

Vice President Murray called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Invocation, given by Mr. Poggiali and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Steve Poggiali, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Mike Meinzer, Wes Poole, and Dennis Murray. Mr. Waddington made motion, seconded by Mr. Poggiali to excuse President Dick Brady.

City staff present: Eric Wobser - City Manager, Don Rumbutis - IT Technician, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Jonathan Holody - Development Director, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, Mario D’Amico – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, John Orzech – Asst. City Manager, Nichole Grohe – Community Development Program Administrator, James Stacey – Transit Administrator, Tom Horsman – Communication 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 August 8 regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. Mr. Murray declared the motion passed.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **PROCLAMATION: Mr. Harris, Alzheimer Month to Erica Parnisari**

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain and the most common form of dementia that affects not only a person’s memory but also their judgment and reasoning abilities; and over 220,000 Ohio citizens are currently living with Alzheimer’s or another dementia and it effects more than 6 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio is projected to see a 13.6 percent increase in cases by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, another 421,000 Ohioans are unpaid caregivers and half of those living with the disease have yet to be diagnosed, and caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease often takes an enormous toll on family members; caregivers themselves often suffer more stress, depression, and health problems than caregivers of people with other illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging; it is a progressive brain disease without any way to prevent or slow its progression and is fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the significant role the Alzheimer’s Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter plays in offering diverse educational and supportive programming and services, caregiver support groups, professional training, respite care and financial assistance to ease the burden to families and caregivers while educating the community and increasing awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia by early detection and diagnosis, advocacy, and research; and

**WHEREAS**, to call attention to this disease that affects so many of our families Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the day of the Erie Shore Walk to End Alzheimer’s 2022 Sandusky, a walk that has been ongoing since the 1990’s and has raised over \$240,000, and Thursday, September 1, 2022, is “Wear Purple Day” in support of our efforts

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Blake Harris, Commissioner, City of Sandusky, do hereby proclaim recognition of

#### **September 2022 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month in Sandusky**

And I urge all residents and merchants to “Paint the Town Purple” during September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by decorating homes and businesses with purple ribbons, purple lights, and Alzheimer Walk Banners. Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2022.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING, Floodplain Regulations Changes, Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

Mr. Klein stated this is a public hearing is concerning the regulations they received in 2020. They were approved in 2021. Earlier this year we were notified that FEMA asked us to update some of the terminology in the regulation prior to September 1, 2022. No flood zones have changed.  
**Hearing no objection, Mr. Murray declared this Public Hearing closed.**

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

**Mr. Murray asked if anyone wished to move any item from the Consent Agenda, none heard.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

##### **ESTABLISH ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND**

**Budgetary Information:** There will be no budgetary impact for the creation of this fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 044-22R:** It is requested a resolution accepting Opioid Settlement Funds and authorizing the Finance Director to establish a special fund designated as the “OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund” for the City of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

##### **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR OHGO BE WELL PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The City of Sandusky will award OHgo a total of \$24,000 for the OHgo Be Well Program for CV CDBG Program Year FY2020. This award shall be paid with CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the General Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-162:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with OHgo to assist with their remote food locker program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$24,000 from the FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funds; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

##### **ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MOU FOR 506 E. MONROE STREET DEMO**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will receive \$15,320 for the demolition and asbestos testing from the Erie County Health Department. The funds will go into the CDBG program income account once received.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-163:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Erie County Board of Health for utilizing Ohio Lead Safe Home Funds for the demolition of a condemned residential structure located at 506 E. Monroe Street in the City of Sandusky; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

##### **OPWC APPLICATION SUPERIOR STREET REHAB PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to submit the application. Notification of award would be in December 2022. If awarded, the project would be constructed beginning early in 2024 and bid as part of the resurfacing program. If awarded, any matching funds required would be incorporated into the 2024 budget. The cost of the project is currently estimated at \$291,086. The City is planning to apply for \$175,000 (60%) of OPWC funds to leverage these funds, reducing the City’s obligation to \$116,086 (40%), which would be drawn out of 2024 annual resurfacing funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 045-22R:** It is requested a resolution authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission’s State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs authorized by Chapter 164 (Aid to Local Government Improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Superior Street Rehab Project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

##### **CHAPTER 1157 CODIFIED ORDINANCE UPDATE TO FLOODPLAIN DAMAGE REDUCTION**

**Budgetary Information:** There are no fees associated with making these administrative changes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-164:** It is requested an ordinance amending Part Eleven (Planning and Zoning Code), Title Five (Additional Zoning Requirements), Chapter 1157 (Flood Damage Reduction) 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 effect under suspension of the rule as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM F – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**AMEND ODOT ORDINANCE 22-103 TO CORRECT SCRIVENER’S ERROR**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-165:** It is requested an ordinance amending Ordinance 22-103, passed on May 23, 2022, to correct a scrivener’s error; giving consent for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside the City corporation; authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM G – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**TEMPORARY EASEMENT WITH MHD CORPORATION FOR SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the temporary easement is \$1.00 plus recording fees.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-166:** It is requested an ordinance approving a temporary easement granted to the City by MHD Corporation for the Sandusky Bay Pathway as part of the Landing Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM H – Submitted by James Stacey, Transit Administrator**

**AGREEMENT FOR STS WITH NEW STORY SCHOOLS**

**Budgetary Information:** STS will receive \$9.00 per passenger trip from New Story Schools for the length of the proposed contract. This money collected will be used to offset the capital planning and operating expenses through the 5311 Rural grant program.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-167:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for transportation services between the City of Sandusky and New Story School for services related to the Sandusky Transit System for the period of August 23, 2022, through May 25, 2023; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM I – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director**

**APPROVING TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Budgetary Information:** Continuation of the Tax Increment Financing Districts will result in the City’s continued receipt of Tax Increment Financing revenue for use on public improvement projects.

**RESOLUTION NO. 046-22R:** It is requested a resolution accepting and approving the City of Sandusky Tax Incentive Review Council’s (T.I.R.C.) recommendations regarding current taxation agreements; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass these ordinances and resolutions under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared these ordinances and resolutions passed.**

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**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEM 1 – Submitted by Tom Horsman, Communication Manager**

**AGREEMENT WITH LAKE ERIE SHORES AND ISLANDS FOR GIANT ADIRONDACK CHAIR**

**Budgetary Information:** The City split the cost of the chair 50/50 with Shores and Islands Ohio. The City’s share was \$806.25 and will be expended with Marketing funds. There is no additional cost to the City from this agreement.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-168:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Lake Erie Shores and Islands relating to the replacement of an Adirondack chair at the Jackson Street Pier; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Poggiali, 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. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.

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**ITEM 2 – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director**

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**VARIOUS PURPOSE NOTES**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL OFFICER’S CERTIFICATE**

**Budgetary Information:** This various purpose note sale includes renewal of the 2021 Series Various Purpose Notes of \$7,290,000 that will mature on September 30, 2022. We will retire \$2,155,000 of the 2021 Note Issuance:

- **\$600,000** (retire \$400,000) for Bay Front Urban Revitalization
- **\$325,000** (retire \$325,000) for the Fire Department Ladder Truck
- **\$325,000** (retire \$100,000) for the City Hall Relocation Project
- **\$1,850,000** (retire \$100,000) for the design of The Landing Project
- **\$780,000** (retire \$400,000) Jackson Street Pier- Owen Sound Agreement
- **\$1,300,000** (retire \$650,000) for Jackson Street Pier- Mylander Trust
- **\$210,000** (retire \$30,000) for Sandusky Bay Pathway-Wightman Wieber Foundation
- **\$1,900,000** (retire \$150,000) Pathway Design

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-169:** It is requested an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of \$5,135,000 notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of: (1) revitalizing the Bayfront Urban Revitalization Area by acquiring, clearing and improving certain properties in that area, undertaking the environmental clean-up and remediation of certain properties in that area; (2) paying for the costs of various improvements for “The Landing” as more further described and approved in Ordinance No. 18-127; (3) paying costs associated with the relocation of City Hall, including, but not limited to, those projects approved by Ordinance Numbers 18-119, 18-128 and 18-129 and Resolution No. 025-18R; (4) paying costs of various improvement to Jackson Street Pier; and (5) paying costs of the construction of and various improvements to the Sandusky Bay Pathway; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Poggiali and a second by Mr. Poole, the commission voted to accept the Fiscal Officer’s Certificate. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this motion passed.

Upon motion by 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.

Comments:

Ms. Reeder explained that this is legislation on the City’s various purpose notes, which are typically one-year notes. Last year we issued notes for \$7,290,000 and those notes are set to mature on September 30, 2022. Currently, we are looking to pay-down \$2,155,000 of those notes and issue new notes for 2022 for \$5,135,000. This legislation allows us to advertise for and receive bids for these notes. As a point of reference for last year, the net interest cost on the notes was only 2.65%. We hope we are still competitive this year. Mr. Murray inquired when would the City consider having longer and more permanent financing. Ms. Reeder stated that on some of the larger projects we may look to do that, if they are cost effective.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.

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

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**AWARD 2022 CDBG E. WATER STREET PARKING LOT PROJECT TO SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project based on the lowest and best bid, legal advertisement, and recording fee is \$39,642. Asphalt and paving materials are estimated to cost

\$59,517.37, totaling \$99,159.37 all coming from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Labor for the asphalt paving, striping and landscape work will be performed by City forces, like the E. Market Grounds and Wayne Street public parking lots.

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 22-170:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., of Norwalk, Ohio, for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) E. Water Street Public Parking Lot Improvement Project; 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. Poole, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comment:

Mr. Klein stated that we have awarded the contract and paving separately in the last 5 to 6 years. This year because prices for asphalt are volatile, we did not do one large contract for all projects. The first contract is for the concrete work for the drive aprons, the second contract is for the asphalt, with City crews striping and paving the parking lot.

**Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.**

- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 22-171:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds to Erie Materials, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for asphalt and paving materials for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) E. Water Street Public Parking Lot Improvement Project; 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. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.**

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#### ITEM 4 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

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#### **CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR JUSTICE CENTER ROOFTOP AIR HANDLING UNIT PROJECT WITH GUNDLACH**

**Budgetary Information:** This Change Order #1 reflects an increase of \$13,425.00, which will revise the original total contract amount of \$57,975.00 to \$71,400.00 and will also be paid with Capital Funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-172:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first change order for work performed by Gundlach Sheet Metal Works, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Justice Center Rooftop Air Handling Unit Project in the amount of \$13,425; 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. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

Comments:

Mr. Meinzer inquired who the engineer was that projected the costs for the rooftop air handling project. Mr. Klein stated that it was the Bowen engineer that was the architect for the Justice Center that prepared the estimate. Mr. Meinzer stated that Bowen did not estimate it properly. Mr. Klein stated that the design of the Justice Center was progressing at the same time we were purchasing this unit, and as they were going through the design, they realized that it would be better to upgrade this unit rather than purchase another fourth unit to place on the roof. It would also mean some cost savings on the actual construction costs. Also, there is new Green Speed Intelligence digital condenser fan controls that after we bid the project, the manufacturer informed us that it was only sold with this new technology, and it was an upcharge. It is required in 2023 by the Department of Energy. Mr. Meinzer stated that he just mentioned this because we are starting a significant costly project and if we continue to have up-charged change orders as we move forward it will escalate the final costs of that project.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.

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

##### **PURCHASE & INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGN TRUCK BODY**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the custom-built Traffic Sign Truck Body shall not exceed \$66,800 and will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-173:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of an aluminum custom-built traffic sign truck body from Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc., of Walbridge, Ohio, 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 by Mr. Meinzer 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. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.

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#### **ITEM 6 – Submitted by Nicole Grohe, CDBG Program Administrator**

##### **ERIE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION MOU FOR DOGHOUSE BAR, 1002 W. JEFFERSON STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** There will be no impact on the budget.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-174:** It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation for the demolition of a structure located at 1002 W. Jefferson Street, Sandusky; 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. Poole, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comments:

Mr. Waddington wanted to thank Chief Oliver and Mr. Wobser for the excellent job they and the staff did in getting this accomplished. This was long overdue. Mr. Murray stated it is so frustrating for residents because the law allows us to move only with a certain amount of speed in these matters. Due process requires we do not abruptly act and take people's property rights from them.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this ordinance passed.

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

##### **DONATIONS**

- A donation of \$100.00 was received from Dennis and Teresa Wilfong for the Sandusky Police Department. **Upon motion by Mr. Poggiali and a second by Mr. Waddington, the commission accepted this donation.**

#### **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

- The city was informed by the offices of Senator Brown and Representative Kaptur that US Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg will be visiting Sandusky the afternoon of Thursday, August 25 to hold a press conference highlighting the \$24.5 million RAISE grant that was recently awarded to the Route 6 Connectivity Project and the Sandusky Bay Pathway. More information will follow.
- The City is excited to announce that it has executed a settlement agreement with Erie County. This settlement ends the pending litigation between the City and the County

regarding outstanding sewer bills owed to the City. City Commission approved the settlement agreement at our last meeting. Additionally, the City and Erie County have agreed to enter negotiations regarding the future of sewer services provided to the county. On behalf of the City of Sandusky we want to thank Erie County for their willingness to put this dispute behind us and move forward with a productive relationship for the continued provision of sewer services.

#### **POLICE**

- The Office of Criminal Justice Services has announced that grant funding for Body Worn Cameras is available through an application process. Applications for this grant will be accepted until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Asking for a motion /approval to allow the department to apply for this grant. **Upon motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted unanimously to approve application for this grant. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray 6. Mr. Murray declared this motion passed.**

#### **FIRE**

- On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the American Red Cross and Sandusky Fire Department partnered together to install smoke detectors in one of Sandusky's neighborhoods. 106 smoke detectors were installed in 60 homes, free of charge, in the neighborhood bordered by Scott St., Sycamore Line, East Monroe and Columbus Ave. Thank you to Lora Taylor and all the volunteers from our local Chapter of The American Red Cross for coordinating this program and helping so many Sandusky residents improve the safety of their home.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Mark your calendars: City-wide Cleanup drop-off day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Yard Waste Drop-Off Days are scheduled for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will share further details as the dates draw near.

#### Comments:

Mr. Murray stated that in respect to the RAISE Grant for Route 6; this is a testament to the productive collaboration of many people who have worked hard for an exceptionally long time to develop a plan. We have invested significantly for the development of that plan. It is also a great testament to the wisdom of long-term planning. Had this opportunity come along without a plan in hand, and you never know how these projects are going to be funded, we would not have been able to take advantage of this grant. Without the foresight and planning this award would never have happened. He thanked all who collaborated with this project in the Erie County, Huron, and the townships, it is the only way this was accomplished. Mr. Wobser added that our award was the largest award in the State of Ohio, last year there was only one award in the State. This year there was four. He was in Cleveland on Friday and Saturday for Leadership Ohio and every speaker from Cleveland started their remarks with pointing at me telling us how jealous they were that our RAISE grant was funded and theirs did not, and they have not received one for two to three years. It is a testament to the planning and collaboration that made this happen. Mr. Poggiali stated that everyone does not recognize the importance of planning. He wanted to point out, that he does not think this would have happened if Mr. Klein had not approached Erie Regional Planning about planning and asking for the funding through the MPO to do it. He was the catalyst and Mr. Shenigo expanded the plan to Rye Beach Road. Mr. Poggiali was encouraged the way they worked together on this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Waddington stated he was hosting a Coffee with Commissioners on Saturday, August 27 at noon, because residents have been having trouble finding parking with the Farmer's Market going on earlier. He reminded everyone to visit Maria's Field to see the sunflowers at the Cedar Point entrance. The sunflowers are at their peak for the next 10 days to two weeks, then they

bow over knowing it is the start of fall. The sunflower is our adopted City flower, the flower of hope.

Mr. Harris stated on behalf of the City of Sandusky Fire Department that they are creating an original appointment eligibility list through the national testing network for the position of firefighter. Tests are offered multiple times per week at various testing sites throughout the United States and the closest testing locations to Sandusky are EHOVE Career Center and Owens Community College. You must complete a City of Sandusky application and well as an NTN application to be eligible. Sandusky Firefighter applicant packets can be reviewed and downloaded at [www.ci.sandusky.oh.us](http://www.ci.sandusky.oh.us) and NTN applications at [www.nationaltestingnetwork.com](http://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com).

Mr. Poggiali stated he has been working with Mr. Horsman to schedule another Walk with Commissioners before the next Commission Meeting in the Third Street area. More details will be forthcoming.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, the Commission voted to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. Mr. Murray declared the meeting adjourned.**



Cathleen A. Myers  
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady  
President of the City Commission