

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Dick Brady, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

City staff present: Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager

City staff via teleconference: Eric Wobser – City Manager, John Orzech – Assistant City Manager, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Aaron Klein – Director of Public Works, Development Director – Jonathan Holody, Jim Green – Acting Fire Chief, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, McKenzie Spriggs – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Sandusky

Item 3: How does the city bid out a job when the listing of streets is missing?

Item 4: ECEDC and the Port Authority share the same director. The director has stepped down from the Economic Development Committee only serving in an advisory capacity. I have concerns about a conflict of interest with the director advising the ED Committee, which could take on the appearance of lobbying for city grants for developments the director has brokered through the Port Authority and ECEDC. How can the city ease my concerns?

Item 5: Mr. Hoty will have exclusive rights to sell the Cold Creek properties. Were other realtors given the same opportunity or was Mr. Hoty handpicked by the city?

PRESENTATION: ERIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (ECEDC)

Abbey Bemis, ECEDC's executive director, reported saying they appreciate the partnership with the city of Sandusky. ECEDC believes that business growth stimulates the economy and supports Erie County families. 77 organizations supported their organization last year. They played a video as a thank you to their investors.

They have three focus areas in their agreement with the city of Sandusky. Attraction, retention and expansion: they do a lot of connecting dots between community resources and the opportunities and challenges that businesses face. Promotion, site selection, resource navigation, are services they provide. The pandemic brought its own unique challenges and ECEDC provided a high level of touch and customer service as many businesses navigated foreign terrain with grants.

As the public question that came in, ECEDC is assuming management of the Erie County Port Authority, which you all are familiar with, to deliver support to the Resort and Attraction Management program in downtown Sandusky.

Sarah Ross the program director at ECEDC said their role traditionally involved connecting business with resources available to them. This is a lot of connecting with agencies and providers. In a COVID year, when new programs are being developed by the minute, this kept our staff incredibly busy. 2020 had three phases for their office, first focusing on mobilization in response to the onset of COVID, followed by reopening, and then long-term recovery. In every stage we were interacting with businesses, through a weekly webinar series, business briefings, etc. We

were also able to develop some programs in house, many of those dollars coming from the federal government and foundations. Specific examples include two relief grants. Businesses that received funds were thinking towards the future, how can they survive COVID and thrive long-term. Bars and restaurants were in a completely different atmosphere. Partners at the Erie County Community Foundation were instrumental in bulk meal preparation to feed families in need. A renewed focus on entrepreneurship came out of this. We had 95 RISE appointments with businesses. One of the conversations that we had discussed with the City last year was how can RISE better support minority entrepreneurs. Over the last eight months, we've created a grass roots organization, the Minority Business Empowerment Team. It's a new venture and we look forward to seeing what this group can do. We are hoping to elevate, support, advocate for minority entrepreneurs and build a pipeline of entrepreneurs, provide tech support, and engage in community listening. The community will see further effort in regards to this in 2021.

Abbey Bemis said one of the questions we often hear from our businesses is around workforce. Are we getting the kinds of workers we need to keep our operations running strong? This is something you'll see us continue to work through and explore. We have entered the second stage of the Firelands Forward Workforce development initiative. We partnered with Huron County on this process. The goal is to bring on a stable labor force and differentiate ourselves as a market prime for investment. ECEDC has brought on two new employees to dive into these efforts.

The third focus area in the contract with the city is captured under regional economic development and brand awareness. Half of our residents leave for work daily, and half of our workforce comes in from outside the county. The transient nature only increases as we look outside municipal boundaries. It is very important to work with our neighbors. We want to promote our region and Sandusky as a pro-growth region. We have a literal marketing sense that captures this essence. We also work together to have a cohesive agenda when it comes to economic development. They appreciate the city staff and the relationship with the City of Sandusky.

Discussion: Naomi Twine thanked ECEDC for their presentation and said she was excited about their work with minorities and that grant program, as well as their efforts with the schools. They seem to have a good understanding of the changing needs of our community and the attention to those things will help get our community where it needs to be.

Dave Waddington said thank you and he agrees with Naomi Twine. He wishes we could give more than the \$30,000.

Dick Brady said the statistic that consistently hits him is the one on job and business retention. It is critical and that component of ECEDC is so important. It is much easier to retain a business than replace one.

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG FY2021

Debi Eversole presented, saying this will be the first of two Public Hearings concerning the city of Sandusky's 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program Year.

As an entitlement city, Sandusky directly receives an allocation of funds from the Department of Housing & Urban Development to carry out selected activities within the community. Eligible activities include but are not limited to: acquisition, demolition, public facility projects, infrastructure improvements, public service activities and planning activities.

Under this grant, there are certain requirements which cannot be exceeded. In general, these include a maximum of twenty percent of the allocation to be expended on administration expenses and a maximum of fifteen percent of the allocation to be expended on public services during the program year.

A minimum of seventy percent of the funds must benefit low- to moderate-income persons or households. All of the funded activities must meet one of the three national objectives which include:

1. low- to moderate-income benefit
2. elimination of slum and blight or
3. Community urgent need.

Sandusky anticipates an allocation of approximately \$750,000 of new funds for Program Year 2021.

The following activities were budgeted in the 2020 program year which is currently underway:

Recap of Activities Funded

FY20 Annual Action Plan	Approved
Program Administration	\$147,905.00
Fair Housing	\$10,000.00
Public Facilities	\$270,000.00
Clearance & Demolition (Residential)	\$110,396.00
Acquisition	*\$50,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$150,000.00
Youth Programming	\$5,000.00
Total	\$743,301.00

An additional \$100,000 was programmed into the acquisition project using inactive Revolving Loan Funds.

Sub recipient funding applications became available on March 9, 2021 and are due to the Department of Community Development no later than 12:00pm on March 29, 2021.

Applications are accessible on the CDBG page of the City of Sandusky’s website at www.cityofsandusky.com/cdbg

A draft of the action plan will be available on March 31st after which there will be a 30-day public comment period. The draft plan will be available for review on the City of Sandusky’s website at www.cityofsandusky.com/cdbg or by appointment at City Hall as well as at the Sandusky Library. Public input on community needs relating to CDBG funding can be submitted by written correspondence to the Department of Community Development, located at 240 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870 or emailed to development@ci.sandusky.oh.us.

The following comments were received during the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee which met on March 9, 2021

S. Johnson – 1139 Fifth Street

- Would like to see more money going to demolitions
- Lower the Program Administration Allocation
- Questioned HUD eligibility areas (why was Lion’s Park area removed)

M. Beier – ECMHA, 322 Wayne Street

- Would like to see Meals on Wheels continue to be funded

In a letter received on 3/8/21 just prior to the City Commission meeting. The writer requested it be read during this Public Hearing

K. Faulkner – Ohgo Executive Director, 3616 Plumbrook Circle
 “Dear Commissioners,

We kindly come requesting assistance to provide weekly emergency food through the CARES Act Round 3, for Coronavirus CDBG increased funding. OHgo's mobile programming addresses poverty through hunger relief and removes the barrier of transportation. The year 2020 showed us how quickly things can change and how many of us are one job loss, one illness, or one crisis away from possibly not knowing where our next meal may come from. During this most recent crisis, OHgo has increased to serving approximately 3,500 households every month, including the recently unemployed who are now vulnerable to food insecurity.

OHgo has increased food distributions from 8,000 pounds of food weekly to now around 35,000 pounds of food weekly. We have served food to provide a total of 772,264 meals between March 2020 to current. Our food expenses alone have increased to around \$3,000 a week.

We have increased serving our senior shut-ins and disability population from 140 to now 400 monthly. We have increased serving our child population from 500 to now 2,900 monthly. Total individuals served since the crisis hit in March 2020 is 85,899 (31,911 families), included in this count some repeat clients. At this time, we plan to continue meeting the need as best we can with additional pantry events, school pantries, senior deliveries and fresh produce giveaways. With the help of community minded individuals, like yourselves, we will be able to sustain programming. Kendra Faulkner and Christine Boesch, CoFounders of OHgo, will continue to oversee the operations of the program.

As the food insecurity crisis deepens, we are moving into 2021 with hope and dedication! Securing additional funding will allow for more strategic planning, which we have found essential especially during times such as the recent unexpected pandemic. The Director of Operations, currently is receiving \$15,000 through the City of Sandusky CDBG for Salary. Christine has growth plans for 2021 that include some of the following: partnering with more local food sources, increased opportunities for those in need to access food immediately (ie. produce prescriptions, school pantries, and a new outdoor locker concept), identifying and prioritizing upcoming initiatives that will ultimately accelerate implementation, as well as continuing her every day duties as primary coordinator overseeing the quality of our programming. OHgo's compensation committee, composed of board members Jason Stout, YaShica Brown, and Jill Gies have approved a Director of Operations salary at \$20/hr for 30 hrs/week. This amounts to \$31,200. Our Director of Operations, in partnership with OHgo's Executive Director, has led to help bring in \$1,500,000 in total income in fiscal year 2020 which has been used to accelerate breakthrough for many struggling families, displaying their passion for the community.

An increase to cover the Director of Operations salary would ensure that we can sustain this very essential relief. Any additional funding will go towards, specifically, the new locker system to provide immediate food access to those in need as well as allow partnering doctors to prescribe nutritious food to patients that qualify, complete with dietician support and recipes. We hope to alter the food environment and ultimately improve health through this new concept. We'd love to discuss this further. We have a quote and have started the planning stage with our team of partner engineers through Mobile Outreach Solutions. Thank you for your consideration and support, as always.

Kindly,

Kendra Faulkner"

Summary of comments received prior to the Feb 9, 2021 CPAC meeting that involve suggestions regarding the FY21 CDBG Program Year – These comments were read in their entirety at the Sub Amend P.H. on 3/8/21

Tim Schwanger – 362 Sheffield Way

- I encourage a reduction in the Administrative Fee and used for additional programming.

- I encourage CDBG funds for Parks and Recreation be used to construct a viable Splash Pad in the MacArthur Park area.

Ashli Demore – 504 Mason Rd E, Milan

- I propose that the \$150k amount be split evenly between code Enforcement and a Code Compliance Assistance Fund next year. The proposed \$75k for Code Compliance Assistance should be grant money available to CDBG income qualified people to bring their homes up to code.
- Some of this fund should be designated to help residents with their water bills and other CORONAVIRUS related struggles.
- I propose that \$25k be set aside for a Youth Bike Program
- I propose that no more money be designate to public facilities projects within the downtown development zone.

In conclusion, the timeline for this public process is as follows:

March 9, 2021	1 st CPAC Meeting held virtually and sub recipient applications are available
March 10, 2021	Legal Ad published announcing first public hear, subrecipient application available and 2 nd CPAC meeting scheduled on 3/31/2021
March 22, 2021	1 st Public Hearing announcing the program planning process
March 29, 2021	Sub Rec Applications due
March 31, 2021	2 nd CPAC Meeting, Draft FY21 Action Plan available for review and 30-day comment period begins
April 26, 2021	2 nd Public Hearing at City Commission
April 29, 2021	30-day comment period ends
May 10, 2021	Final FY21 Action plan will be considered by City Commission where approval will be requested

****Once City Commission approves a final version of the FY21 Annual Action plan, the plan must be submitted to HUD with the application for federal funding form for final approval.**

Discussion: Dennis Murray asked Debi Eversole to forward those specific comments to the commission so he can closely look at them for budgeting in May.

Wes Poole asked if the suggestions made fit within the guidelines of CDBG funding.

Debi Eversole said we are currently in the planning process and will need to look for eligibility. For example, there is location eligibility and income eligibility to consider. She will take every consideration into account.

Wes Poole asked when these comments came in.

Debi Eversole said most of these comments were received for the substantial amendment public hearing and she believes they likely wanted those heard for this meeting, as they were not appropriate there. She received these around March 8. **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

The President asked if the commissioners wished to remove any of the items on the Consent Agenda. The commission chose to leave as is.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**ITEM A – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk****REPLACEMENT PAGES FOR 2020 CODIFIED ORDINANCES UPDATE**

Budgetary Information: The cost of the revisions for the Codification supplements and updating the Code on the internet for 2020 is \$2,560 plus shipping and handling and will be taken from the contractual services line item in the Commission's budget (60%), sewer funds (20%), and water funds (20%). This item is appropriated each year.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-032: It is requested an ordinance be passed to approve current replacement pages to the Sandusky Codified Ordinances for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM B – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager**DISPOSAL OF KRONOS TIMECLOCKS (FIRST READING)**

Budgetary Information: Proceeds from the sale of these items will be placed into the City's General Fund account.

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of thirteen (13) Kronos timeclocks as having become unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter.

ITEM C – Submitted by Jared Oliver, Police Chief**PERMISSION TO APPLY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S GRANT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY ARMOR**

Budgetary Information: The total amount being requested is \$6,800 for the purchase of Body Armor for officers of the Sandusky Police Department to replace Body Armor vests that are nearing the end of their useful life. This will require a 25% local match of \$1,700 which will be paid out of the police operating budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General for financial assistance through the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL WITH INSIGHT PIPE CONTRACTING FOR 2020 SEWER LINING PROJECT (DEDUCT)**

Budgetary Information: This final agreement amendment is a decrease of \$8,160.25, which will revise the original total contract amount of \$307,655 to \$299,494.75 and will be paid from the Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-033: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first & final change order for work performed by Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC of Harmony, Pennsylvania, for the 2020 Sewer Lining Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Naomi Twine, 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 and shall take effect in full accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances or resolutions whether they be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter.

Roll call on the motion: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Dick Brady, Naomi

Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the city charter.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Brendan Heil, Law Director

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXECUTIVE ORDER TO REDUCE TOXIC ALGAE BLOOMS

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for the adoption of this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 010-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed requesting the President of the United States of America, Joe Biden, to sign an executive order for federal management to reduce toxic harmful algae blooms that are costly for municipal water treatment plants and result in economic harm to fishing, boating, property, recreational, and tourist-related businesses; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve this resolution in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said he was approached by the Lake Erie Water Keepers, an organization that works for the health of Lake Erie. They pointed out that this issues we are dealing with are not limited by state boundaries and we need a regional solution and coordination with the problems we are facing. We have been working on the algal blooms in Ohio for the last 10 years and the bad news is that we are not making great progress. We need elevated federal leadership in this area to make a coordinated response. This is an effort that is being undertaken by many Ohio and Michigan cities and counties and he is asking that the commission lend its shoulder to bring federal attention. Algal blooms cost us so much money locally, as we are a tourist destination. Long term if Lake Erie does not improve or deteriorates, that would have an enormous impact on our economy, in both revenue and expenses.

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.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer

CONTRACT WITH ERIE BLACKTOP FOR THE CAMP STREET RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project including engineering, inspection, advertising, construction and miscellaneous costs, is \$372,537.35. OPWC will provide funding up to 58% of the project cost which is 216,071.66. This will be split between to be paid with \$41,071.66 OPWC (0% loan), \$175,000 OPWC (grant), The City's 42% share in the projects costs is \$156,465.69 and will be funded with \$86,188.00 CDBG and \$70,277.69 Issue 8 (Street).

ORDINANCE NO. 21-034: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contact with Erie Blacktop, Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Camp Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Blake Harris and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the city applied for grant funding a couple years ago. We are now able to move forward with the project, which involves the resurfacing of Camp Street from Washington to Monroe. In addition to the milling and filling, there is a section in the middle, where the rail used to be for the old trolley cart. The rail was removed, but it is a different base. We will mill down three inches and make sure that the base is uniform. In addition to that we have about

\$63,000 of sidewalk and curb repairs that will be done. The project is \$372,500 and that is split with \$175,000 in grant funding, \$41,000 and a 0% five-year loan, and the remainder comes from CDBG and Issue 8 funding. The CDBG is left over from the 2020 fiscal year.

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 #3 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer

PERMISSION TO BID THE 2021 LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Budgetary Information: As staff had been developing the capital plan, there has been much discussion on the amount of available capital funding that could be made available for streets as the top priority. Staff still recommends allocating those dollars for this project. The estimated cost of the project including engineering, inspection, advertising, construction and miscellaneous costs, is \$2,985,000 paid with the following sources:

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| 1) | Stimulus funds | \$2,000,000 |
| 2) | State gas tax money | \$ 361,286 |
| 3) | Issue 8 Funds | \$ 138,714 |
| 4) | Water Funds | \$ 205,000 |
| 5) | Sewer Funds | \$ 280,000 |

RESOLUTION NO. 011-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2021 Local Street Resurfacing 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 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 in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dick Brady said the commission received a list of streets this morning via email. That should go to great lengths to answer the public question. He appreciates that as he looks at the map of streets, they are widely dispersed throughout the city. This represents about 12 miles of pavement. It will certainly be noticed by the homes that sit on the new pavement, but we have miles left to go.

Aaron Klein said this project is exciting. Once the city was notified of the potential for stimulus funding, staff moved quickly at the direction of the city manager, to identify streets. We know there is a need for more than \$2.5 million in resurfacing, but we wanted to be strategic. The goal is to get this out immediately so we can get the best price available. Many communities will be putting forth large resurfacing projects, there will be a lot of work out there for asphalt companies and we are trying to get ahead of the game to get the best price. This list is over 12 miles of roadway, that's 150+ street segments. We were strategic based on visual evaluations of pavement. We tried to focus on asphalt roads, we have done concrete streets in the past which needed complete removal and restore. We have done many of the main routes and leveraged state and federal dollars, including route 6. Last year we did nine miles of resurfacing, which is a lot, but we have more to do. \$2M in stimulus funding should make a good dent. The breakdown is \$2.5M in straight resurfacing. That is going into asphalt and roads. The remaining \$400,000 is for castings, new lids for manholes for sewer and water valves, so those dollars will be coming from sewer and water funds. We are hoping to bid this in April and award it in May. Whether you see it as fortunate or unfortunate, much of the city will be under construction this summer.

Wes Poole asked the commission clerk to add the list to the agenda packet.

McKenzie Spriggs said she would add that.

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.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING SERVICES

Budgetary Information: The City will provide ECEDC with quarterly payments totaling \$30,000 in 2021 for services rendered and programs offered.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-035: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) for certain economic development and marketing services for calendar year 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dick Brady asked executive director, Abbey Bemis about the overlap in responsibility of the port authority and of ECEDC. He asked if she could answer that at tonight's meeting.

Abbey Bemis said she serves as executive director but decisions are made at the board level. The Erie County Port Authority has an independent board of directors which she reports to and is ultimately the decision-making power of that organization. Likewise, ECEDC has an independent board of directors. We are both vested in economic development and she sees it as alignment of mission and an efficient use of resources. Any conflicts can be circumvented by the two separate board of directors.

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 #5 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

PURCHASE AND SALE OF LAND BANK PROPERTIES AT COLD CREEK CROSSING

Budgetary Information: At closing, each assessment lien will be satisfied from a portion of the sales proceeds. Broker fees of up to 6.5% will also be paid from the sales proceeds. The balance of funds will be used by the City to recoup expenses related to the subdivision in accordance with O.R.C. §5722.08.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ : It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain forty-four (44) parcels of real property owned by the city as part of the Land Reutilization Program identified and located in the Cold Creek Crossing Subdivision are no longer needed for any municipal purpose and approving a form of agreement for the purchase and sale with respect to that real property; 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 First Reading.

Discussion: Naomi Twine asked how we got to this place of wanting to sell. She knows the neighborhood had concerns and wondered about the notice they received.

Jonathan Holody said these lots came to the city through foreclosure. The developer ran into financial trouble. The city has been selling these lots one by one, but last year it was discussed the city could benefit from having a high quality broker to partner with. There was an RFQ issued, eight developers responded, and HOTA was determined the most qualified broker. We have spent time working with HOTA to determine the best way to bring these lots to market. We distributed a flyer last week to the residents of Cold Creek. He has talked to many residents since then. The city is also looking at additional improvements, to better position Cold Creek to be one of the city's premiere neighborhoods.

Dave Waddington said the residents had concerns whether they were going to be turned into multiple units per lot.

Eric Wobser said staff has not changed original site plans at all, on what was planned for the Cold Creek development. There are slightly over 40 single family lot homes available. It has been built out with a cul-de-sac that was built for side by side duplexes, and other sites made for multi-family. Staff talked to residents today, while we are sticking with the original plan, we are open to changing in the future. Today, we are asking for permission to list the property, not necessarily sell the property. There is an opportunity to look at the details, where it was always set out to be multi-family. What we discussed with residents today is that multi-family does not mean not high quality. In fact, we have a lot of discretion on what to sell through the listing agreement, so we can ensure the high quality neighborhood remains. He would like to make clear that the city is not making any change to what was initially adopted as part of this plan, and the plan that was in place when residents bought homes and lots in this neighborhood.

Dave Waddington said the residents felt like there was a lack of communication and there was some confusion. A door hanger may have been helpful.

Eric Wobser said the city has been selling lots in Cold Creek parcel by parcel for years, for the entire time he has been the city manager. The goal of this was to bring on a realtor to help market those lots in this strong housing market, to bring attention to this great neighborhood. The city is not recommending the sale of any property in Cold Creek, instead we are recommending the partner that we will use to market these lots to the community, while we maintain the discretion that the city has had, as to when to sell a lot and what terms.

Wes Poole asked if the original plans are what we are still going with.

Eric Wobser said what is being listed now, is based on the original plans from the developer.

Wes Poole asked what things were named that made the neighborhood feel comfortable, that the standard of housing would be high and their investment would be protected? What wording is listed in that development agreement?

Jonathan Holody said they are maintaining the deed restrictions of that property. New buyers will be held to the same standards of those who originally bought. The city maintains discretion and can look at building plans to ensure they meet standards. He thinks it is in our best interest to maintain those high standards.

Wes Poole said we have failed to communicate that effectively to the current residents out there. We passed out flyers and left at bulk mail boxes. The residents are worried the lots are being sold at discount prices. We are talking about our discretion rather than assurances to that community, and folks are worried about what is going to come there. He is very satisfied at the answers from staff but the lack of communication and information leaves something to be desired. He wonders if we can postpone the vote, to calm down and talk to the neighborhood in order to assure them.

Mike Meinzer said he is satisfied with staff's answers. Jonathan Holody said there are lots of safe guards with deed restrictions and perhaps a home owners associations. As long as this commission

sits here there will not be slabs and it will remain a premiere neighborhood. He hopes over the next few months we lock in this message and can grow this premiere neighborhood.

Dennis Murray thinks everything said has been valuable. He would suggest we change it to a first reading and taking it up at the next meeting, so the neighborhood can absorb the information. We can pass under Section 13 or Section 14 at the next meeting. Many cities would sell these lots to a developer, as opposed to us having the developer work as our agent. We will keep control over the properties. He would like to slow the process down.

Naomi Twine agreed and amended her motion to a first reading. Upon a second of Wes Poole, the Commission amended the legislation to a first reading. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, 6. Abstain: Blake Harris, 1.

Additional discussion: Jared Oliver said he lives in the neighborhood and would like to add some context to the notification. He posted the flyers a week ago and included it in the neighborhood Facebook page, which most homes are a part of. He did not know what he could speak to as some of this was not yet public, but he said 90% of the homes know exactly what is going on out there. He is unsure who the 10% are, but the neighborhood was adequately canvased.

Dick Brady said in situations like this, we cannot over communicate. The unknown is frightening especially when dealing with people's homes. He is pleased there was communication and will be additional communication before the next meeting.

Roll call on the legislation upon first reading: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, 6. Abstain: Blake Harris. The President declared the ordinance passed under First Reading.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

EXECUTIVE RIGHT TO SELL AGREEMENT WITH HOTY ENTERPRISES FOR COLD CREEK CROSSING

Budgetary Information: At closing, each assessment lien will be satisfied from a portion of the sales proceeds. Broker fees of up to 6.5% will also be paid from the sales proceeds. The balance of funds will be used by the City to recoup expenses related to the property in accordance with O.R.C. §5722.08.

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an exclusive right to sell agreement with HOTY Enterprises, Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the marketing and sale of forty-four (44) vacant parcels of land in the Cold Creek Crossing Subdivision in Sandusky; 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 table this legislation.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, 6. Abstain: Blake Harris, 1. The President declared this ordinance tabled for a future meeting.

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO RDMJD LLC FOR 2101 WEST PERKINS AVENUE

Budgetary Information: The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$15,000 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project. The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund due to increased income and property taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-036: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$15,000 through the Economic Development Program Fund to RDMJD, LLC

in relation to the property located at 2101 West Perkins Avenue; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Jonathan Holody said RDJMJ is a real estate holding company, with owners being the Ahner family. It is one of the best window and door installation companies in our area. They will be investing \$150,000 in that facility over the next several years. They have an initial investment of \$28,000 and this grant will get them up and running in that facility. They will immediately create seven jobs and will create seven more over the next couple years. There is accompanying legislation, the first is the grant and the second is tax abatement. This grant was approved by the economic development committee at the February meeting. Rosalyn Ahner joins us this evening and we can both answer any questions about this facility.

Naomi Twine said she would like to express her gratitude for their business expanding in Sandusky and utilizing a building that could have sat deteriorating without them. It is a great opportunity for Sandusky and future employment for the city.

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 #8 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director
ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RDMJD LLC FOR 2101 WEST PERKINS AVENUE**

Budgetary Information: The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund, as 25% of the increase in assessed value will be subject to real estate taxes during the abatement period. The project will also help sustain employment in the local economy and will create a minimum of three (3) permanent full-time positions subject to City income tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-037: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an Enterprise Zone agreement with RDMJD, LLC in relation to the property located at 2101 West Perkins Avenue; 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 in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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 #9 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director
PURCHASE AND SALE OF 430 EAST MARKET STREET**

Budgetary Information: The sales price per the Agreement is \$10,790.00. All sales proceeds will be deposited into the Real Estate Development Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-038: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that a portion of certain real property owned by the city located at 430 East Market Street, Sandusky, and identified as parcel no. 56-00985.000, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement to sell the designated real property to Eduardo and Jennifer Torres; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

Discussion: Jonathan Holody said the Torres family is seeking to purchase this lot for the construction of a single family house, that they will live in. The purchase prices recognizes that some of the soil is compromised, but the Torres have agreed to take the property as is and remediate as needed. They got an estimate which was used to negotiate the price the commission sees before it. Their proposed work will cost less than some of the prices we received when looking. He believes it is a fair price and looks forward to the what the Torres do to that land.

Mike Meinzer said he is excited to hear that this is an owner occupied home going up in Sandusky. He hopes to see this trend continue.

Dick Brady said we do not get many new homes built in the city. We will celebrate this and he thinks the Torres family will enjoy living downtown.

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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Upon a motion from Dave Waddington and a second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$40 from Ben Fritz for the Sandusky Fire Department staff who assisted him on a call. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon a motion from Dave Waddington and a second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$75 from Hank Solowiej for the Sandusky Police Department in memory of Andy Dunn.**
- **Upon a motion from Naomi Twine and a second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation of a London Planetree from Barnes Nursery to be planted in Huron Park on Arbor Day.**
- The NAACP will be hosting a virtual town hall on the COVID-19 vaccine on Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 pm. Sandusky native, Dr. Leon McDougale, President of the National Medical Association and serving at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center will be leading the discussion, along with other panelists including Commissioner Twine. The City will be hosting the town hall on the City's Facebook page.
- Thanks to the training staff at Firelands Regional Health System for assisting in recertifying all of the officers in CPR / Basic Life Saving skills.
- The fire department is requesting approval to submit a 2021-2022 grant application to The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS as the deadline for submission is April 1, 2021. The fire department applies every year for this grant and is awarded different amounts each year. This grant if awarded covers training and equipment.

There is no budgetary impact. This grant, if awarded, is 100% funded by the Ohio Emergency Medical Services Grant through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, there is no matching funds. A ratification will be done for the April 12, 2021 meeting.

- The filing deadline for municipal income tax returns this year is April 15. With your health and safety in mind, we offer contact-free ways to easily file and pay your municipal taxes. Visit RITAOhio.com for more information.
- The Customer Accounting Office has discontinued the use of a Post Office Box to receive mail. Effective immediately, please mail all utility bills and correspondence to 240 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH 44870.
- **Code Compliance – The noxious weed and grass ordinance was published in the Sandusky Register on March 12, 2021, as the annual notice requirement.** Section 531.08 of the Codified Ordinances of Sandusky, Ohio requires the owner or occupant having the care of any lot or land within the City to cut down and remove all noxious weeds and grass of a height of eight inches or more. Voluntary cooperation by all property owners is appreciated by the City. Any questions regarding compliance should be directed to City of Sandusky, Division of Code Compliance at (419) 627-5913.
- **Code Compliance –** As a follow-up for the approval of a vehicle for Code Compliance that Commission approved up to \$15,000, Fleet Manager Troy Vaccaro located and purchased a 2006 Chevy C2500HD truck on an auction site for \$7,202.50, in South Carolina. The vehicle is in very good shape and rust free condition. The truck has 71,033 miles, appears to have not been used for hauling or towing much and is mechanically in very good shape. We thank Troy for his diligence in locating the vehicle. The vehicle will be used to transport mowers and equipment to various properties throughout the city that need cut or nuisances abated.
- The City is accepting applications for a few budgeted positions that we are looking to fill quickly. Please contact Human Resources for more information.
- During a routine bridge inspection on the bridge over Mills Creek near the golf course, ODOT's consultant noticed a wing wall that supports the approach slab was damaged. While this does not appear to affect the bridge deck or the load rating of the structure itself, ODOT requested that the sidewalk be closed until they could develop a plan for repair. Staff has notified the nearby property owner who uses a motorized wheelchair.
- Per commission approval, Grounds Maintenance has procured an industrial mower just in-time for the start of mowing season. The mower was received on March 18.
- Various divisions have begun seasonal preparation throughout the City, this includes installation of docks and buoys, as well as traffic calming measures for state routes and neighborhoods, activation of park fountains and operation of restrooms, and more frequent waste collection in the downtown business district. To report an issue or for questions or concerns, please call 419.627.5829.
- Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions and per the Health Department, only bottle-filling stations at some City properties will be turned on this spring. Water staff is currently looking into the possibility of installing additional stations to accommodate visitors to various parks. Also, the hydration station will be available for events this summer since the drinking fountain was replaced with hand sanitizer.
- Docks at the Shelby Street Boat Launch will be installed on Monday, March 22, 2021, and the floating dock at the Pipe Creek Wildlife Preserve will be installed on Tuesday, March 23rd.

- The second public hearing on the FY 2021 CDBG Annual Action Plan is scheduled for Monday, April 26.
- The Housing Development & Beautification Program received 111 applications. Staff are processing applications and awarding funds.
- Applications are now being accepted for Economic Development Fund assistance.
- The next **Arts and Culture Commission** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 5:15 PM.
- The next **Landmark Commission** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21 at 5:00 PM.
- The next **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15 at 4:30 PM.
- The next **Planning Commission** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 at 5:00 PM.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and a second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a grant from the Erie County Community Foundation to assist with the strategic planning of the Sandusky Transit System.**

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Murray said the Corso's family has applied for a zoning change to St. Paul's church on Perkins Avenue and Mills Street. The church is going to close and merge with another church, that is a done deal. The owners of the property have a right to change its zoning so it can be a functional use. The city could find itself at the end of a lawsuit and with few restrictions on the use of the property. As is, Corso's has agreed to strict limitations that address most of the neighborhood's legitimate concerns. He would like to acknowledge that more than a few of the neighborhood members have concerns that this would change the neighborhood. He believes this is overwhelmingly based on misinformation or the lack of enough information. He and the city will answer and address these questions Wednesday night when the issue comes up at the Planning Commission meeting. He urges people to call or email the planning department with those comments so Corso's and City staff can address and answer those Wednesday night. Write or email Kristen Barone at 419.627.5891 or kbarone@ci.sandusky.oh.us. He would like to note this application has been turned into a racial powder keg by some. The social media comments and other communications are overtly racist and frankly repulsive. He had hoped we are better than this. Some have expressed concerns that crime will increase and property values will decrease due to the transient nature of the residents. But he asked those folk if they would have the same concerns if those transient residents were part of a football or basketball camp, cheerleading clinic or Christian camp? He does not think so. The recruiting firm that Corso's contracts with does background checks, prohibits alcohol use, and takes its employees out for an 11 hour shift and brings them back, 6 days a week. The dormitories will be inspected, per the VISA program and paying \$15/hour, Corso's hires as many people locally as it can, but it cannot attract enough people locally to stay in business. He would like to point out Corso's already held an open house to answer questions and will do so again to spread correct information, Wednesday night. At the end of the day, the planning commission should only take action after they have heard residents' concerns and provided Corso's and staff the opportunity to address those concerns. He would like to point out if the property is simply vacated, that presents its own set of problems. If the city fails to consider any zoning changes, the city will likely find itself at the losing end of litigation with less control than we do presently, by negotiating with Corso's.

Rezoning truly is a balancing act. His confidence that the zoning change is the correct answer for the property is buoyed by the fact that this is the Corso family that is proposing this. They have been outstanding corporate citizens for decades, they do things the right way, and they are good partners. He is confident they will continue to be in this venture. This is not a simple handshake agreement, as ownership can change and it certainly will change in the future. Zoning changes will affect the future use of this property and in his judgement, they are more than enough to provide confidence to the neighborhood that future uses of this property will not negatively impact the neighborhood. His grandfather was a farmer in Huron township, growing vegetables. Just like flowers, they are labor intensive. Year after year he paid a group of Puerto Ricans to come up and work. They lived in dorms right behind my grand parents' home on Berlin Road. His grandmother would take them pies and his grandfather surely shared more than one bottle of hooch with them. He met them too. He would go out to what they called 'the cottage' which was no more than a dorm. He was scared too at first, they looked different and sounded different, but he came to understand that they were good people who did good and valuable work. Circumstances are different today, but not that much. The contractor that Corso's uses to conduct background checks and provide transportation has already been providing housing in Sandusky for several years. There have been no problems and he does not believe there will be any here. So, let us educate ourselves about the real facts, and if we are going to call ourselves a welcoming community, let us prove it.

Wes Poole said he is not certain that the issue is not wanting a zoning change, it is that they are uncertain the zoning change that is proposed will be beneficial to the neighborhood. It is difficult with zoom meetings where people cannot attend, for them to have coherent questions, when they have not been presented with anything. He is sure this is not a project that came about the day before the planning commission took it on, last month. The residents were caught surprise and many came to the conclusions Mr. Murray came too. This is an indication of a different problem. Because people wrote racist things on social media does not mean the neighborhood wrote them, or that the neighborhood does not have legitimate concerns which they have not been provided information about. From the calls he has received, many people feel this is too many people for too small an area. It is not an issue of what their race is. Everyone jumps to conclusions about what people's motives are. It is a fair question to ask that a neighborhood has 15 homes and let us say four (4) people per house. And packing 200 people into that project without a whole lot of explanation of what those folks are going to do for the rest of the day, while they're cooped up in a building, and not explaining how it adds to the neighborhood. He is not here to promote one way or another on this. This is not about a community that is not welcoming. It is about a neighborhood of folks that have invested there, and they do not have enough information to make good clear decisions on. The process the planning commission is going about this does not make sense.

Mike Meinzer said he is surprised this came up tonight. He received phone calls from the neighborhood and read the Register article from Corso's. He has lost sleep over this issue. He has Latino and Hispanic friends that have helped his drywall. He bought them a 12-pack of Modelo and they drank two of them, they were more interested in the Gatorade. He goes to Norwalk St. Paul, because his granddaughters go there. It is mostly Latino, and they are God-fearing people. The Knights of Columbus in Norwalk is mostly Latino. He understands there is fear of the unknown. There are so many people crossing the border right now, they are coming, and we will have to find some humanity to put these people up. That is one argument. The other side of his brain is telling him he does not think there will be litigation on this. They will not be shopping on Perkins Avenue; they will go to Dollar General or Cliff's Carryout. It is a desert for groceries. They will have to use transit. It seems to him from a humanitarian perspective, putting that many people into that building, does not make sense. One quarter percent of someone who works here for three months, is bologna. He does not see the value to Sandusky. Transient residents do not add to our Census, it does not add that much to our income tax, it adds to our human services and police and fire. We bring all these transient people yearly—Asians, eastern Europeans, Russians, never a problem. The problem is our local residents take advantage of them because they are vulnerable, how do we protect these people. They come here with no transportation,

limited language skills, and they might be taken advantage of by local people. He is more worried about them. He thinks the reason the south side of Sandusky was chosen is because it is a good business decision, it is cheap. And because it is the path of least resistance. When he read in the paper, a Margareta and Perkins business owner, do you know how much resistance they would have gotten out there? It is going to take a lot more information like both Mr. Poole and Mr. Murray said.

Dick Brady said it cannot be emphasized enough, we cannot communicate enough. Whether that is between staff and the commission, or the commission and the residents, the more communication we have, the better we can resolve things and find the best course of action.

Blake Harris said he has had concerned citizens reach out to him and getting that information out there and getting them comfortable with this pending decision is key. With the pieces of legislation at tonight's meeting, we need to do our due diligence getting information out, so everyone can make the most informed decision. He is struggling with this one.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Sandusky

The Landmark bar would like to build a beautiful deck next door on its vacant lot. I dislike the idea that the bar would like to set a shipping container on the planned patio/deck. It would ruin what the bar is trying to accomplish. The business should do better planning so it does not have to rely on a shipping container to be part of its plan. The city takes pride in how downtown looks to visitors by covering up the garbage containers, so why would the city ever allow these hideous containers to become a standard in downtown?

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Sandusky

In 2020, funds were set aside from the Parks and Recreation budget to perform concrete repair on the west to east portion of the Meigs Street Pier at Battery Park. The contract to repair has been canceled and the City is negotiating with the new leaseholders of Battery Park to have the new leaseholders participate in financing repairs. In examining the condition of the Washington Street Pier, this particular pier is in need of similar concrete repair. I'd like to recommend using the Parks and Recreation \$30,000 plus originally earmarked for the Meigs Street Pier be reassigned for repairs to the Washington Street Pier. The pier is used extensively by various public uses including walking, biking, fishing and is one of the most used locations to view 4th of July fireworks.

Legacy Drywall, owned by a City Commissioner, has received the contract for drywall work at one of the City's facilities. The concern is this contract violates the City Charter and Ohio Revised Code.

Norma McFadden, Mills Street, Sandusky

I firmly object to St. Paul's church being converted into a dormitory. This is a residential district and should remain as such. The southside has been working to demolish derelict property, clean up the neighborhood, and refurbish old houses. We take pride in what we do to keep our community up. I doubt this proposition would ever gain traction if it was proposed in downtown Sandusky.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.



McKenzie Spriggs
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission