

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Invocation, given by Mike Meinzer, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Steve Poggiali, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Mike Meinzer and Wes Poole.

City staff present: Eric Wobser - City Manager, John Orzech – Assistant City Manager, Cody Browning - IT Director, Don Rumbutis - IT Technician, Brendan Heil - Law Director, Michelle Reeder - Finance Director, Jonathan Holody - Development Director, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, Mario D’Amico – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Jason Werling – Recreation Superintendent, Marcus Harris – Diversity and Economic Opportunity Manager, Arin Blair – Chief Planner and Cathy Myers - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the April 11 regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Talked about Item 8, the Kreimes Market Street about legislation to take them out of the opportunity zone, she would like an explanation of why the City is doing that. She thought it was unusual. She stated the owners cannot seem to get the project off the ground. The City owes it to the residents to explain where this project is. A man presented here a few months ago some facets about the project, and she was very concerned about what she was hearing. In August of 2021, they failed to pay their property taxes. A local developer came to the rescue and paid the \$25,000 taxes for them. She is very concerned about the grant that is offered to them for \$139,000. When they are behind in their taxes – they should not be eligible for that grant. She wants to know about the person who paid their taxes and how involved he is in this project. In addition, the vendors are required to pay \$75,000, to setup shop there. She would like these issues cleared up tonight.

Larry Fletcher, 13 Twin Oaks, Milan, spoke on behalf of Shores and Islands Ohio, as president. He addressed HB 563. When this bill was first introduced, he started receiving calls from municipalities in Erie and Ottawa counties, expressing concern about this bill. He started an email information campaign to inform local governments about this bill, especially in areas with heavy tourism bases. As he asked for opinions on this bill, he heard back from seven municipalities that took formal actions on this bill. The bill takes away local control of transient rentals. He provided this information to the Ohio Visitors Bureau Association, the Executive Director of the OACDB also took this information and presented at the opposition of this bill on March 22. The Danbury zoning inspector, Kathy Dale, also presented testimony opposing this bill. So far, he has not found any municipality that is firmly in support of this legislation, other than the communities from which the proponents launched it. Those areas do not happen to be communities that have a strong transient rental saturation. Certainly, we appreciate the lodging tax that comes back from the tourism rentals in our communities.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Item 7, permission to bid the 2022 sidewalk repair & replacement program. The \$112,000 budgeted, is that only for sidewalk in a public right-of-way where the sidewalk was damaged from tree roots. That figure seems to be a low amount to do too many sidewalks. A few former commissioners advocated for a public-private partnership whereby residents in the City would share a 50-50 cost for any sidewalks that need replaced other than by boulevard tree damage. We have a record budget this year, 18 million from the Federal government, is that something that as the year goes by that more money can be put into the sidewalk program.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS, Jared Oliver, Police Chief

Chief Oliver introduced two new full-time officers, Lisa Loesser and Brian Torres, both started as part-time officers last year. President Brady welcomed both officers to the department.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Murray, the commission voted to accept all communications. President Brady declared this motion passed.

The President asked if anyone wanted to move any items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Poole requested that Consent Agenda Item A be moved to the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM B – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

MPO GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Budgetary Information: The construction estimate for each project is shown below. If awarded, the matching funds would be allocated in the 5-year capital budget for an account with funds available for infrastructure such as CDBG, Issue 8, Sewer Fund, Stormwater Fund, Water Fund, Capital Street Fund or General Fund.

Project	City’s Portion	MPO Portion	Total Engineer’s Estimate
Camp Street Improvements Monroe St. to Perkins Ave.	\$323,035.76 (21%)	\$1,215,229.76 (79%)	\$1,538,265.52
Edgewater Avenue & W. Monroe Rehabilitation Venice to Broadway St.	\$304,818.14 (21%)	\$1,146,696.80 (79%)	\$1,451,514.94
W. Monroe Street Rehabilitation 2027 Camp St. to Decatur St.	\$567,164.00 (50%)	\$567,164.00 (50%)	\$1,134,328.00

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 024-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the West Monroe Street Rehabilitation 2027 Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal Local-LET Project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 025-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the Camp Street Improvements Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal Local-LET Project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.
- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 026-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the Edgewater Avenue & West Monroe Street Rehabilitation Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA Federal Local-LET Project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM C – Submitted by Mario D’Amico, Fire Chief

PURCHASE TWO REPLACEMENT LIFEPAK-15 HEART MONITORS

Budgetary Information: The total cost of this purchase is **\$43,232.20** which includes a trade in amount of \$13,147.00. As part of Stryker Sales, LLC loyalty promotion, it will allow us to defer the payment to be made in the year 2023 therefore this amount of \$43,232.20 will not negatively affect the 2022 budget. **In 2023 this purchase of \$43,232.20 will be paid with EMS funds.**

ORDINANCE NO. 22-075: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring one (1) Lifepak-12 heart monitor and one (1) Lifepak-15 heart monitor as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two (2) Lifepak-15 heart monitors from Stryker Sales, LLC, of Chicago, Illinois, for the Fire Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Jared Oliver, Police Chief

DISPOSAL OUTDATED BALLISTIC PANELS TO OHIO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR UKRAINE

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact stemming from this disposal.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-076: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the disposal of seventy (70) outdated Ballistic Panels from the Police Department as having become unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; approving the donation of the Ballistic Panels to the Ohio Department of Public Safety for Civilian Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to approve items B, C, and D of the Consent Agenda and their ordinances under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinances: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**ITEM A – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner (SECOND READING)****CHAPTER 735 PUBLIC VENDORS**

Budgetary Information: There will be a positive budgetary impact from the increase in permit sales and new business. Vending from small locations such as food trucks, stands, and carts is a lower cost, lower risk option than opening a brick-and-mortar restaurant or retail location. These types of businesses often act as incubator spaces for new concepts and new entrepreneurs who, with continued success, later decide to lease a more permanent location within a city. The proposed ordinance change is expected to help grow the number and variety of vendors operating in the City of Sandusky and improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-077: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Seven (Business Regulation Code), Chapter 735 (Public Vendors) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance on second reading under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Mr. Poole asked to make amendment to this ordinance under Section 375.04 Fees: "provided by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Commission," added to the end of that paragraph. Mr. Murray seconded that motion. Mr. Murray motioned to modify the amendment to include "from time to time as amended," Mr. Poole seconded that motion. Mr. Poole withdrew his motion to be replaced by Mr. Murray's motion. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

Comment:

Mr. Meinzer inquired why this change was being proposed, was it for efficiency or does it generate more revenue. Ms. Blair commented that the Jackson Street Pier is such a new space and is in high demand. We formally did not allow utility hook-ups. What we have discussed with Public Works and Finance is this year we will allow a quarterly utility payment for vendors that need to hook-up to City utilities. This will allow us to monitor the use this year, so next year we can charge a set fee for this usage. Mr. Meinzer commented that this was not a big money generator for the City then. Ms. Blair assured him it was not. Mr. Meinzer also stated that from the first reading he noted there was an appeal process in place if someone felt it was necessary. Ms. Blair stated that yes an appeal process is in place, and this was put in place to charge a reduced rate overall for our vendors. Mr. Murray stated that the appeal process was addressed in Section 736 to appeal to the City Manager then in turn to the Planning Commission. Mr. Poggiali stated he sat down with Ms. Blair in Planning and noted that this is just one thing that was changed to clean-up or simplify the process. **Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

ITEM 1 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent**PURCHASE KUBOTA TRACTOR FOR HORTICULTURE**

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) Kubota L Series, L6060HSTC Diesel Tractor shall not exceed \$73,111.02 and will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-078: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1979 Ford 3600 Tractor as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a new Kubota L Series Diesel Tractor from Streacker Tractor Sales, Inc., of Fremont, Ohio, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Horticulture Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comment:

Mr. Murray observed that there is a number of pieces of equipment on the agenda; he wanted to point out that we have had good feedback regarding snow removal and such this year. It can be said that good equipment builds good morale and provides good service. In the leaf pickup season, we did not have many complaints, and again he thinks it is because we have better equipment to work with. We need to keep investing in our equipment, and as President Brady pointed out, we have not had a vehicle repurchase program in about thirty years. These purchases are good assets that will last a long time and provide good service to our community.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE AVANT ARTICULATED LOADER FOR HORTICULTURE

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) Avant 640 Articulated Loader shall not exceed \$74,258.58 and will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-079: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1989 Case 385 Tractor as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a new Avant 640 Articulated Loader from KTS Equipment, LLC, of Wellington, Ohio, through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Horticulture Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Poole and a second by Mr. Murray, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

ITEM 3 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE FORD F-250 FOR WWTP

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) 2022 Ford 4x4 Super Duty F-250 Regular Cab shall not exceed \$76,897.00 and will be paid from Capital Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-080: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 2000 GMC G3500 Utility Van as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a new 2022 Ford 4X4 Super Duty F-250 Regular Cab from Valley Truck Centers of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Wastewater Treatment Plant; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comment:

Mr. Waddington commented that the prices of these vehicles was very good through State Purchasing.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr.

Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 4 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE FORD F-250 FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) 2022 Ford 4x4 Super Duty F-250 Regular Cab shall not exceed \$75,307.00 and will be paid from Capital Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-081: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford 4X4 Super Duty F-250 Regular Cab from Valley Truck Centers of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Sewer Maintenance Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 5 – Submitted by Scott Kromer, Streets & Utilities Superintendent

PURCHASE FORD F-450 FOR STREETS & TRAFFIC

Budgetary Information: The total cost for one (1) 2022 Ford F-450 Chassis shall not exceed \$47,425.00 and will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-082: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1991 GMC G3500 as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a new 2022 Ford F-450 Chassis from Valley Truck Centers of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Streets & Traffic Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Harris, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 6

OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 563 TRANSIENT RENTALS

RESOLUTION NO. 027-22R: It is requested a resolution be passed opposing the passage of House Bill 563 by the Ohio General Assembly which usurps municipalities' home rule authority to regulate short-term rentals; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Poole, the Commission voted to approve the resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Murray thinks the resolution speaks largely for itself but wanted to point out that it was drafted because as a City we organize to set our own rules, one of the most important being zoning rules. This tramples on those home rule rights. He spoke to our State Representative a couple weeks ago, and he indicated that many communities were doing the same thing, and encouraged us to draft this as well. Mr. Poole asked if Mr. Murray could explain to the public why this is damaging. Mr. Murray stated that this would allow transient rentals everywhere, all the time, over-riding local zoning rules. Mr. Poole stated that the municipalities should be able to determine how these effect each different municipality and not dictated by the state.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Resolution: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 7 – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Coordinator**PERMISSION TO BID 2022 SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The engineer's estimate for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement is \$111,817.58 which shall be paid for with \$105,000.00 out of Capital Projects Funds (Issue 8 Infrastructure) and \$6,817.58 out of Capital Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 028-22R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed 2022 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement 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 Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the Commission voted to approve the resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Murray stated that it is Ohio law that homeowners are responsible for their own sidewalks. As a community, we had many sidewalks that needed repair, and we need to continue doing that for a while. At some point, it will be appropriate to ask residents to have a shared responsibility for them, as they do in every other community around. Mr. Waddington mentioned that almost \$500,000 was spent to repair many several years ago that were identified by the tree commission that were heaved up by tree roots. Mr. Waddington agrees with Mr. Murray that we need to maybe consider the shared responsibility down the road and not fall behind on these repairs. President Brady commented that the City will not always be able to budget for these repairs, but we can for now. Mr. Murray added that we were responsible for the sidewalks with tree damage, because past staffing planted those trees. Mr. Meinzer commented that he recalled when the City had a full-time sidewalk inspector, and assessments were placed on homeowners taxes to pay for these repairs. He inquired if that happened anymore. Mr. Murray stated that yes it does, Cold Creek was a good example of that. Mr. Klein stated that over 2,000 feet of sidewalk would be repaired, and 127 linear feet of curb would be repaired. This list is from resident reports over the last five or more years that we are addressing. This program is not taking out trees; it is for the concrete itself.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Resolution: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 8 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director**AMENDMENT TO DOWNTOWN TIF**

Budgetary Information: The amendment may reduce future amounts of service payments in lieu of taxes to the Downtown TIF should development of the Kreimes or Sandusky Cabinets properties create new, non-abated assessed building value.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-083: It is requested an ordinance be passed removing parcels from the existing Central Public Improvement Tax Increment Financing Area (referred to as the Downtown TIF) by amending Ordinance 18-085; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comment:

Mr. Holody responded that this item would not adjust the boundaries of the opportunity zone, which is a separate federal program. This is just looking at the downtown TIF area. It is not unusual for TIF boundaries to be adjusted; in fact, last year when we created the Hogrefe TIF we amended the boundaries of the downtown TIF. This does not change the amount that we have committed to the Kreimes project. Our commitment is coming from the Issue 8 Economic Development, and no funds have been released to date. This project stalled during the pandemic, and the developer is working hard to secure the remaining financing to start with the full redevelopment. He cannot speak to who paid the taxes on that property; he does know that

the developer is working with a variety of partners. Before any grant money is released, we will insure that the property is current on their taxes.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris-abstain, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris-abstain, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 6. President Brady declared this motion passed.

ITEM 9 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

ED FUND GRANT TO PAPER STREET HOLDINGS AT 603 COLUMBUS AVENUE

Budgetary Information: The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$22,500 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund on a reimbursable basis. The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund due to increased lodging and property taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-084: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$22,500.00 through the Economic Development Fund Program to the Paper Street Holdings, LLC, in relation to the property located at 603 Columbus Avenue; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion of Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Harris, the commission voted to approve the Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comment:

A member of Paper Street Holdings, Mr. Boesch commented that the project was about 85% completed. He is very excited about the project. President Brady commented that he understood this was just a start of the projects they were anticipating. They have approval for four units, and are completing three currently, they would like to be ready to invite guests for Memorial Day and Bike Week. The fourth unit will be renovated over next winter on Madison Street. The main part of the building will remain commercial. A current \$300,000 investment will double or triple over the next years. Mr. Murray pointed out this is a former bank building at the corner of Columbus and Madison Street. City Loan was formerly owned by Mr. Gilbert.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. Roll call on the Ordinance: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

DONATIONS

- A \$100 donation to the K9 account was received from Ohio APCO. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Poggiali to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed.**
- Thank you to the students and families of Sandusky Central Catholic School for their generous donation of \$450.00 to contribute to the purchase of three (3) Crimson King Maples that were planted on Decatur Street in honor of Earth Day. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed.**
- The City of Sandusky Recreation Division would like to thank OHM Advisors for the donation of their services for the design of the Safety Town streetscape for behind Mills School, the new location for Sandusky Rec. The donation of \$2,500-\$3,000 will include the design and layout of the proposed town. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION

- I would like to request a motion to affirm Abbey Bemis to the Economic Development Incentive Committee. Her appointment will run through December 31, 2023. **Mr.**

Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to approve this appointment. President Brady declared this motion passed.

POLICE

- The Sandusky Police Department recently applied for grant funding to assist with recruitment and retention of Police Officers through Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). This grant was time sensitive. The application process opened after the most recent commission meeting. All applications had to be submitted by today's date. A formal communication with more information related to the grant will be forthcoming. **Mr. Murray made motion, seconded by Mr. Poggiali to apply for this grant. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

PUBLIC WORKS

- The traveling water screen at Big Island Water Works Plant is in need of repairs and partial replacement. The bar screen's purpose is to remove debris from the 42" raw water intake and to prevent damage to the pumps, valves, and other equipment at the facility. Water Plant crews noticed issues with the operation of the mechanical screen in late January, they immediately contacted Evoqua Water Technologies LLC to conduct an extensive underwater inspection. The inspection report showed that the entire traveling water screen assembly is in poor shape and does not sit properly on the rails. A temporary repair cost was given of approximately \$49,880, but there is not a guarantee that additional parts would not fail. Staff is in agreement with replacing the screen assembly and would like approval to procure a replacement water screen assembly on an emergency basis for up to \$240,000.00 including removal and installation. Staff has multiple quotes that are still under evaluation. Legislation will be prepared for the next city commission. The traveling water screen assembly system needs to be operational and reliable in order to supply water to the citizens of Sandusky. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to proceed with this repair. President Brady declared this motion passed.**
- There are several major sewer, water, and streets projects taking place throughout the city this year. Please respect the lives of construction workers trying to improve the infrastructure in our community and be mindful of work zones. A map of all road closures and detours is available on the City's website and updated weekly. Specific project-related updates continue to be provided to affected stakeholders.
- The asphalt plants are now open for the 2022 season. All are encouraged to report potholes by calling 419.627.5829.
- Residents are welcome to drop-off yard waste free-of-charge at Barnes Nursery, 1630 Camp Road, Huron, on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The City has received a request to support the issuance of a D-5f liquor permit for the waterfront restaurant and bar development project proposed by Pipe Creek Wharf, LLC and Pipe Creek Holdings, LLC at 2330 River Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. It is requested the City Commission, by motion, provide authorization for the City Manager to sign a Certification and Acknowledgement form indicating the proposed project is not inconsistent with the City of Sandusky's comprehensive development plan or other economic development goals. If approved by the Division of Liquor Control, the D-5 permit will be issued without the typical need for the City to consider a hearing. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, seconded by Mr. Poole for the authorization of this liquor permit. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray-abstain, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 6. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

RECREATION

- Sandusky Rec would like to thank all of the businesses and volunteers who contributed or donated to this year's Spring Break Camp at Mills School. The camp averaged 85 participants each day during the three-day camp.
- Mills Creek Golf Course has officially opened and season passes are currently available for purchase. The Butch Wagner Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 and there are still openings in the afternoon flight of the tournament. Nominations are also being accepted for the Mills Creek Golf Course Hall of Fame. Anyone interested in more information can follow the course on Facebook or call 419-627-5803.

Comment:

Mr. Murray stated that several people stated they were supportive of the City acquiring the course. He also noted that of the two versions of the Safety Town that were presented tonight, he hoped the City would find the resources to do the first option, which was reminiscence of the Safety Town he attended. The City Manager noted that they would figure out how to do that option. Mr. Poole stated he concurred with Mr. Murray and option one was the better option.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Waddington noted that he helped on the fish tournament on Saturday, and following the tournament, the fish was cleaned and donated to Victory Kitchen. Mr. Waddington asked Ms. Blair to update Commission on the meeting about the Mills School Recreation Program. Ms. Blair commented that this was an initial Southside Plan Steering Committee meeting with about a dozen in attendance. There was great discussion about many generations of families that have resided on the Southside for so long. She wanted to point out this was just an early meeting to start the process of attracting a more robust community-wide gathering to proceed with the process. If anyone would like to complete the online survey or would like to be involved, please contact her or fill-out the survey online to do so. Tuesday, May 31st, will be the initial kick-off event. Mr. Waddington commended Ms. Blair that she has filled the empty shoes left by Mr. Flohr and felt she was very competent to handle this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Poggiali made motion with a second by Mr. Murray to set a Public Hearing for the CDBG 2022 Action Plan for May 9. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer and Mr. Poole, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed. Mr. Harris mentioned that on behalf of the Hogrefe's that a couple weeks ago they completed their fourth year of grants to SHS students. Over 50 students have been awarded in total. This year there was a goal to award twelve grants, however with the donation from several members – they were able to award fourteen grants this year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chris Wiedle, 403 East Adams Street, wished to thank all the Commissioners who donate their time to serve our community. He addressed a letter he received from the City about nine parcels that are considered for transient rental. In the letter, just the parcel numbers were listed, so he looked them up, 302-328 Washington. This is the whole block of nine homes, from Franklin to Hancock Street. He questions if all nine property owners requested to be in the transient district. A real concern is that he has a similar rental at 403 East Adams Street and he was told by Planning he had to provide parking. Of these nine properties – only three have designated parking that is not on City property. Should the transient rental owners be responsible to provide parking for these transient rental properties? The same rules should apply to all. Secondly, he reported about a crime statistic of the largest crime cities in Ohio. Five years ago, he appeared before Commission to relay a problem he was having that had scores of police calls to a residence. Eventually it ended up with a SWAT team on his front porch. Of the 100 largest cities in Ohio – there are only 6 cities that have more crime than Sandusky. He looked through the minutes of Commission meetings – the only thing he can see is hiring police officers of retired or resigning police officers. There is not anything more important to a City than the safety of its residents. He believes safety needs to be an agenda item at every meeting. President Brady asked Ms. Blair to

get his contact information to talk with him about this issue. He also asked Chief Oliver to talk with him about the statistics he is quoting tonight. President Brady commented that public safety was one of the major concerns of this commission, and they do not take this subject lightly. Mr. Poggiali stated that a gentleman came before the Planning Commission with a petition indicating that 70% of the owners on that block approved of him going transient rental on his properties. The Committee will be meeting with him again this Wednesday night at their meeting and he invited Mr. Wiedle to attend and speak his mind on this petition. The committee is trying to put together policies and procedures, and they need to hear the pros and cons on the transient rental issue. Mr. Poole commented he would like Mr. Poggiali to look into the parking requirements for transient rentals and asked Mr. Wiedle to please provide Chief Oliver with a copy of the data he references about crime, and Chief should forward copies to Commission to be informed as well. Chief Oliver is not aware of these statistics; Sandusky follows information provided by the FBI and the state reporting system. Mr. Meinzer committed that he believes transient rentals should have to provide off street parking and meet all bullet points before they can apply as a rental. Mr. Meinzer agrees that fire and police are things that the commission is focusing on the improve safety in our city. Mr. Harris stated safety is an issue that falls on every member of this community in one way or another, and he believes many of the educational opportunities offered in our community serve as a vehicle to curve this issue of crime. He wants Sandusky to be a City of hope and opportunity.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, commented on the issue of safety services. He had a conversation with the Assistant City Manager when he was Police Chief, about employee numbers in the police department. He was told at that time that numbers were no way close to the numbers they had when he first started. Population in Sandusky has gone down, but the incidents of crime have not and most are drug related. He would like the reappointment of the Drug Task Force. He commended the Fire Chief and fire department for finally being able to get their contract back to getting closer to the numbers that their department needs. The Westside has had an understaffed fire department for a long time.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, the Commission voted to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. The President declared the meeting adjourned.



Cathleen A. Myers
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission