

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

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

**City staff present: Eric Wobser - City Manager, Cody Browning – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis - IT Technician, Sarah Chiappone – Assistant Law Director, Jonathan Holody - Development Director, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, Mario D’Amico – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Marcus Harris – Diversity and Economic Manager, Nichole Grohe – Community Development Program Administrator, Erin Blair – Chief Planner, Jason Werling – Recreation Manager, 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 July 11 regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, Item D, GSS Economic Development Grant, she does not feel any grant should be on the Consent Agenda, no grant should be rubber stamped with any discussion, or any questions asked. Item D should be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda. This grant has a lot of moving parts to it, there were two applications, the first application was for \$15,000, it had remodeling costs and a sign by Brady on it, and it was tabled by the attorney, so he could take another look at it. The second application was redesigned for \$25,000 instead of \$15,000 and it is for an acquisition. This acquisition had already taken place in January of 2022. This owner, GSS, is renting this building out and the tenant is remodeling the building. This is the first time a grant has been given for an acquisition. The city has never done this before. Acquisitions show no proof that the money has been spent on that. I heard from the Treasurer that this check would be written directly to GSS, the owner. Was the money really spent for that? I would like to know what proof we have. How do you pass this when the acquisition has already transpired in January 2022? The rule for the grants, especially construction grants, no grant goes out the door if it has already been completed. This transaction has already been completed. What purpose was there to redesign this grant? The first application was entirely different. Should the City be giving out acquisition grants for ED grants?

Lou Schultz, a member of the Historical Society and the Maritime Museum and the Landmark Commission, is here in support of the Ohio History Connection Grant for \$18,800 for the Historical Preservation Society. The Landmark Commission goes by standards and works with the Planning Department who supplies detailed information on the City’s guidelines, the Department of Interiors federal guidelines, and the Ohio inventory of historic structures guidelines. When decisions are made, they are grounded on information and guidelines that have been put together over the years. The problem with City guidelines is they are a little outdated. This grant will enable us to have consultants to upgrade them. When they were adopted, there was not any rooftop structures, there was not any patios, and the city was not the vibrant city that it is today. It is important to realize how important historic preservation is. I am always amused when my family comes to town that they make a beeline for Small City Taphouse, they do not care what it looks like. The renovation with support from the city, the new windows, the renovated masonry, the paint. Someone coming to town that knows nothing of the quality of their food might not be inclined to go in. When it is restored to the standard it once was, it will be an asset to Columbus Avenue. It is good for business; historical preservation is an important component.

Stacie Schmid, GSS Group LLC owner, states she purchased 422 Columbus Avenue building for the purpose to renovate it and rent it. My husband is the President of Schmid Architects, and his firm is going to be renting it, and have signed a ten-year lease. The building is near completion, the exterior and a few interior details will be completed by September. We are excited to be part of downtown, to hear the church bells ringing, be part of the activities and be able to walk to them. We are excited to be able to apply for this Economic Development Grant.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS: Jarod Oliver, Police Chief**

Mr. Oliver introduced Cade McClellan and De'Marr Adcock, new Police Officers. Cade comes to us from Cedar Point where he was a Security Supervisor for a few years. He went to the academy and graduated in May. He came in, tested, and was our lead candidate. He is a graduate of Bluffton and was captain of the football team. He is now a city resident and started about two months ago. He has a couple more months of field training and then he will be on his own. De'Marr is one of our many recruitment successes. He is a Sandusky High School graduate; he wanted to be a police officer for many years. De'Marr was mentored by some of our officers who reached out to me through conversations and talked about his interest. He took the test and is here now and we are going to sponsor him in the Sandusky Career Center Academy in the fall. He will complete his training and then he will be sworn in as a full-time law enforcement officer. Thanks to Commission and the City Manager, we are now at full staff.

**Comments:**

Mr. Harris wanted to take a moment to share that he has known Mr. Adcock for some time, and this is what we want to see more of, homegrown talent. He hopes Mr. Adcock can be a pioneer and take it back after giving years of service. Mr. Brady added that we have one of the finest police departments in the area and he is sure these new officers will meet that challenge.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

President Brady stated he was proud to deliver these two proclamations to two individuals who have been so instrumental in leadership roles within our community. Their proclamations tell the story of where they have been and what they have done. Ms. De'Shyra Reed:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sandusky has recognized its citizens for improving relations and the quality of living among the diverse members of this community, and De'Shyra Reed is one of those citizens deserving recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, De'Shyra Reed who was born and raised in Sandusky, Ohio, and is a graduate of Sandusky High School class of 2016, and owner of Shyne Beauty LLC, and

**WHEREAS**, at 24 years old, De'Shyra has embarked on a path of leadership, entrepreneurship, community advocacy and relationship building that serves as a template for other aspiring young professionals to follow; and

**WHEREAS**, De'Shyra has organized Shyne Beauty's Olympic Picnic back to school celebration and school supply donation drive; and has donated her time and talents to provide free back to school hair styling services for kids who could not afford to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, De'Shyra has established and organized the Farwell Fall Fest with trunk or treat for children and a basketball tournament; and has organized "Teen Nights" for local teenagers consisting of food, music, and games for a fun and safe activity to serve as an alternative to less positive, unproductive activities; and

**WHEREAS**, De'Shyra, along with her partner Pierre Coleman, have started A.I.M. (Ambition in Mind) to provide community building activities for Sandusky children and build relationships with the Sandusky Fire department; and

**WHEREAS**, De'Shyra has led and organized, a Sandusky Juneteenth celebration beginning in 2021 consisting of a parade on East Farwell Street, food, games, and a vendor platform for featuring local small business owners. Her tireless dedication and hard work in setting a high bar for how the Sandusky community should celebrate this new federal holiday recognizing on June 19, 1865 — nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Richard Brady, President of the Commission, City of Sandusky, Ohio, do hereby proclaim recognition of De'Shyra Reed, for her outstanding contribution to this community. Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

President Brady stated that unfortunately the recipient of the second proclamation could not attend tonight due to health reasons, but equally deserving; Kozetta “Kozy” Pool:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sandusky has recognized its citizens for improving relations and the quality of living among the diverse members of this community, and Kozetta Pool is one of those citizens deserving recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Kozetta Pool, who was born and raised in Sandusky, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Kozetta serves as the President of the EmpowerHER Networking Group which is a local organization focusing on mentorship, building community and sisterhood amongst women of color in entrepreneurship; and

**WHEREAS**, Kozetta, along with Sandusky Life Church, planned and organized, a Sandusky Juneteenth celebration on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 located in Battery Park to bring more education and awareness about the significance of Juneteenth. The event not only helped to set the tone for how we the community should celebrate Juneteenth, but provided local business owners, non-profits, and service organizations a platform to connect with the community they serve. Juneteenth, a new federal holiday recognizing on June 19, 1865 — nearly nine decades after our Nation’s founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Kozetta and Sandusky Life Church held their second annual Juneteenth event, building on the prior year’s success, celebrating the food, music, and dance of African American culture, and highlighting the significance of the color red symbolizing the resilience and sacrifice of the enslaved people of African descent and the expression of that recognition in red velvet cake and hibiscus tea. The event culminated in a drawing for five \$500 grants for utility assistance: and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Richard Brady, President of the Commission, City of Sandusky, Ohio, do hereby proclaim recognition of “Kozetta “Kozy” Pool”, for her outstanding contribution to this community. Dated this 25th day of July 2022.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

#### Comments:

President Brady wanted to sidestep from the agenda to recognize Mr. Werling, Recreation Manager, for his tireless efforts for his part in the city this past weekend. Mr. Murray stated he had long been an admirer of Mr. Werling as our Recreation Manager; he is a multi-talented individual that over this weekend was the perfect culmination of what he brings to the table, which is passion, tireless energy, and skill. You made us all look great. He stated he knew there were many other people, hundreds of volunteers, dozens of other city employees that contributed, but you deserve special recognition for causing a spotlight to be shined on Sandusky in a very successful and complimentary way. Thank you for all that you do every day, especially for what you did this week. Mr. Waddington, the Recreation liaison, stated he was highly concerned at the end of last week, he even had a conversation with Mr. Murray, questioning would all this really come together. When he went to the event two different times it just blew him away. Someone said that the last time Sandusky had a crowd that size was when Teddy Roosevelt visited. Good job pulling this event together, again we cannot thank you enough. Mr. Poole stated he sucks up to Jason routinely, he does not have to expound on what a great job he does. He stated that Mr. Werling and his staff truly reinvigorated the activities of the Recreation Department in the City. Whenever his name is on an event, there are no worries – it will be just fine. Mr. Meinzer stated he was impressed how calm Mr. Werling was with all the moving parts and the size of the event. Mr. Harris stated that Mr. Werling and his staff – they are awesome, and he looks forward to the next couple of years. Mr. Poggiali said he would certainly echo all the comments that have been made and was not sure what else he could offer, but that Mr. Werling did a great job. He would be willing to help on the planning process next year with Mr. Waddington. Just let me know if you need my input. Mr. Werling stated he thanked the

Commission for being willing to host the event after Erie Shores and Islands came to us. There are 364 more days until we host the next Ironman; we are already training to get ready for it. We had an enormous outpouring of support for the event. He did not know if he expected to be as big of an event as it ended up being, the support of the neighborhoods and the lining of the streets of people sitting in their lawn chairs. There were some blocked driveways, a few complaints here and there. However, the support for the event really shined, and Mother Nature really helped – it gave us a scare at the beginning. We are the only one hosting this event in the State, the businesses were full, the people were smiling, and the volunteers were performing. He just left the event directors an email letting them know what a great job they did in doing their part and making sure our city was as clean as it was prior to the event. Two thousand participants jumped off a ferryboat into Sandusky Bay, a few could not swim the 1.2 miles, so Safety Services retrieved them. A picture is in the Sandusky Register today of that image is something to be proud of forever. This is the only ferryboat start of an event of its kind. Mr. Brady stated that we know events of this magnitude do not happen with just one person; you had a terrific amount of help with staff and volunteers. As most things are that are successful – it is a team effort, and your leadership shined through. He had four grandchildren on the Pier Saturday night while you were giving some direction to the towboat, Mr. Kennedy. One grandchild asked, “Who is that guy?” He remarked, “He may not be the brains of this operation, but he certainly is the heart and soul.” Mr. Werling encouraged all to start signing up for next year’s event. Mr. Poggiali asked how they identified people in distress in the swim portion. Mr. Werling stated that sometimes people jumped into the water and immediately realized it was not their day, they just motioned with their hands, there were 59 kayaks and paddleboards ready to assist. There was a southwest wind for the bike ride, good for the swim, but not for the ride portion.

**President Brady if anyone wished to move any items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Poole requested Item D from Consent Agenda be moved to Regular Agenda.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **ITEM A – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner**

##### **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION**

**Budgetary Information:** The grant funds do not require a local match, so the legislation will have no impact on the City’s budget.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-136:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to accept grant funds in the amount of \$18,800 from the State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection through the Certified Local Governments Grant Program for the Update Citywide Design Guidelines Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and to expend the funds consistent with the grant agreement; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

##### **ITEM B – Submitted by Nicole Grohe, CDBG Program Administrator**

##### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DONALD B. EAGER AND ASSOC. FOR CITY’S FAIR HOUSING**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of professional services will not exceed \$9,000 and will be paid from CDBG funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-137:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Donald B. Eager & Associates, LLC, of Lancaster, Ohio, for professional services for the implementation of the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fair Housing Program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

##### **ITEM C – Submitted by Mario D’Amico, Fire Chief (FIRST READING)**

##### **PERMISSION TO SELL ONAN GENERATOR**

**Budgetary Information:** Funds received from the sale of the Onan 7.5 KW Gen Set Generator will be placed into the EMS fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of an Onan 7.5 KW Gen Set Generator as having become unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter.

##### **ITEM D – Submitted by Jason Werling, Recreation Manager**

##### **GOLF CART LEASE REPEAL AND APPROVE AMENDED AGREEMENT**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost for leasing 12 Yamaha gas powered golf carts over a five (5) year period is \$43,920 plus a \$250 documentation fee, which will be paid from Mills Creek Golf Course funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-138:** It is requested an ordinance be passed repealing Ordinance No. 21-146, passed on October 11, 2021; authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with PNC Bank, National Association of Horsham, Pennsylvania, for twelve (12) Yamaha gas powered golf cars through Lake Erie Golf Cars, LLC, of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, for the Mills Creek Golf Course for a period of five (5) years; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Murray, the commission voted to pass these ordinances under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 7. Roll call on the ordinances: Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 7. The President declared these ordinances passed.**

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

### ITEM 1 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT AGREEMENT WITH GSS GROUP FOR 422 COLUMBUS AVENUE**

**Budgetary Information:** The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$25,000 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 income and property taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-139:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$25,000 through the Economic Development Fund Program to GSS Group, LLC, in relation to the property located at 422 Columbus Avenue; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Harris, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

#### Comments:

President Brady wished to share that for more than thirty years Mr. Schmid has been his friend and his architect and now a customer. With those things taken into consideration, even though these funds are dedicated to the purchase of property, which I am not selling to him, I will abstain from this vote or discussion. Mr. Murray asked that Mr. Holody respond to some of the questions that were raised about this legislation. Mr. Holody stated that we did receive an application previously related to this project. It was structured differently and in consultation with the Law Director, he worked with the applicant to submit a new application, which is what is before us now that complies with our program. The application was recommended for approval by the Economic Development Committee, this is a common project that we fund through this program. This project involves both the acquisition of the property by the applicant as well as recognition that the tenant will be conducting major improvements. This is a \$500,000 investment made in the City of Sandusky. Like all our projects, before funds are released, we verify all the expenses that have been outlined in the application have been completed as planned and no money will go out the door until the project is fully done. In terms of the dollar amount, we are providing a modest yet impactful amount in line with what we are providing to other projects of this scale. In conclusion, this is a great project that is allowing an older building to be retrofitted and used for many more years and attracting a local company into the City Corporation bringing new jobs was indicated within walking distance. He recommends the Commission approval for the request this evening. Mr. Poole suggests that the applicant has done everything that they have been asked to do and working with the staff to make this work. The applicant originally asked for \$15,000 and stated what it is for. Whatever the reasons that the staff changed the application, without debating it, is his question.

**Mr. Poole made a motion to give them the \$15,000 for which they originally applied. President Brady asked for a second to that motion. No second heard, motion failed.**

## Comment:

Mr. Poole asked for an explanation from Mr. Holody of why an applicant who asked for \$15,000 when presenting construction costs, did Mr. Holody change the application to give them a bigger grant of \$25,000 for property that they already owned. The fact that it is the wife selling it to the LLC seems to be an inappropriate thing for us to start doing. He has no problem with the project itself. However, since you did this, and they did not ask you to, please go into detail. Mr. Holody explained that the second application asking for the \$25,000 is very much in line with his conversations with the Law Director in terms of, this project complies with our program guidelines. In terms of the overall investment, we are still right in line and probably somewhat modest in terms of our contribution, when we look at over a half a million investment in our city. For large projects this scale we have a maximum contribution of 10%. We are right in line with other projects of this similar size and scale through the program. Mr. Poole stated we have an application from these people that was restructured by the staff, not by them. This has nothing to do with them. Mr. Holody is telling us we have the option to do. We have the option to give them \$50,000. That would be in line with everything that he has to say. However, they asked for \$15,000, the project did not change. The construction costs, all the things they presented, stayed the same, and they already owned the building. Mr. Holody simply decided to pull this number and put it on the application, therefore juiced the project from \$153,000 to \$275,000, and then gave them another \$10,000, which they did not ask for. Had we accepted the \$15,000 request to begin with, this would have never happened. He finds this to be an inappropriate way to conduct business, that extra \$10,000 could go toward developing something else. As he just took a walk around the south side today and Commissioners told residents we did not have any money to cut down the trees that were encroaching from the alley, we had no money to fix the sewers. Nevertheless, you have \$10,000 to give to someone who will survive if you do not give it. He stated he was more than happy to be the one vote that says no, and that is why. Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Poole does not suggest or say this in any way, it is a little awkward for the applicants to be here. They are people of very fine integrity. Mr. Poole agreed.

**Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poole-nay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady-abstain, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poole-nay, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady-abstain, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 5. The President declared this ordinance passed.**

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**ITEM 2 – Submitted by Marcus Harris, Diversity and Economic Opportunity Manager**
**(FIRST READING)****AMENDMENT OF FIREWORKS CODIFIED ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE JUNE 19TH**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Fifteen (Fire Prevention Code), Chapter 1519 (Fireworks), Section 1519.04 (Possession, Sale or Discharge Prohibited; exceptions) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

**Upon motion by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Harris, the commission voted to pass these ordinances under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Mr. Poole made motion, second by Mr. Murray to amend this legislation to include all the dates that are recognized by the State of Ohio until 11:59 pm to coincide with our current legislation.**

## Comment:

Mr. Poole stated this was good for the community to promote we are an inclusive community, a welcoming community. The city shows by this legislation that we value you and what you add to our community please join us including all the additional cultural days that are celebrated by other cultures. It sends that message and costs us nothing. This will be best for us in the long-term. Mr. Murray stated that Mr. Poole contacted him last night and made the arguments that he just stated, and it made a lot of sense. The only reason that he pointed that out, although we disagreed on the last piece of legislation, we agreed on this piece. We did not let our difference of opinion get in the way. For those that are looking at other governments in Columbus and D.C. he wished they would behave a little bit more as we have. Mr. Meinzer inquired if we were going to follow with State law regarding the days for discharge of fireworks, ten days. President Brady stated this legislation is a motion to amend this legislation, and a second to amend that.

Roll call on amending the legislation: Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 7. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Meinzer 7. The President declared this ordinance passed as amended at First Reading.

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### **ITEM 3 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer**

#### **AWARD CONTRACT FOR 2022 CDBG STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT TO PRECISION PAVING**

**Budgetary Information:** The total construction cost of the project based on bids is \$207,827.00 and shall be paid for with Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-140:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Paving, Inc., of Milan, Ohio, for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Rehabilitation Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

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### **ITEM 4 – Submitted by Cody Browning, IT Manager**

#### **PURCHASE SERVICE CENTER SECURITY FROM JOHNSON CONTROL**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of this project will be \$134,954 which will be paid from the IT operating budget in the amount of \$14,954 (11%), Building Maintenance operating budget in the amount of \$95,000 (70%), and Issue 8 Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$25,000 (19%).

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-141:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of security door controls at the Service Center from Johnson Control, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **DONATIONS**

- A \$100 donation was received from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the Sandusky Police Department in appreciation of their participation in the annual Memorial Day parade. **Mr. Waddington made motion, second by Mr. Meinzer, to accept this donation.** Mr. Wobser noted that was an article in the Sandusky Register today stating that our Police Department has the highest gender diversity that it has had in the history of the department. It is a testament to our being more inclusive and representative of the community that we serve.

### **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

#### **FIRE**

- Last week Sandusky Police Department and Sandusky Fire Department coordinated with Sandusky City Schools for three days to train all city officers and firefighters how to respond to an active shooter event. The training consisted of five scenarios which mimicked real world events. This training was a great opportunity to work together, prepare and fine tune procedures for responding to these tragic events that

unfortunately have become all too commonplace in today's society. A big thank you goes out to officers Lillo, Allen and Desalle for coordinating this training.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- E. Water Parking Lot Update – Currently being re-bid with a revised completion date in hopes of attracting contractors. Staff understands that the previous completion date set forth was unattainable by contractors.
- The emergency generator at the wastewater treatment plant has been re-installed and will likely be back online within the next two weeks. Thank you to Mosser and their team for their hard work to move as quickly as possible.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

- Planning staff and the design consultant team are seeking public feedback on the Columbus Avenue Streetscape Design project. They will have draft concepts and components of the streetscape design on display at two locations this week for your review and feedback. You can find them at the Jackson Street Pier before the Rumour concert this Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm until the band starts, and in front of City Hall during the Farmer's Market this Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 10:30am. An online survey will also be available and shared on the city's website and Facebook page.

### **RECREATION**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch-A-Truck National Night Out Event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Paper District Marina. The event will feature over 50 agencies/groups including area law enforcement, fire departments, municipal vehicles, local organizations, and private companies for a family-friendly event. This year's event will end with a showing of the movie Cars 2 at 7 p.m. at the Jackson Street Pier, sponsored by the Wightman-Wieber Celebration Safety Fair & Kids Fun Festival Committee.
- Yesterday, the citizens of Sandusky, Erie and Sandusky counties welcomed over 2,000 athletes and their families to the Shores & Islands Ohio region. The city's neighborhoods were lined with thousands of people, including local volunteers, and businesses were busy showcasing what Sandusky has to offer. The Sandusky Recreation Department would like to thank the IRONMAN Triathlon planning team, Shores & Islands and all of the individuals and agencies who supported the event. A special thank you to the city commission for their approval of bringing the event to Sandusky. The date for next year's event is Sunday, July 23, 2023, and registration is now open.

### **Comments:**

Mr. Murray wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Wobser who competed in the Ironman. President Brady added that Mr. Wobser has been an inspiration to many people by not only participating in the event, but also finishing it. Congratulations. Mr. Wobser added that he only competed in the relay portion of the event. However, as Mr. Brady said to him today – that many people are saying to themselves today, if you can do it – I can do it.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Brady asked Chief Oliver share resolution information about a hearing for a liquor permit. Chief Oliver stated the hearing notice can be rescinded due to the business is no longer going to be located at that property. The owner has revoked his tenancy to that building.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Poggiali wished to thank all the participants that went on the first Commissioner Walk today prior to the meeting. We visited the south side, McArthur Park, and Clay Streets. There were not a lot of participants, but the ones who did engage gave some good input. He also wished to thank staff for their contribution. President Brady added that even though we did not hear from many, we did get items we need to address from those that did engage.



**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, commented she is still confused about the GSS grant. How is the city going to verify the acquisition when it has already been done? She offers a couple of suggestions: either the check be made out directly to the bank or have proof that the person took that money to the bank, and that the banks give a letter stating that \$25,000 was paid on the mortgage. She stated she would be happy with that. This is what happens when there are no policies or procedures in place. She has been hitting the drum repeatedly on the Development Department. No one is listening. She stated she would accept something like that. This is \$25,000 of taxpayer's money that he does not explain what kind of verification he is going through. This is the first time we have ever done this. She stated she is sure others will be coming now for grants of this nature because you have set a precedence. Everyone will be asking for an acquisition without public documents required. She stated she does not blame GSS; it is a disappointment for other businesses. This should have never gotten to the ED Committee. When you find out there is a problem, and it is tabled.

Mr. Poole stated that the Commission would follow the processes that have been set for the staff. He hopes she is satisfied with that.

Alan Griffiths, 1231 Wayne Street, Chairman of the Landmark Commission, would like to add his thanks to the Commission for their acceptance for the grant from the Ohio History Connection. For the Landmark preservation process, they will be using to update the guidelines for the Landmark Commission going forward. This will help with procedures and outcomes for clarity and adding public value for the City's architecture. The project really does display for the commitment preserving historic buildings and places in the process of developing our city. We must do both. He would like to thank as Chair the staff that brought this together, Arin and Alec; they really worked hard on the project application. He also thanked the intern working with them and his input has been invaluable.

Ryan Whaley, 316 E. Water Street, stated he was speaking on behalf of local entrepreneurs and business owners that are very active in what is happening in Sandusky. They are here to show their support of what the Commission and staff has been doing over the last few years. They are appreciative and excited to see what is next in the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Mr. Murray, the Commission voted to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. The President declared the meeting adjourned.**



Cathleen A. Myers  
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady  
President of the City Commission