

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

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

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to excuse Dennis Murray from the meeting.

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 22, 2021 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Sandusky

Regarding items 3, 4 and 5: The Jackson Street Pier project appears to be transforming from a waterfront improvement project for the community to a business and economic driven project.

Stage and LED screen concerns. The City of Sandusky spent millions to develop the Paper District Marina and Amphitheater project for events. This particular Amphitheater was built with future expansion in mind. The Paper District Amphitheater is well removed from the Chesapeake Lofts reducing noise levels concerns when compared to the Jackson Street Pier.

Ice rink. The City of Sandusky celebrates the Christmas season with a tree lighting ceremony with 2 months of festive lights and displays in Washington Park. To facilitate celebrating the Christmas season with lights and displays, a much better location for an ice rink is in or near Washington Park. Winter winds coming off Lake Erie makes the Jackson Street Pier a less favorable location.

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.

ITEM A – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager

DISPOSAL OF KRONOS TIMECLOCKS (SECOND READING)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21-039: 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 B – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE PAYMENT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE LOFTS

Budgetary Information: This submerged land lease is payable by the City of Sandusky as the lease holder. The Chesapeake Lofts Condo Association will reimburse the City for the cost of the lease. ODNR does not allow a sub-lease holder to make a Submerged Land Lease payment on the City's behalf.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-040: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to make payment to the Ohio Department of natural Resources (ODNR), Office of Coastal Management for rental payment on Submerged Lands Lease File No. SUB-2119B-ER for the period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM C – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager**AGREEMENT WITH WONDERWARE NORTH FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH SCADA SOFTWARE**

Budgetary Information: The cost for this support and maintenance agreement for a 36-month period will be \$42,855 and will be paid with funds from the Sewer operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-041: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing payment to Wonderware North (Q-Mation) of Horsham, Pennsylvania, for a three (3) year renewal of the customer first support program for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for the period of May 23, 2021, through May 22, 2024; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Chief Green, Acting Fire Chief**PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR GRANT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Budgetary Information: 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 012-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and ratifying the submission of a grant application for the 2021-2022 Ohio Emergency Medical Services (EMS) grant program through the Department of Public Safety for the Sandusky Fire Department; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM E – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent**PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR ERIE METROPARKS GRANT BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Budgetary Information: The Sandusky Recreation Department is applying for two of the three levels of grant funding with priority to the mid-level.

Category 1 (Up to \$1,000)- Funds to assist in the Jaycee Park Baseball & Basketball Court improvements scheduled for late-summer 2021.

Category 2 (between \$1,000 and \$3,000)- No grant funding requested at this level.

Category 3 (Over \$3,000)- Funds to assist in the addition of paved cart paths at Mills Creek Golf Course to improve the year-round safety and accessibility during golf play and off-season use for walkers, runners and users of the sledding hill. Request not to exceed \$10,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 013-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Erie MetroParks Board of park Commissioners for financial assistance through the 2021 Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program for the Recreation Department; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM F – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent**PRIORITY USE AGREEMENT WITH TRAVELERS BASEBALL ACADEMY FOR JAYCEE PARK SOUTH**

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from the agreed upon ball field maintenance performed by the leagues.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-042: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Sandusky Travelers Baseball Academy for

priority use of Rather Field located at Jaycee Park South for their baseball program beginning April 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM G – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent

PRIORITY USE AGREEMENT WITH AMVETS BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR AMVETS PARK ERIE BLACKTOP FIELD

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from the agreed upon ball field maintenance performed by the leagues.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-043 : It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Sandusky Amvets Baseball League for priority use of Erie Blacktop Field and the concession stand located at Amvets Park and fields #1, #2, & #3 and the concession stand and storage shed located at Sprau Park for the Sandusky Amvets Baseball league program beginning May 1, 2021, through July 31, 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM H – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent

PRIORITY USE AGREEMENT WITH LADY LIGHTNING FAST PITCH FOR DORN PARK FIELDS

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from the agreed upon ball field maintenance performed by the leagues.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-044: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Lady Lighting Fast Pitch League for priority use of fields #1, #2 & #6 located at Dorn Community Park for their girls softball program beginning May 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM I – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent

PRIORITY USE AGREEMENT WITH PANTHER BASEBALL CLUB FOR KIWANIS PARK

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from the agreed upon ball field maintenance performed by the leagues.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-045: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Panther Baseball Club for priority use of the Kiwanis Park Ball Field located at 2227 First Street, Sandusky, Ohio for the Firelands Interleague Baseball League program beginning April 1, 2021, through July 15, 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM J – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent

AMENDING PRIORITY USE AGREEMENT WITH SANDUSKY CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR DORN PARK

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from the agreed upon ball field maintenance performed by the leagues.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-046: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the license agreement with Sandusky Central Catholic School for priority use of Fields #3, #4, #5 & #9 located at Dorn Community park for the Sandusky Central Catholic High School Baseball and Softball programs beginning March 1, 2020; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM K – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Community Development Programs Administrator

PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THREE PARCELS INTO THE LAND BANK PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost of these acquisitions will be minimal. Any normal expenses to acquire these parcels will be paid out of the Land Bank expense account and will be recouped upon sale of the properties. The City will not collect the approximately \$493 owed to the City in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the approximately \$6,008 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all or part of these delinquencies may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the parcels. As the properties are put back into tax producing status, the taxing districts will once again begin collecting real estate taxes of approximately \$4,276.

RESOLUTION NO. 014-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the Land Reutilization Program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM L – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Community Development Programs Administrator
AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION
(CHIP) PARTNERSHIP**

Budgetary Information: There is no impact on the City’s General Fund. All of the projects in the program will be paid for through CHIP grant funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-047: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a partnership agreement between the City of Sandusky, the Board of Erie County Commissioners, the City of Huron, and the City of Vermilion relating to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program; approving the submission of a grant application by the Board of Erie County Commissioners on behalf of the City of Sandusky, Erie County, the City of Huron, and the City of Vermilion for financial assistance from the program year 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program through the Ohio Development Services Agency’s Office of Community Development; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM M – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk
NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR PADDLE AND CLIMB**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

The city is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a D2 liquor permit (wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.) for Paddle and Climb LLC, located at 305 E. Water Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Division of Liquor Control the City does not request a hearing on this matter.

**ITEM N – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk
NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR WAKE UP AND WAFFLE**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

The city is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a D5J liquor permit (community entertainment district) for Wake Up and Waffle, located at 131 E. Market Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Division of Liquor Control the City does not request a hearing on this matter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, 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: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permit transfers: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permit transfers contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the city charter.

REGULAR AGENDA

**ITEM #1 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director
PURCHASE AND SALE OF LAND BANK PROPERTIES AT COLD CREEK CROSSING (SECOND
READING)**

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. 21-048: 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.

Discussion: Mike Meinzer asked if this is the appropriate time to take the tabled items from last meeting off the table so they can return at the next meeting.

Dick Brady said that is a companion piece of legislation and will need to be done under Old Business. The purpose of this discussion is to discuss the item before them, which deals with selling the 44 lots at Cold Creek.

Naomi Twine said there are concerns from property owners that parcels could be sold and any type of structure could be built. They are concerned of their property values. Can we help the public understand the parameters that will be in place? If someone submits building plans and then they are approved, but those building plans change, what would the process be?

Jonathan Holody said the sales will be subject to a number of protections that will ensure the future outcome that we are all looking for at Cold Creek. We are selling the properties subject to the deed restrictions that have been in place since the start of that subdivision. All the existing property owners had to meet those deed restrictions, and future property owners will as well. Existing zoning and building and housing requirements will also be in place. Some of the properties are multi-family properties, and those will have to go through site plan approval, through the city's Planning Commission. Those will be looked at closely. The sales prices that are being included in the legislation are very much market rate sales prices. In talking through some of the concerns with the folks at HOTY, they pointed out at these sales prices, we will still be attracting high quality builders and buyers that have the resources to go forward with these projects.

Wes Poole said the existing document with restrictions may not match up with what they have done with their homes. The document with restrictions is wide ranging, the lots are of various sizes, and although it is the original document, he would like to afford those folks the opportunity to start their own home owners association. We should look at the current document to see if they would like to make some changes so it can become a better document, to ensure the high standard of homes out there. The existing restrictions are not very tight and there is some wiggle room. We should work with the folks in that development to ensure they are protected, and the first step is to give them the opportunity through a home owners association. He would like to table this legislation until the next meeting, to give Jonathan Holody the chance to network with the folks in that neighborhood and bring both pieces of legislation together at the next meeting. He thinks it can work as is, but thinks we are taking some risks with what the residents think they have as protections and could use some tightening up. He said the object is not to prolong this. **Wes Poole makes a motion to table until the next city commission meeting.**

Dick Brady asked about the city's role in developing a home owners association with Cold Creek.

Wes Poole said we took over a development where the residents there thought they had a home owners association, or that the developers had put one in. There are some questions about what is there. He is trying to avoid tying our hands but thinks we have an obligation to carry this as far as we are legally able to and are morally responsible to those people.

Mike Meinzer said he knows a fire fighter that is anxious to buy a lot and build a home. He is being put off because a real estate agent has not been selected. He would like to ask later that that legislation comes off the table. What the commission is doing is delaying the selling of these

lots, to work through deed restrictions or home owners association. He thinks the commission agrees that these lots are going to be sold and he does not think prolonging this will matter that much, but knows people and the city will be delaying selling the lots until a real estate agent is selected.

Eric Wobser said there is nothing that has prevented or would prevent the home owners from forming a home owner's association at any time. In fact, going back years in these conversations, the city has encouraged them to do so for basic maintenance of the common areas. They have been reluctant to do so. He shares Mike Meinzer's viewpoint that we have already delayed significantly this process, in what is currently a strong housing market, and there are deed restrictions in place that protect these individual's investments. It is unnecessary to continue to delay this and he would encourage the commission to vote on this tonight.

Naomi Twine said she understands the information Jonathan Holody provided in reference to the deed restrictions and parameters for building. She also understands that some people living there may want to create a home owners association. Her question is does the commission need to postpone voting on this legislation, if there are people living here that want to explore the option of a home owners association. How does that tie into what the commission/city can do without holding up the legislations?

Dick Brady said the commission is getting into some muddy waters when talking about organizing a home owners association. He does not believe that is the role of the city. He does believe that restrictions are already in place—square footage restrictions, single and multi-family restrictions in place, and building codes. To slow the process down now, to develop a home owners association, he thinks the commission will still be discussing this next fall. This not something that would happen in a two week period. He is inclined to not slow the legislation down. For them to strengthen or organize a home owners association is entirely up to them, and he does not think it is the city's role.

Without a second, the motion fails.

Continued discussion:

Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, 4. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. Abstain: Blake Harris, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Community Development Programs Administrator
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CASE DEVELOPMENT**

Budgetary Information: The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$22,500 in grant proceeds from the Community Development Capital Projects Fund on a reimbursable basis in the amount of \$7,500 at a time with the receipt of Certificate of Occupancy for the completion of each of the last 3 units.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-049: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$22,500 through the Housing Development and Beautification grant program to Case Development, LLC, in relation to the property located at 409 W. Water Street; 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: Wes Poole asked where this property is. What are they buying?

Debi Eversole said this is phase three of this project. This is for the carriage houses on Shoreline Drive. She presented renderings first shown in 2019. Phase one happened in 2019—with five town houses, phase two began in 2020—which is the western portion, and phase three is happening

currently—which is three individual town homes. This is located where the Keller site was, between Shoreline and Water Streets, just south of the Chesapeake Lofts.

Dick Brady said in providing this \$7500 per unit, we are not doing anything for this developer that we would not do for other developers, correct?

Debi Eversole said that is correct.

Dick Brady said he is thrilled that they are not only coming out of the ground, but are being sold. Dealing with the Keller building was painful, and was a huge economic opportunity lost. He misses the water tower, but thinks we are going in the right direction and he is in favor.

Debi Eversole said all three carriage houses have purchase commitments.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dick Brady, 5. Abstain: Blake Harris, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dick Brady, 5. Abstain: Blake Harris, 1. 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 McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk
EXPENDITURE FOR STAGELINE SL100 MOBILE STAGE**

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the Stageline SL100 Mobile Stage is \$135,176 and will be paid entirely from funds donated for this purpose. Funds will be held in the Jackson Street Pier amenities account.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-050: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend the funds for the purchase of a Stageline SL100 mobile stage from Stageline Mobile Stage Inc. of L'Assomption, Quebec, Canada, for the Jackson Street Pier; 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: McKenzie Spriggs presented a PowerPoint and discussed the next three agenda items. She recognized this might be out of the blue for some, but has been in the work since 2018. Through the bicentennial year, city leaders realized the community was hungry for large scale programming and had the capability to pull it off. The Bicentennial Commission chose the pier as a legacy project and dedicated any remaining funds to go towards elevated programming and the infrastructure for that to continue. Programming has been discussed throughout the bicentennial vision strategic plan and most recently was a top 10 priority of the downtown master plan. When we started having discussions after 2018, numerous partners were willing and excited to help. She wanted to provide some background information on programming. It's not just about creating events. Good programming creates community and stimulates economic development. Best practices say 250 days of programming is a sign of a successful community and thriving downtown. It can bridge into shoulder seasons and create a winter destination, two things that we often hear are lacking. The stage is an SL100 from Stageline. It is 24 feet by 20 feet. The setup takes two people and roughly 30 minutes once staff is trained. It is wind resistant up to 115mph and supports rigging over 11,000 pounds, including the banners, lighting and sounds. The naming rights would be given to the Erie County Community Foundation for theirs and the Dorn Foundation's assistance. Programming could include live events and concerts, ventriloquists, magic shows, talent shows, and battle of the bands. It is a versatile piece of equipment and is mobile, which is a highlight. The Stageline brand is one of the most highly regarded in the industry. We asked partners who are experts in this field to vet the equipment shown tonight, to ensure we are getting the best. Steve Ernst, the Sandusky State Theatre, and event producers in Cleveland helped and all were excited that the city chose the Stageline brand. The LED digital screen the city is proposing

buying is a 16 foot by 9 foot screen, and is enclosed in a trailer. This is important because it will lengthen its life expectancy. It rotates 360 degrees and is portable, meaning it can go into the neighborhoods and be added to other events. The naming rights would go to Firelands Regional Health Center. The cost is \$130,435. Presently we have Movies by the Bay, which does not start until after sunset, which is 9PM during the summer. This is difficult for many parents. With this screen we can show movies during the daytime, or anytime. Uses include movie night, hopefully at a time when more families can come, sporting events like attaching it onto our Dot the i, Block the M event with Ohio State and Michigan. The screen is great because it can also show the city's marketing videos and sponsor logos. Moving onto the items in Item 5, the pavilion on the Jackson Street Pier will go to the Mylander Foundation, and it will be called the Mylander Pavilion. This is an event center where we are already seeing interest. This can be used for winter time, and all year with the garage doors. The city and rec department are looking forward to programming this space. The ice skating rink got all our sponsors excited. The naming rights would go to Civista Bank, and it would be programmed from Thanksgiving to MLK Jr. Day, so 6-8 weeks of family programming, especially over winter break from our local schools. What you see with ice skating, is people come to skate for 30-45 minutes, then visit downtown businesses for food or drinks. This will be an economic driver for downtown during the winter, when our businesses typically struggle. The ice skating rink will have an RFP issued in May or June and because of the complex nature of rink, all options are being considered—rent vs. buying, and synthetic vs. real ice. She shared quotes from the city's partners including –

“Firelands Regional Health System is proud to partner with the City of Sandusky on the Jackson Street Pier amenities, including the LED screen and the Mylander Pavilion. This health-focused public space will be enjoyed by the community for years to come. Mr. Mylander would be smiling big if he were here today.” – *Jordan Sternberg, Firelands Regional Health System Marketing Manager*

“It is our privilege to contribute to a community project that brings families, neighbors and friends together to enjoy the city's waterfront assets in all seasons. At Civista, our mission is to improve the financial lives of our customers and to make a difference in the communities that we serve. We are honored to do just that with our gift and look forward to seeing the Civista Bank Ice Skating Rink in action this winter.” - *Dennis Schaffer, Civista Bank CEO*

Eric Wobser said this can be powerful. There has been a lot of talk during the pandemic about the value of public space, is a community asset and is also a driver of development, particularly when combined with programming. They have the ability to transform and electrify a community, in an equitable way with free programming. He offers that response to the public question received. The answer for any good public space is that it is designed to be for the community and for development. We are seeing this through the interest in downtown, the rise in prices of the lofts and the demand for the town homes. People from all income levels and all ages are using the pier. From the very outset of the pier, it was designed for programming and to be an economic development asset, which is why we are doing this at the Pier versus other parts of the city.

Blake Harris asked if the stage will be made available for rental, in conjunction with the pavilion if someone wants to rent that.

Eric Wobser said not only city events will be done on the stage, whether that is through rental or partnership. He added there is time to figure that out.

McKenzie Spriggs said there has been a lot of interest from partners such as the schools, to use the amenities. First we would like to get the amenities and make sure city staff is trained, then we can assess the timing it takes for setup and tear down, and take our time figuring out the logistics. But we do recognize there is interest and people may want to rent the equipment.

Dick Brady said these products will also go out into the neighborhoods, showing cartoons on Saturday mornings, using parks. He thinks it will be a terrific asset to downtown and the neighborhoods. Both of these are mobile and portable, and are self-contained.

Naomi Twine said in response to the question is it either public access or an economic driver, it is both. We cannot sit here and ask whether it is either or. One of the things we want to drive is people coming to our area for events, purchasing meals and drinks, taking advantage of our parks. We want to enhance what is available to the local public, but we also want to draw people into our community and enjoy events and the activities that bring people to our community. Some of those people will stay, build businesses, purchase homes, etc. A lot of times, especially as we move forward, our movement is quick to people that have been here for years. Looking at these ideas, we are both enhancing the public sphere for those who live here and inviting people into our community. These tourist dollars also put money back into the local economy. These purchases benefit both, and all involved.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk

EXPENDITURE FOR PORTABLE LED SCREEN

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the Portable LED Screen and accessories is \$130,435 and will be paid entirely from funds donated for this purpose. Funds will be held in the Jackson Street Pier amenities account.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-051: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend the funds for the purchase of a portable LED screen from LED3, LLC, of Canfield, Ohio, for the Jackson Street Pier; 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 Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dick Brady said he will be unbelievably impressed if McKenzie Spriggs can tell him the pixel configuration of the screen.

McKenzie Spriggs asked if Stu Hamilton, the IT Manager can help her. That information is deep in a file.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. 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 McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk

AGREEMENTS WITH MYLANDER FOUNDATION, ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, FIRELANDS REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, & CIVISTA BANK FOR NAMING RIGHTS OF THE JACKSON STREET PIER AMENITIES

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

- (1) ORDINANCE NO. 21-052:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a naming rights agreement with the Mylander Foundation relating to the Pavilion at the Jackson Street Pier; 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.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave

Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

- (2) **ORDINANCE NO. 21-053:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a naming rights agreement with the Erie County Community Foundation relating to a mobile stage at the Jackson Street Pier; 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: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

- (3) **ORDINANCE NO. 21-054:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a naming rights agreement with Firelands Regional Health System relating to a portable LED screen at the Jackson Street Pier; 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.

Discussion: Wes Poole asked where this equipment will go on the pier.

McKenzie Spriggs said the ideal location will be north of the Mylander Pavilion on the hard scape surface, and the audience will use the great lawn to view.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

- (4) **ORDINANCE NO. 21-055:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a naming rights agreement with Civista Bank relating to an ice skating rink at the Jackson Street Pier; 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: Dick Brady said the city commission is more than grateful to all our corporate and institutional partners for stepping up with these kind of dollars and these donations.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director
AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE
SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY**

Budgetary Information: Payment for this design is outside of the scope of services for EDG as EDG is not permitted to complete design of the railway crossing. The total cost is \$50,421 and will be paid initially from the Capital Projects Fund. Fees for this work are non-negotiable. The City intends to incorporate this project into the long-term notes that will be reimbursed from proceeds from various Tax Incremental Financings (TIF's) that were set up to pay for the various pathway projects. Staff will continue to investigate various funding opportunities for construction of these features.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-056: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the Sandusky Bay Pathway; 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.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said as we often see with the railroad, they like to do things their way and with our money. The design of the Sandusky Bay Pathway has two railroad crossings—Edgewater and West Monroe, near the coal docks. Both locations will not allow our consultant or the city to do the design, so this calls to hire the rail road's consultant. This includes signal upgrades, electrical improvements, signage, pavement markings, etc. If they already have the gate arms like at Edgewater, they will include gate arms into the project. We are required to go through the railroad for this design work. We will include it in the bid plans once we go into construction on that. The two agreements are attached and the total estimate is \$50,421.

Wes Poole said he has ridden his bicycle across both railroad tracks, multiple times and it did not cost anything. He is having trouble supporting \$50,000 to design something to get over tracks that people have been riding over since the tracks were there. He would like convinced that this is necessary and not a waste of tax payer dollars.

Aaron Klein said with the pathway being dedicated as a separate, multi-use path and not an on-road path, this will be adjacent to the current asphalt road. Without this, we would have to end the bike path at the rail road right of way, force the cyclist or pedestrian into the roadway, and then back onto the bike path on the other side. If we want to have a dedicated path, they will not allow us to stripe it as a bike path unless they add have certain safety parameters. This is important to them for safety. Yes, you can always ride your bike in the roadway as it is now, but if we are to build a separate multi-use path, this infrastructure is required.

Dick Brady said if he understands correctly, we are crossing railroad property. Because of that, we have to let the railroad do the engineering, or with their consultant, to get across their property.

Aaron Klein said that is true. We are not allowed to pave up to the rails, stripe it, anything, without their permission.

Wes Poole said he understands that. He thinks spending \$100,000 to reengineer the way people are crossing rail road tracks that they are already crossing, is a waste of money. Bicycles go from path to roadway all over the country. People cross those tracks daily, and he thinks we should live with the current system and spend the money elsewhere. He will vote no on this.

Mike Meinzer said he was working the night that the young ladies—Wightman and Wieber were crossing the tracks mistakenly behind a train that was stopped and it cost them their lives. If we are going to do a bike/multi-use path, he wants it to be safe as possible. His grandkids might be using it. If there is anything we can engineer to make that crossing more safe, especially at Edgewater- there are trains going both ways there and sometimes quickly, then it is worth every bit of \$50,000.

Wes Poole said the improvements we are putting in are not going to prevent people from going around the gates. He does not mind if we want to vote this in, but let us not do it under false pretenses.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 5. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 5. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Street & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE OF FREIGHTLINER M2-106 CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) 2022 Freightliner M2 106 Cab & Chassis shall not exceed \$82,418 and will be paid from Capital Water Funds. This purchase will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-057: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Freightliner M2-106 Cab & Chassis Truck from Valley Freightliner, Sterling & western Star, Inc. of Parma, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Water Distribution Division; 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to table this legislation.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared this ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Street & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE OF TWO FORD F-350 TRUCKS

Budgetary Information: The total cost for two (2) 2022 Ford F-350 Trucks shall not exceed \$83,594 and will be paid for using Capital Water & Sewer funds. These purchases will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-058: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two (2) 2022 Ford F-350 trucks from Middletown Ford of Middletown, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing program for the Water Distribution and Sewer Maintenance Divisions; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared this ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

PERMISSION TO BID 2021 SEWER LINING PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including engineering and inspection is \$347,900.00 and will be paid with Sewer Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 015-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2021 Sewer Lining 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the sewer lining is a noninvasive type of maintenance for sewer infrastructure. When the pipes meet, there may be a joint at that location. Tree roots or ground water can get in through those locations. Additionally, you have the laterals connecting properties. These are locations damage can happen, and it's problematic for clay sewers. We have done a lot of work on our lift stations, digging sewers and replacing sewers, and we are getting more into those noninvasive, less costly sewer maintenance items, which are the next tier or projects. You take a liner, put it inside the pipe, blow it up and it creates a new pipe inside the existing pipe. Then you can go in and seal laterals and joints. In the case of this project, we are doing 3,300 linear feet including West Monroe, Superior Street and as a precursor to doing a sewer separation on Warren Street, we are looking at lining the sanitary sewer- presently it is a combination sewer- lining that so next year we can install a storm sewer, before doing construction on the pavement, so the underground will be in place and up to city standards before doing the above ground work.

Wes Poole said this is a great project. How much more sewer maintenance do we need to do?

Aaron Klein said he does not think we will have a situation where we are ever completely caught up with sewers, because our infrastructure is 100 years old in some places and is clay. Clay pipes are problematic because a fine tree root can get in there and continue growing and doing damage. We could be doing sewer lining projects for a long time.

Wes Poole said that is okay, his basement not flooding is a nice thing.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. 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 a motion from Dave Waddington and a second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$300,000 from the Bicentennial Commission for the purchases of the Jackson Street Pier Amenities Package. The President declare the motion passed with the city's thanks.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said he cannot say enough about the individuals who served on this committee for their time and leadership, and the Erie County Community Foundation who served as a fiscal agent, during the bicentennial and allowed the account to remain after the year to aid in the raising of funds for the amenities you see before you tonight.

- **Upon a motion from Naomi Twine and a second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept sponsorship dollars of \$200 each from Hohler Sheet Metal, Brady Signs, Underground Utilities, Frozen Tiki, Tow Boat Marine, Gundlach Sheet Metal, Flynn Py & Kruse, H2 Properties, LEWCO, Vita, Feick Group and Imagine Baking. We also have an in-kind donation from Republic Services for a dumpster, for the upcoming Love Where You Live Clean up series. The President declare the motion passed with the city's thanks.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said the city will be bringing one more batch of sponsorship donations at the next commission meeting, along with details to get involved in the volunteer efforts. A huge thanks to everyone for helping keep Sandusky beautiful. We thank Dave Waddington for his continued efforts to organize clean ups.

Dick Brady echoed those words, Dave Waddington is cleaning up our city, rain or shine, and the city is better for it.

- **Sergeant Chris Denny was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Edward Ohlemacher was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 1, 2021.**

Congratulations to both on their promotions. We look forward to watching them grow in their new supervisory roles.

- **A conditional offer of employment for a firefighter/paramedic has been made to Andrew Dowell.** Andrew lives in Huron.
- **The filing deadline for municipal income tax returns has been extended until May 17, 2021.** 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 next **Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 8am.** Due to COVID-19, the meeting will not be open to the public, it can be viewed on the City's YouTube channel.
- Congratulations to **Debbie Leslie, who is retiring from her position as Permit Tech Manager for the building department. Debbie has served the city for 34 years,** in several different positions. Her last work day is April 16, 2021. Thanks Debbie for your decades of service to the city.
- In a continued effort to improve safety at intersections that have seen, or will see, an increase in pedestrians and cyclists, staff is installing a **4-Way Stop at the intersection of Hancock and Water—at Facer Park—and a 3-Way Stop at Water and Meigs.**
- **Sandusky was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 31st consecutive year. The City also received The Growth Award, which is given to communities who have engaged in new programs and projects** while enhancing urban forestry resources. Special thanks to Nate Liemeister and Scott Kromer for their dedication to our urban forest during a particularly challenging year.
- It's time to spring clean Sandusky as we get ready to enjoy summer and welcome back visitors! We are launching a new Community Clean-Up and Beautification Series, Love Where You Live, that will include the following events:
 - **City-Wide Clean-Up & Drop-Off Day will take place on Saturday, April 24th.** For further details or questions about acceptable items, contact 419.627.5829.
 - **A Clean Welcome will take place on Saturday, May 1st.** Volunteers are invited to help clean-up the main corridors and downtown.
 - **Love Where You Play will take place on Saturday, May 8th.** Volunteers are invited to clean-up various parks in-preparation for summer programming.
 - Neighborhood clean-ups are taking place in various areas throughout the city every Saturday until October thanks to Commissioner Waddington.
 - Residents are also welcome to **drop-off yard waste at Barnes Nursery, 1630 Camp Road, Huron, on Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th.** For further details about these events, please our website or contact 419.627.5829.
- **Water crews have commenced flushing fire hydrants.** Periodic flushing of water mains is required to ensure high-quality water. Weekly flushing locations are available via Public Works Construction and Service updates on the City's website. For questions, contact the Water plant at 419.627.5805.

- In coming weeks, the contractor on the **West End Utility & Connectivity project will place the asphalt pathway along the north side of Venice Road. The sidewalk between Mill Pond and Cold Creek Boulevard on the south side has already been installed.** Staff is still working with AT&T for permission to install banners on their utility poles.
- Staff continue to prepare facilities and properties for the summer season. Water turn-ons for restrooms, bottle-filling stations and park fountains will begin next week.
- Crews at **Oakland Cemetery will be conducting spring clean-up on Friday, April 16.** All items placed at grave sites during the fall and winter months will be removed and no artificial flowers will be permitted for spring and summer months.
- We were notified by Norfolk Southern that **the railroad crossing on Venice Road will be closed for maintenance and repairs from Wednesday, April 14th through April 23rd.** Detour signs will be posted at the intersections of Tiffin and Venice and the Venice Road Connector and Venice Rd/Route 6.
- **The Land Bank Committee will meet on April 19th to discuss the three proposals received for 421 Fulton Street.**
- 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.**
- **Sandusky Transit is offering free trips to vaccination administration centers in Erie County.** Riders can plan their trip on our fixed route buses by entering the vaccination center address in the Trip Planner tool at www.SanduskyTransit.com. For those who don't live near a bus line, riders can schedule Dial-A-Ride service by calling 419.627.0740 at least 48 hours in advance of their appointment.
- **STS will also be running free service on the Yellow Line every 30 minutes from downtown to Cedar Point Sports Center for the mass vaccination clinic on April 22.**
- The Sandusky Recreation Department's **Midtown Supper Club Season III** staff and participants would like to thank everyone who supported last month's event through meal purchases on Wednesday, March 10 on the Jackson Street Pier. Almost 200 three-course meals were created, prepared and boxed by our very own Chefs-in-Training under the instruction of Chef Katie Korobkin and Chef Brad Kraft. The event supported Sandusky Rec's Youth Scholarship program. We look forward to bringing back the award-winning program in 2022 with the possibility of a summer iteration of the program this year.
- The City of Sandusky's **Mills Creek Golf Course officially opened for its 81st season on April 1, 2021,** although the weather has allowed an earlier off-season than years past.

The Shamrock Scramble golf tournament was held at the course on Sunday, March 14 and the staff has been able to open the course for several days before the official

opening date.

Season passes and combo passes are available for purchase at the clubhouse during normal business hours. Sign up for league play or host your next scramble at the course this upcoming season. Those interested are encouraged to follow the course on Facebook or call 419.627.5803 for more information.

- The Sandusky Recreation Department would like to thank the Sandusky Rotary Club, Sandusky City Schools including the Gentlemen’s Club and Leading Ladies, and the Sandusky Fire and Police Departments for their help in making this year’s downtown Easter Egg Hunt a success. Over 3,000 eggs were hidden and spread out over the entire east side of Washington Park with hundreds of children on hand to help find them on Saturday, April 3.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said at the cleanup at McArthur Park on Saturday, a few residents asked about the splash pad on the South Side. He wondered if we could get that back up and running this year.

Eric Wobser said he will check in on that. If we can do it, we will. We are also hoping to begin planning for the South Side neighborhood, which will include more permanent improvements. We will look to continue the temporary option while looking at more long term improvements.

Wes Poole asked if the restrooms could be opened sooner and made a higher priority.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mike Meinzer and second of Dave Waddington, the legislation tabled at the last meeting, regarding HOTY and Cold Creek, will be brought back to the next meeting. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared that motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wes Poole, the commission set a public hearing for the draft budget of the CDBG Program, for April 26. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, 6. The President declared that motion passed and the public hearing set for April 26.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Sandusky

The Economic Incentive Committee was created by the commissioners to approve all commercial grants including the signage and facade grants.

About a year ago, the signage and facade grants reviewing and approvals were removed from the ED Committee and the job given to the Development Director with no authority to do so.

The ED Committee grant application process is open to the public with agenda, minutes, and documents of the grant application process. In order to preserve the transparency of the ED's grant process, I ask the commissioners to enforce their own legislation and place the signage and facade grants back to the ED Committee where it belongs.

How is it that staff can go against legislation set forth by the commissioners?

Thomas LaMarca, 206 48th Street, Sandusky

There is a need for park benches or seating along water Street near the Gallagher office and probably the new visitor's bureau location.

Apparently we have numerous older people looking to sit down with nowhere on that side of the street or in the immediate area.

Discussion: Jonathan Holody said since he has come on board there have not been signage or façade grants approved at the staff level. He believes in the economic development committee and will bring those requests to that committee for approval. If the will of the commission is to change that policy, he and the law department can look into, and bring it to the commission.

Wes Poole reiterated that we are going to bring future signage grants to the economic development committee.

Jonathan Holody confirmed.

Dick Brady said regarding Thomas LaMarca's question, our city cannot have enough benches and this is a great comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.



McKenzie Spriggs
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission