to provide slightly more detail, that would be good. He likes the idea of a regular update at these meeting where we can talk about those numbers particularly during these economic times.

Eric Wobser said May financial reports contained two pieces of good news and one piece of difficult news. The first piece of good news is that we've performed really well financially through May, because of a lot of hard work from our department directors, Michelle, etc. at holding the line on expenses. We've kept our expenses down and in addition to that, our revenues have come in relatively strong as to what we could have seen. In fact, we're up slightly through May of 2020 as compared to where we were in May of 2019. Although we are below the budget we had projected and what we'd seen from the strong returns first quarter, that were pre-Covid. We have significantly more in our reserve as of today than we had at this time last year. The second piece of good news is that we got an update from the

Governor, that the reopening of the economy is now going to be inclusive of amusement parks and water parks. We're seeing increased activity at Cedar Point Sports Center, so our major tourism attractions will be allowed to come back. The details are still being worked out. Kalahari, while outside our jurisdiction, still has a critical role on attracting visitors to the area. He believes Kalahari intends to reopen as soon as possible. Cedar Point, because of the vast scaling up they have to do are probably going to take a few more weeks. From all indications, they're hopeful to be open by late June or early July and are doing everything they can. That should mean the lowest projections or the worst projections that might be possible in our budget this year, hopefully won't come to fruition. That being said, those are the only good pieces of news.

The third piece is a reminder to the commission and community that we always knew we weren't going to see our budget "go over the cliff," as we referred to it, until the June and July finance reports because we aren't highly dependent, even through May, on tourism dollars coming in. That includes not only admission tax and lodging tax, but those increased income taxes that start to float from the thousands of employees that Cedar Point has usually hired by this time and are working hourly and paying a local income tax to the community. We are still going to have a budget that is very difficult this year even though our tourism assets are open, as they're likely to be operating with restrictions, we're going to see fewer guests who are allowed to visit our area. This means fewer people in hotels, fewer people at Cedar Point, fewer people patronizing local businesses. We know there is still going to be a big hit to the budget this year. That being said, due to the fact that we have done a good job controlling expenses to date and look to identify savings in a variety of way-- pushing for stimulus dollars, our hope is that we can watch, for a time, as to staffing levels. Certainly we would welcome any attrition that came at this point, but we're not looking in the immediacy to do more layoffs. Although as we see those numbers in June and July and see how deep that impact continues to be through August, September, etc. We don't know we're out of the woods yet, but we do know we've gotten some good news and we've performed pretty well. We're cautiously optimistic that we can keep the budget reductions in the range we've already seen or at least closer to the lower end of that range than the higher end of that range.

Michelle Reeder said we've done a good job keeping expenses down on the moves we've taken already this year. Our expenditures are down nearly \$679,000 from the general fund in 2019 through the end of May, compared to 2020. Everything that we can do on the expenditures side we're going to continue to do this year and going forward into next year. We were in a good position going into March. In March when we looked at our financials, our income tax revenue was up \$340,000. That put us in a good position, going into the coronavirus pandemic. Figures from RITA as of Friday (June 5, 2020), our numbers from income tax 2019 versus 2020, we're down \$273,000. Again that good position we were in in March, when we were up \$340,000, put us in a good position so when we were declining in income tax, we were already ahead of where we thought we'd be in March. We'll continue to do everything we're can do to limit expenditures and look for stimulus dollars out there. We're going to get through it one way or another and if anyone sees any good opportunities we need to be looking into, please let the staff know.

Dick Brady said he think what Eric Wobser and Michelle Reeder are saying is the good news of our amusement park getting open, is certainly good news but it's no time to break into high fiving each other. We are going to proceed with caution as staff have already laid out a plan for us; caution and not fear. We put a good plan in place early, and we're going to benefit from that but the jury is still out. None of the commission expect July or August financials to look as good as they did a year ago and he's hopeful we've mitigated some of those losses by the proactive steps we've taken until now. What we do as a commission, we have to be prepared to face the music when those financials do hit us squarely in the face. Thanks to Eric Wobser and the staff for tearing into this problem. The ship isn't completely righted but we are no longer listing terribly to one side.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Blake Harris said he'd like to share some more good news. Terion Stewart, who many of us might know as one who pulls off heroics and big plays on the football field for the Streaks broke out his biggest play yet. Terion saved two young kids from drowning on June 4, down at the Shelby Street Boat Ramp. He wanted to take a moment to recognize him and say kudos to him for being there, being timely, saving a couple lives and helping a couple families avoid tragedy.

Dick Brady said it was an unbelievable act of heroism. If times were different we would have that young man before us tonight. If anyone deserves to be before us, for us to applaud him, it's a gentleman like that. A couple families' lives have been forever changed for the better.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to adjourn at the President declared the motion passed.**

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Commission Clerk

Richard R. Brady  
Vice President of the City Commission