

**The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Wes Poole, 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.**

**City staff present: Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Eric Wobser, City Manager**

**City staff via teleconference: 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 Dennis Murray, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Sandusky*

1. Item #3: \$51,000 for a paved trail around Mills Creek Golf Course. According to the supporting docs, the trail will be closed during the golf season, and open to the public fall and winter. How will that be enforced? I have never seen rangers out there, and he hopes that will be policed.
2. Item #6: \$15,000 to Venue 634, the concern here is that the city tax dollars are being approved before that business has its ducks in a row with permits and other financing, by the way this is a great project. It seems like we are becoming the first dollar source and the banks and other lending sources come second. We should be the gap finance, not front loaded.
3. Item #7: \$33,000 for HDT's restrooms and other amenities, it is his understanding that this project is already completed and they have come to the city after the fact for funds.
4. Item #8: The city approved \$1.1M in April of 2020, for resurfacing 75 streets. In March of 2021, that dollar amount hopped up to \$2.3M for 150 streets. Today the commission is asked to pass legislation for \$2.9M. The info in the packet shows it is only 150 streets still. He got a late email from Josh Snyder saying it is 190 streets. He would like that fixed in the supporting documents.
5. Item #9: \$275,000 for streets. We were told several years ago by Angie Byington that you cannot use CDBG money for streets unless you are doing a total rehab, down to the subsurface. Can someone address that tonight?

*Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Sandusky*

I am concerned over the ED grants being rubber stamped without asking for important document verification up front at the time of grant approval.

#### **Hot Dog Tony grant:**

\$4,000 listed for a sign but no cost verification from the sign contractor exist.

No Letter of credit from the bank exist verifying the equity amount the business stated it had for the project. Sometimes a bank loan depends upon gap financing from a city grant.

No document exist naming the general contractor and subcontractors working on the job or a contract listing the breaking down costs.

The business did submit a list of figures but with no verification of costs to support the figures.

**Venue 634 grant:**

\$3,000 listed for a sign but no cost verification from the sign contractor exist.

There is no financing in place at this time. The ED committee recommended to the commissioners that the grant is contingent on financing being in place later on. Since when does the city allow applicants to submit financing after approval of a grant? The Venue 634 application should be denied until financing is in place.

ED grant guidelines are in need of updating to show full transparency as to who is benefiting from the grants. Listed documents should show who is doing the work showing the general contractor and subcontractors (if used), name of the bank along with the letter of credit, and the name of the sign contractor with the design & costs.

Vital information is being collected at the end of the project when the grant is due leaving no transparency as to who is benefiting from the grants.

Some applicants furnish some information while others do not furnish enough, so there is inconsistency in the documents submitted for grant applications, which could bring about unfairness.

Dick Brady said that we will continue to accept questions and comments through electronic means, at least while he can make that call that was one good thing to come out of COVID-19. It helps those that cannot attend, still be part of the process.

**PROCLAMATION**

Naomi Twine presented a proclamation on behalf of the Click It or Ticket Campaign, the nationwide awareness campaign to wear seat belts while driving. She emphasized that we should wear a seat belt every time we get in the car, not just when there is a campaign going on.

Dick Brady noted that Naomi Twine has been reading this proclamation for eight straight years, what an accomplishment.

**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 Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman****PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES AND UNNEEDED ITEMS**

**Budgetary Information:** Proceeds from the sale of items will be placed into the City's issue 8 revenue account, the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and the General Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-070:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of vehicles and miscellaneous items as having become unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM B – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk****NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR FLASH ON HANCOCK**

**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 C2 liquor permit (wine and mixed beverage in sealed container for carry out) for Flash on

Hancock LLC, located at 802 Hancock 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 Dennis Murray, the Commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permits 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: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permit: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor permit contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the city charter.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**ITEM #1 – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

#### **APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT #1**

**Budgetary Information:** Appropriation amendments are required to update the 2021 budget. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- General Fund
- Street Funds
- Water Funds
- Sewer Funds
- Coronavirus Relief Funds

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-071:** It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 21-003 passed by this City Commission on January 11, 2021, making general appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion of Mike Meinzer and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Michelle Reeder said this amendment includes items that were not included in the original O&M budget passed in January. Any item over \$10,000 has come in front of commission to get approval and still will, including water meters and dewaterization that is a part of this amendment. We also received donations that we need to appropriate to expend said funds this year. The two new things on here are the coronavirus relief fund at \$2M with the anticipation for street resurfacing that is later on the agenda, and additional wages if this is approved.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent**

#### **LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SANDUSKY STATE THEATRE FOR OPERATION OF THE RED POPCORN WAGON**

**Budgetary Information:** The Sandusky State Theatre will collect the funds from popcorn sales at the Red Popcorn Wagon with 20% of gross revenue to be placed in the trust fund account established by the City for future maintenance and repair costs of the Red Popcorn Wagon.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-072:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with the Sandusky State Theatre for the staffing and operation of the Red Popcorn Wagon; 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent**

**GRANT APPLICATION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE MILLS CREEK GOLF COURSE TRAIL PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the future phases of the project is \$51,017 of which \$32,217 will initially be paid with City funds and then, if awarded, reimbursed through program. The City is required to provide at least a 25% match and it anticipated the remaining balance of \$18,800 will be provided through in-kind project labor and equipment time by using city employees to perform the work and using City equipment to complete the project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 027-21R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Real Estate for financial assistance through the NatureWorks grant program for the Mills Creek Golf Course Trail Project for the Recreation Department; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dennis Murray, the Commission voted to approve this resolution in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said Mills Creek has classes out there, kids play there on snow days, and he would like better access to get out there to these locations. He hopes we can get this grant. The course has become a kind of park now, people walk it and high school cross country events take place out there. He thinks this is needed.

Jared Oliver said if there were any issues, it will be the responsibility of the Sandusky Police Department. Although the grant might be through ODNR they do not have jurisdiction there. Police would handle any matters out there, and they will if those arise.

Jason Werling said we are looking forward to accessing parts of the course where we cannot get kids out there now. Dave Waddington is correct, Rec just had a camp with stream stomp and archery programs. We are looking forward to using the course in a variety of ways in the future.

Dick Brady wanted to commend the Rec department for their efforts extending the season. It is a golf course, but anything we can do to get more play out of all our facilities, benefits all residents; whether that be walking, biking, or any activity deemed appropriate. He appreciates them being proactive in that approach.

Naomi Twine thanked Chief Oliver for offering police presence if it is needed. Although she does not want this to be a place that is strictly policed. It is a recreation addition to Mills Creek, and we do not necessarily want police presence there all the time. Of course, if things get out of hand by all means but she does not envision or desire to have strict security during the off season. We can accommodate and work with the public to provide access to activities for our young people.

Jared Oliver agrees completely with Naomi Twine. He does not believe we will have issues there, but if something comes up, they will get involved. He looks forward to it expanding and giving better access to Mills Creek.

Wes Poole asked whether the yellow lines on the photo is asphalt. Is it existing pathway that will be upgraded or made wider? Or does it represent brand new? How wide is it going to be?

Jason Werling said some of it is existing and other parts shows new. Pathways are anywhere between 6 – 8 feet.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**SALE OF PROPERTY AT 430 EAST MARKET STREET TO THOMAS AND PAULA COLLIER**

**Budgetary Information:** The sales price per the agreement is \$38,000. All sales proceeds will be deposited into the Real Estate Development Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-073:** 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 (lot split “B”), 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 Thomas and Paula Collier; 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 Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said he had a conversation with Jonathan Holody and suggested the Colliers were amenable to tightening the time in which construction has to be completed, to two years rather than four years. He is appreciative of that. With contracts like this, he does not want speculators sitting on property, we want people to build homes. He has asked Jonathan Holody to put in similar terms in contracts going forward.

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to amend the contract to require the construction be completed within to two years.**

*Additional discussion:* Dick Brady said that is an excellent idea. The Colliers do not look to be in the business of flipping homes. He has looked at the prints, and it looks to be a beautiful home, in a terrific location. Thank you for taking a chance on Sandusky.

**Roll call to amend the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7.**

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7 Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director**

**ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH EVERWILD SPIRITS**

**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 and eight (8) permanent part-time positions subject to City income tax.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-074:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the directing the City Manager to enter into an enterprise zone agreement with Everwild Spirits, LLC, relating to property located at 212 Hancock Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Jonathan Holody said the Lynches may be in the audience. They are proposing a complete renovation and addition to the property at 212 Hancock. The total project cost is between \$1.4M - \$2M. This will bring a bourbon distillery to Sandusky and create a year round attraction. We anticipate they will request assistance through our Economic Development grant fund as well, but we wanted to get the abatement process started as there is some lead time needed for the State of Ohio. They are getting started very soon.

Dick Brady asked about the vetting process of our applications and if he can clarify when our dollars go into the project. Our money is the last dollars, not the first, but if he could elaborate so the public can hear that directly.

Jonathan Holody said these projects are heavily vetted and the city money is the last to go out the door. In fact, our funding is not given until the project is completed, and it is given on a reimbursement basis. With regard to Everwild, this is an enterprise zone tax abatement. The vetting for this included a review of the application, a meeting at the property with building officials, the police department, and our zoning staff. Enterprise zone state law requires the schools receive a notice of our consideration of the abatement, 14 days before today's meeting. Those are the steps taken for just this one application. We work hard to make sure the city's dollars are protected.

Dick Brady invited Everwild owner, Rick Lynch to provide any more details he wanted to share.

Rick Lynch of 3008 Deerfoot trail, Huron; land owner of 212 Hancock and have purchased the land next door which does not have an address just yet. He thanked the city commission and city staff, ECEDC and Poulos and Smith- the architects, his wife and co-founder, and his brother in law Jude who is another business partner. They are planning to launch a craft bourbon distillery. The distillery will launch, ideally April 2022, but there is a lot of work ahead. They have spent two years on the project already and have invested \$1.1M to date, and expect to invest \$2M+ in total. They are not taking outside investment and are solely funding it themselves. With the two properties, they will merge those together. The 212 Hancock structure was built in 1929, as far as he can tell, and it is in serious disrepair. They expect to spend \$600,000-\$700,000 to improve the building. It should be a year round tourist attraction. Bourbon tourism is growing in our country quite rapidly. For context, in 2012 there were 200 distilleries nationwide. Today, there are 2,300 nationwide. Within nine years, it has been exploding, very similar to the craft brewing industry. They will start with 11-12 jobs and expand as the business grows. They expect to grow from 200 barrels a year to 2,000 barrels a year, over the first 10 years. They are committed to this location. It takes about seven years for a business to achieve profitability in the distillery business, so they are making a long term investment and are in it for the long haul. His wife is a lifelong area resident who was born in Sandusky, and has become his home. They want to be part of the success story in downtown Sandusky. The east side of downtown has not necessarily seen a lot of development. They are adjacent to the old Kreimes grocery, which has the potential to also be a magnet for that side of town. He is aware of the DORA legislation that is pending, and recognizes and understands why they are not part of the current boundary. In the future he asks that they and Cardinal/Kreimes consider expanding to include their block.

Dennis Murray said thank you for that. It is important to remember as people may ask "why is that necessary?" is that it is crucially important for this city to continue to crawl back. We are still overcoming the neglect from the last 50 years, and as we crawl back we are making certain we can attract jobs. This small number of jobs is hugely important to you and to those people. But if we wish to continue drawing employment here, we need to be a place people want to visit and live. That is critical. Studies all show employers move to where employees and people want to live, not the other way around. As we build out this kaleidoscope and return to the strength Sandusky had in decades past, this is one more piece of the puzzle that entrepreneurs like the

Lynches are helping us to solve. Some people will come to visit, and they will like that and look at additional opportunities here. He thinks Everwild will make a concrete difference in making Sandusky an interesting place to visit and thanked him for his investment.

Wes Poole said this is a great project and he is happy to support it. With regard to the original question asked about vetting, he would like to revisit that in the next agenda item.

Dick Brady said Rick Lynch is exactly what this city needs – he is young and enthusiastic about his business. We are rooting for him because the model he just describes shows he is not here for a year or two. Instead they are thinking years ahead and they are investing heavily into this property, proving they hope to be here for a decade. They will not be moving to a larger facility immediately, they are making a stand and making their mark on that block. You can be one of the first on that end of town, and hopefully that success continues to build on one another.

Rick Lynch said he is looking forward to working with the city and the partnership to date, has already been great and he feels supported.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO VENUE 634**

**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. 21-075:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$15,000 through the Economic Development Fund Program to Venue 634 LLC, in relation to the property located at 634 Columbus 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole asked about grants in general and whether or not we have documentation that verifies what has been presented as numbers on their application, actually exist and are real from banks and lending institutions. Do they present documents from lenders and banks? The projects all sound great, and he wants to ensure we base our funding off of more than numbers applicants provided, and that the numbers given are proven real. Secondly, he hopes everyone is held to the same standards.

Jonathan Holody said we verify these projects in a variety of ways. First, all grant requests go through the economic development incentive committee. This particular item was review and recommended for approval at the last meeting. For the larger renovation projects, in the case of Venue 634, their renovation project is estimated at over \$200,000. Our contribution is a small piece, but we do ensure the total project cost is completed as presented. One of the ways we do that is working through the building department. He has reviewed the plans and met with the Chief Building Official. He has personally viewed the venue and will be working closely with Scott Thom as this project progresses to ensure it is completed as presented. As mentioned before, the city funds are not released until the total project is completed and it is verified it was done as originally presented, and the city money is the last money going in. The dollars are well protected. In the case with this project, it is a major undertaking. Katie Korobkin may be in the audience to provide additional details. If he could also note, Katie Korobkin is a top volunteer to the Recreation Department and aids in the Midtown Supper Club program.

Wes Poole said the projects presented tonight are not the issue, he wanted to be clear it was about the process and he is concerned about the outliers. When someone requests documentation on how we concluded and verified information, we should be able to share that info correct? He agrees, the amount of city dollars being put in these projects is largely insignificant and he thanks these folks for their investment.

Blake Harris said Dick Brady mentioned Rick Lynch was pretty young, Katie Korobkin is even younger and is taking advantage of opportunities and using this grant to continue to invest in our city. Furthermore, she is a young woman which is an amazing thing to see. Congratulations to her.

Dick Brady invited owner of Venue 634, Katie Korobkin an opportunity to speak.

Katie Korobkin said she has provided financial statements to Jonathan Holody that anyone is welcome to review, for the total amount of the funds, so finances are not in question. She is excited to be revitalizing this building because the community has so many memories here, when it was Wagner's and then Russell's Flower shops, Tre Sorelle chocolate shop, etc. There is so much history in this structure. She is trying to keep original aspects, pay homage to the businesses who came before her, with beautiful flower displays and original pieces of the 1918 structure. She has not changed much on the inside but is improving it for a shared space. It will be available for rent, for anyone, and the community can get good use out of it. It is located at the start of the downtown area, and is one of the first buildings seen that will make an impression. She is excited to add to that and make it a beautiful entrance to our downtown.

Naomi Twine echoed Blake Harris's statements, she loves Katie Korobkin's energy, enthusiasm, and desire to be here. The economic development committee is all about using those monies to help young entrepreneurs build their businesses. That is how downtown Sandusky started, people had a vision of a business, or some way to give back to the community, or a service to provide. It is exciting to see that energy and to see what might possibly be. Having support and financial assistance is what we can do to help, she commends Jonathan Holody, Eric Wobser, and the economic development committee. Those members are spread throughout the community, whether part of the bank, or part of real estate. Although she is a commissioner, under Eric's leadership, we are building Sandusky to be something that is spectacular. Covid-19 set us back a bit, but she enjoys seeing the desire people still have to invest and take a chance here.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO HDT OPERATING COMPANY**

**Budgetary Information:** The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$33,450 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. 21-076:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$33,450 through the Economic Development Grant Fund Program to HDT Operating Company, LLC (DBA Hot Dog Tony's), in relation to the property located at 115 West Water Street; 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.**

*Discussion:* Jonathan Holody said this project was submitted to the city last year, before the project began. Unfortunately, the city was not able to proceed with a grant at that time due to



Covid-19 and reallocation of funds. However, the company re-approached us this year, and they had to start their project. They noted city funds were critical for them to be able to complete their project. He was at the site and can confirm the project is still not complete. He understands they had to get started and could not wait per their timelines. This is a fantastic project that shows the impact of Shoreline Drive and the Jackson Street Pier and seeks to capitalize on those investments, by bringing the new Tony's Dugout Bar & Patio to Shoreline Drive. It has been a major undertaking by the Tony's team. Again, we worked closely with the building department to ensure they are on the right track and documents are consistent with what they are doing in the field. We will make sure that is the case before funds are dispersed.

Wes Poole said he thinks it is appropriate because this project was submitted to us before they started construction, and going forward it seems reasonable that if the delay was on our end and if the project is worthy, for us to give it proper consideration. He will be voting for it and we should do the same for anyone who goes forward with applying. If they apply on time and we are not able to hear it at the time, then they have still met our intent. We do not want people building their project and then asking us to pay for it.

Blake Harris said it is neat to see a business taking full advantage of the opportunity given, taking on a large scale project along Shoreline and using the expanded sidewalks for outdoor dining. He looks forward to the completion of the project.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 6; Abstain: Dennis Murray. Roll call on the ordinance: Yes: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 6; Abstain: Dennis Murray. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #8 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**CONTRACT WITH GERKEN PAVING FOR THE 2021 LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total construction cost of the project based on bids is \$2,927,211.90 which will be funded accordingly:

1)	Stimulus funds	\$2,000,000.00
2)	State gas tax money	\$ 114,390.40
3)	Issue 8 (Capital) Street Funds	\$ 337,009.00
4)	Water Funds	\$ 171,485.00
5)	Sewer Funds	\$ 304,327.50

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-077:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gerken Paving of Napoleon, Ohio, for the 2021 Local Street Resurfacing 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said if you recall a couple months ago, we agreed to put about \$2M of stimulus money towards resurfacing and bid the project early. We received bids a month ago and are ready as money is coming in. As was asked in the public comment period, the 150 segments is the full list. We referenced 150 asphalt streets, but there are also seven (7) concrete streets on there that will be overlaid with asphalt. We will be doing full depth repairs, adjusting basins, etc. What is important to explain is the map shows construction around the entire city, it is city wide. We will have many construction crews and signs saying no parking on the roadway during certain times. He asks the public to have patience with us as this is a huge project. This is one of the most important kinds of projects we have. He understands there will be inconveniences and we will try to minimize those.

Dick Brady said one of the audience questions was regarding how the number of streets have gone up. It is unfair, he thinks, to say we will be redoing 150 streets. Instead we have 150 sections.

Aaron Klein said we went from 75 street segments in 2020 to 150 segments. There are two segments on Bardshar, and we are doing that entire road. There might be one segment on Horseshoe. Those segments are entirely different lengths. What we can focus on is the 12.5 miles of roadway that will be resurfaced.

Dick Brady said footages or mileages is a lot easier to understand.

Eric Wobser said he would like to build on the discussion tonight as to the massive amount of investment the city commission is making possible. He would like to back up to two of the grants made tonight. The investment the city made on Shoreline Drive, and it has never been more evident than this past weekend with the good weather, where hundreds of people were using Shoreline. There has not been one parcel that has been positively invested in on that corridor. The distillery project came forward tonight. You look at that block and the adjacent blocks, and consider the commission made a bold move to sell that parking lot under some protest for the BGSU program. Then you look at Tim Dorsey Fitness, the new distillery, the immediate houses that have been rehabbed, the three lots we have sold a block away that had no market value recently that will have new reconstruction and residential houses on them, the Schmidt building, and on and on. When the city makes investments, the private sector responds to those investments. While we will not see as directly the investments made with this \$2.9M historic investment in streets, you will see in the years to come, those house by house investments that will build on that investment. This is a prime example and he is proud to work with commission over the last several years, as they make targeted and concentrated investments. We will see just as much pay back or more as we invest in the neighborhoods, through the streets.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**PERMISSION TO BID 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project including engineering, inspection, advertising, construction and miscellaneous costs, is \$275,000 paid solely with federal Community Development Block Grant Funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 028-21R:** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Rehabilitation Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said while it is a smaller project, it is no less important than the \$3M that the commission just approved. This project is ready for bid but we cannot enter into agreement until the CDBG fiscal year starts in July. We are looking to get out to bid early and move forward with construction in the second half of the year. If you recall when Issue 8 was passed, we hit Sanford and Pipe Street right away. Since that time, we have taken out many of the concrete streets and done many high volume areas. With this and the last project, we are concentrating on neighborhood streets and getting into residential areas that need attention. While we are doing 150 segments on the last project, we are doing 12 segments and one (1) mile of roadway on this project. This funding source has a requirement that rehabilitation construction must be done.

Jonathan Holody said Deb Eversole works closely with Aaron Klein and his staff to make sure these projects meet block grant requirements. In this case, block grant funding cannot be used for maintenance, this work is considered to be major construction or rehabilitation and is eligible. They will be going down to the base, and then installing new asphalt on top of it.

Naomi Twine said it seems like when she first got on the commission, there was the complaint that we were not doing anything with streets. Now that we are, there are comments and questions about whether we are using the money appropriately. Connecting Community Development Block grant funds and quality of life issues that is what CDBG funds should be utilized for. If streets are pothole ridden, they are not comfortable to ride your bike on or drive down. It makes the whole neighborhood look run down. As we are looking for ways to take advantage of the funds we get, we want to improve the quality of life for people that live in our community. The question of whether this money can be used for streets has come up before, but she appreciates the way staff utilizes every single dollar to the best of their ability, to improve the quality of life of residents of Sandusky.

Blake Harris asked if an estimated timeline could be given.

Dick Brady said we are just bidding this now, so the actual work to be performed is out there awhile, is that correct?

Aaron Klein said the project will be bid in June, awarded in July, and unfortunately because it is smaller in scope, it likely will not be as high of a priority for the contractor. We have a completion date towards the end of summer, but will need to ensure we meet with whichever contractor wins and that it fits into their schedule appropriately.

Dick Brady said the \$2.9M road resurfacing had an October 22, 2021 completion date on it, correct?

Aaron Klein said yes, the previous agenda item will begin soon, they have set up a preconstruction meeting and Gerken will hit the ground paving.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**AGREEMENT WITH GPD GROUP FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PERKINS AVENUE WATERLINE AND RESURFACING PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The not to exceed cost for professional design services is \$196,705, paid with Water Funds in an amount of \$100,000, Sanitary Sewer Funds in an amount of \$10,000, Storm Sewer Funds in an amount of \$30,000 and the remaining \$56,705 from Issue 8 Street Funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-078:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with GPD Group of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Perkins Avenue Waterline and Resurfacing Project; 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 Dennis Murray, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said for a little context, this project came up two years ago when the county paved the south section of Perkins Avenue and there were questions on why we were not doing the north side. Aaron Klein said this was part of the long term plan, and we needed to get to the pipes underneath the road. At one point in time, we anticipated the county would hold off

and we would do at the same time, but they went ahead with their project. We are getting to this when we said we would, two years later.

Dick Brady said imagine the criticism we would receive right now if we had paved the road and then 24 months later tear it up to install 11,000 feet of eight (8) inch water line. Most of us do not like doing it once, let alone twice.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #11 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant City Engineer**

**CONTRACT WITH UNITED SURVEY INC FOR 2021 SEWER LINING PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total construction cost of the project based on bids is \$298,074 and will be paid with Sewer Funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-079:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, for the 2021 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said he has voted on similar pieces of legislation for many years now and knew the basic concept was to get inside the pipe with a clay coating and bake it. But he could not figure out how it worked. He watched a video on YouTube. Google slip lining sewers, it is amazing. They have this thing that looks like a hot dog skin and they put it through the pipe, they fill it with air, they get it hot and it cooks, all within the pipe itself. He asked Aaron Klein the next time an agenda item like this comes up, to show how it works a little bit.

**Roll call on the motion: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

- **Talon Flohr, our City Outreach Coordinator, is in the hospital in a very difficult battle right now. We are asking everyone to send good thoughts to him and his family.**
- **Upon a motion from Dave Waddington and a second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation flags from the Erie County Veterans Commission for Veterans Park. The President declared the motion passed with the city's thanks.**
- **Upon a motion from Naomi Twine and a second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept \$55 from Ms. Ludwig for the K9 account. The President declared the motion passed with the city's thanks.**
- **Upon motion from Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept \$25 from Mr. & Mrs. Thom for the K9 account. The President declared the motion passed with the city's thanks.**
- **Upon motion from Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept \$100,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Causeway Wetlands. The President declared the motion passed with the city's thanks.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said acceptance of \$100,000 Healthy Lake Erie Initiative Grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources for completion of the bid documents, bidding assistance, coordination with stakeholders, and continued project support during construction of the Causeway Wetlands. Some of the grant will also be used to support dredging and sediment placement operations by the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure compliance with state laws. Formal legislation will be brought to Commission in June to enter into an agreement with ODNR.

- The **Sandusky Police Department recently purchased K9 Viggo** from the Erie County Sheriff's Office. K9 Viggo is currently in training with his handler Officer Logan Demuth. They should be complete with their training by the end of next month.
- **Congratulations to Sergeant Kevin Youskievicz as was recently awarded the 2021 Aiding Children's Excellence (ACE) Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.** He was presented with the award by Erie County Department of Job and Family Services Deputy Director Lill who commended him for his outstanding service for children in Erie County. On a side note, we are talking about bringing Kevin Youskievicz in to serve in our Code Compliance division, so he can continue to serve our city, even in retirement from the Police Department
- **Detective Gary Wichman was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Deputy Director Lill on behalf of Erie County Department of Job and Family Services because he was nominated for the ACE – Law Enforcement Officer of the year award as well.**
- **On May 19 the Sandusky Fire Department participated in a Joint Agency Water Rescue Training with Federal, State and Local Officials, ODNR, Huron Fire Department and the US Coast Guard from Detroit and Marblehead Sectors.** This training took place off of Cedar Point Beach. This training is a way to continually improve cooperation and communication on search and rescue operations on the water.
- **The City of Sandusky has received \$9,045,549 from the American Rescue Plan Act. This is the first disbursement of funds, the second disbursement will happen in 2022.** The US Treasury issued guidance that governs the use of these funds. We are extremely grateful for these funds, and will make sure these funds are utilized according to the US Treasury guidance. These funds must be used by the conclusion of 2024. Director Reeder has been meticulously going through what we lost last year and comparing what we need. We would like to come back with a presentation to the commission in June, with goals for those funds and a list of suggestions. We want to show uses they are eligible for. We know Street resurfacing is eligible, we had a staffing level of 253 and were down as low as 218, and would like to bring back some staff this next and some additional staff next year. That is an eligible use of stimulus dollars. We hope to act with urgency but give it proper consideration.

*Discussion:* Naomi Twine asked is there a time period in which we have to identify how we will use those funds.

Eric Wobser said the timelines as he understands, are just when the funds must be expended by. Which is by 2024, but if a project is under contract by 2024, for capital projects, then you have until 2026 to complete the project. Michelle Reeder said they need to be obligated by December 2024 date.

Dick Brady said to be clear, every dollar will come before the city commission, correct?

Eric Wobser said absolutely.

Wes Poole asked if in the presentation regarding which staff will be brought back, how it improves service to residents. We will have to make choices. He would like to understand the improvements these hires will bring.

- **Upon motion of Dennis Murray and a second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve the purchase of a \$16,000 pump/motor. The President declared the motion passed.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said on May 12 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the existing 2008 variable frequency drive for Primary Pump #4 failed and the pumping system has only been operational in “hand” mode as a “bypass” at a set flowrate of 15 MGD when needed. This Allen Bradley unit will be installed back into an Allen Bradley cabinet, which means that other VFD’s are not compatible with this set up. The new equipment would have to be purchased as a sole source item as an emergency exceeding \$10,000. The cost to repair the unit would be between \$10,000 and \$13,200 with a maximum warranty of two years. Options for a new VFD range from \$16,500 to \$25,500, but the more expensive option will be discontinued soon. Staff is requesting permission to purchase the VFD and associated equipment for \$16,498.39 and would follow this approval with formal legislation at the next meeting. The lead time on the equipment is at least 2 weeks.

Wes Poole asked for clarification on how we decided upon this.

Aaron Klein said to repair the unit we had, the warranty was only two years, and costs between \$10,000-\$13,000. To buy new, there was a 10 year warranty. Because the dollars were close financially, we would like to go that route. The \$25,000 option will be discontinued in two years, and they will stop making parts for it, but the cheaper option is roughly \$16,000 because it saves money but also gives us the 10 year warranty.

- **As part of the Sandusky Bay Pathway design, staff plans to apply for funding from the US Department of Transportation’s National Infrastructure Investments, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for construction of the remaining portions of the Pathway.** Staff will keep Commission updated if funds are designated for this work and agreement is needed.
- **Congratulations to Brandon Dority for his promotion to Plant Maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and welcome to Matt Cullen and Michael Bush who have started in the sewer maintenance division.**
- **The splash pads at Huron, Lions and Churchwell parks are now open!** Eric Wobser thanked the recreation department, public works department, and our police department and John Orzech who quickly worked together to get the Churchwell Park mobile pad on. This has a lot more logistical issues, rather than turning the water on at the permanent parks. Watching the city team work together to get that done for record temperatures was incredible to see.
- **Applications are now being accepted for the COVID-19 Food Assistance Small Grant Program. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to non-profit organizations, including religious organizations that operate established food assistance programs in Sandusky. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 21, 2021.** Visit the City’s website to download a copy of the application.
- **Submittals for the City Hall art gallery are due May 31. The application can be found at [cityofsandusky.com/PublicArt](http://cityofsandusky.com/PublicArt).**

- The next **Arts and Culture Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at 5:15 PM.**
- The next **Landmark Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at 5:00 PM.**
- The next **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at 4:30 PM.**
- The next **Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 5:00 PM.**
- **Sandusky Rec’s Summer Park Program will start on June 14 and run for seven weeks through July 30. The program will start at 11 a.m. in Foxborough, Huron and Wightman-Wieber Parks until 1 p.m. Staff will then move to Churchwell, Central and Lions Parks in the afternoon from 1 pm to 3 pm. Lunch will be provided at all six parks. Preregistration is encouraged at [cityofsandusky.com/recreation](http://cityofsandusky.com/recreation). For more information email Tondra Frisby at [tfrisby@ci.sandusky.oh.us](mailto:tfrisby@ci.sandusky.oh.us)**

Summer camps will also return with golf at Mills Creek Golf Course, the youth track meets at Strobel Field in memory of Jackie “Momma” Collins and gymnastics with Rose Gold Gymnastics. Visit [cityofsandusky.com/recreation](http://cityofsandusky.com/recreation) for a full listing of programs or follow Sandusky Rec on Twitter and Facebook.

*Discussion:* Naomi Twine asked when the Farmers Market will start. Eric Wobser and McKenzie Spriggs confirmed it will begin in June.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington thanked Michelle Reeder and the Gentlemen’s Club who helped with the Orlando Pace Park cleanup. He hopes the hoop can be replaced at the basketball court.

Eric Wobser said the public works and recreation department now know of the issue and are on it.

Dennis Murray said there is an audience question tonight about why Sandusky does not have a beach, and it is an important question. There is a big price tag associated with this. This came up in the early 2000s when he was part of the commission. They received an engineering study and there was another report from 10 years earlier. Both reports showed multi-million dollar investments to bring sand in, and those reports are almost 20 years old now. We were looking at Lions Park then. We have a lot of water movement in Sandusky Bay, which is part of the issue, the other issue is how quickly the surface drops off. There are certain places where sand accumulates, and it unfortunately is not easily on Sandusky Bay. He does not know that we will ever have one. He has asked Dave Waddington who saves everything if he can locate those documents.

Dave Waddington said those documents were from the Army Corps of Engineers. There was submerged areas that needed to be checked out and at the time the city did not have the money to move forward with the beach at Lions, but we moved forward trying to enhance that park. If that was something we could do some day, he would love it. It may not be sand, but small stones and he thinks residents would be okay with that. There is the canoe launch and the splash pad that are well used and provide access.

Dennis Murray said building on that, we do need amenities for kids and adults. Ones that help connect with water are great. These stimulus dollars are precious. We have talked for years as a community, about a recreation center. It is time, and it is a golden opportunity to look at a rec center. He would not support it unless paired with a continuous operating funding source. As what would have happened with the pandemic and 2008/9, a rec center gets closed down

because we are always going to maintain water, sewer, police and fire. A rec center will always get cut first. As long as we have a dedicated funding source, then now is the time to look. This needs to involve a conversation with the public, what one person thinks is drastically different than what another thinks. We need to take some time and get it right. Let us ask what the public wants and perhaps we can develop a menu and look at what we can afford. One of the things he would like to look at is an outdoor pool.

Wes Poole said he supports having conversations as we all have different ideas. Yes, there has been talk about a sand beach at Lions Park, which is extremely expensive if it could ever occur, and it may not have been enough sand for what people visualize a beach should have. We need to be realistic. There are a lot of things that can be done that make a community a nice place to live. We need to ask – do you want a beach, rec center, basketball courts, streets repaved? Let us think long term. He thinks it is unlikely enough people will benefit from a beach at Lions Park, per the money invested. He is not wild about a recreation center until we have a community. A rec center requires a lot of people to go. A small number of people that want something to do with their kids and therefore want a rec center will not operate it. He went to the YMCA. It is not mandatory the city provide a rec center for kids to grow up in to be decent adults. Will this building end up like the YMCA? We have many activities going on through the recreation department and others do the same city wide, is that enough to fulfill and build on without the infrastructure of a rec center or outdoor pool. These type of facilities suck up all the money that our recreation department is using now for programming. He would like to put all this out there for conversation and just to think about, before people join a team and decide which side they are on.

Dave Waddington asked what the conversation on the Goodtime is.

Dick Brady said he and the city manager, Eric Wobser had a meeting with Joe Lamb prior to the meeting tonight.

Eric Wobser said the Lambs are working really hard and have been overwhelmed with the support of over 7,000 people that have liked the Save the Goodtime Facebook page. It will need a jump start to save it. It was a positive meeting, and we assured him they do not need to worry about the city lease for this year. They should focus their efforts on what they can do to save the boat, and we all will be discussing what we can do over the next several days.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Sandusky*

When the public sends in an email or asks a question at the podium, he does not want the commission to misconstrue those as complaints. The issues he brought up tonight regarding CDBG was just a question on whether those streets would be brought down to the base. The supporting documents did not answer the question, he now understands it is going to be done the right way. Regarding the golf course nature path, he does not want a strong police presence either. He thinks this is something golf course employees should monitor. Golf courses are dangerous because of flying golf balls. He has talked to many commissioners about Lions Park. He brought a bag of sand from Lions Park and said sand is being made and deposited there. All we need now is for city crews to rake the beach. He is working on getting volunteers to clean the beach. He is not asking for a million dollar beach or \$5M concrete. Let people enjoy it for what it is, and advertise it as beach access, swim at your own risk.

Dennis Murray said he did not take Tim Schwanger's comments as complaints. He thinks it is critical people show up at the meetings and ask questions and keep the commission accountable.

Tim Schwanger said he was referring to Naomi Twine's comments around the CDBG funding for roads, and ensuring that it is used in the right fashion.



Naomi Twine said those questions had come up before and it was not necessarily his comment tonight.

*John McDonald, representing Tony's restaurant at 115 W. Water Street, Sandusky*

He thanked the entire development department. It has been a struggle, everyone went through COVID together. One shared thing has been the vision for downtown Sandusky. The Doriso family moved here from New York/New Jersey area and saw the gem of downtown Sandusky, and invested in that before many other people and projects came downtown. It has been a huge sacrifice. He thanked the commission and community for being patient on the construction. They had everything approved through the bank, and have tried to be good citizens and neighbors. They were affected by the State Theatre collapse and the construction downtown, knowing it would all pan out and we would get through to better times. The family has been through a lot these last several years and are coming out ahead, in part due to the community spirit. He thanked the commission for their support and said he was excited to sit through a public meeting, it is his first. The project encompasses the bathrooms and the dugout bar and patio. The project is almost to the close.

Dick Brady said they are doing exactly what the city hoped for. We want to encourage outdoor dining and using that sidewalk. He thanked the Tony's team for making that investment and expenditure.

*Melvin Smith, 4707 Venice Road, Sandusky*

We need a grocery store on the west end of town. Everyone has to go to Kroger, and travel to the other side of town to do their shopping. An Aldi's or Save-a-Lot would be great. Why can we not get that out there?

Naomi Twine said he just put out a marketing call for someone to make an investment on that side. Hopefully, someone will hear you and hear about the other great things we are doing in Sandusky and inquire about a grocery out there.

*Jackie Thatcher, [jackiethatchet67@gmail.com](mailto:jackiethatchet67@gmail.com)*

Why can't this city get a decent beach? I usually go to Huron beach or other city beaches. That one at Lions Park is a joke and I don't enjoy the cedar point beach because all the traffic. A beach would benefit locals and tourists alike.

**ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dennis Murray, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.**



McKenzie Spriggs  
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady  
President of the City Commission