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

**The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, and Steve Poggiali 6. Mr. Murray made motion, seconded by Mr. Poole to excuse Mr. Meinzer. President Brady declared the motion passed.**

**City staff present: Eric Wobser - City Manager, Cody Browning – IT Manager, 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, Josh Snyder – Public Works Engineer, John Orzech – Asst. City Manager, Nicole Grohe – Community Development Program Administrator, Tom Horsman – Communication Manager, Arin Blair – Chief Planner, Colleen Gilson – Chief Neighborhood Developer, Jason Werling – Recreation Superintendent, and Cathy Myers - Commission Clerk.**

**Upon motion of Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Murray, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the September 12 regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, wanted to talk about the \$140,000 grant to Pipe Creek Wharf. She inquired if there was a sign as part of the grant. She asked if there is a bank involved with this project. He stated in the paperwork that he was borrowing against his security-based portfolio. She stated she felt this was risky. She would like to know how the grant amount was calculated. She stated she believed it was 10% of project expenses. He states his property acquisition is \$275,000, design, permits and pre-development site \$225,000, shoreline erosion and docks \$359,000, building design permits and construction \$775,000, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and landscaping \$166,000. She stated she believed the ED Committee did back out some of the landscaping so they could afford to give him this grant. She has concerns about how this was done. One page of the conditions has not been completed. She stated these are documents that must be turned in before it goes before the ED Committee to be approved. She inquired how do some people get away with this and others do not. She stated it is called backloading when the documents are not completed, and decisions are made by his figures – are they being verified. She asked why there are guidelines if they are not being adhered to. She has concerns of over-stuffing the expenses for these grants. She stated these grants are getting out of hand. She believes there should be a cap on them, maybe \$100,000 or something like that. She stated it is out of control, there was another grant for \$240,000 that was done at the same time as this one. The grant had to be tabled because there was not enough money in the grant fund. This should not have come to the ED Committee, but it was advised by the director, and he told the committee to just pass it on to the Commissioners – they must vote on it. Let them come up with the funds. What are we doing here?

#### **SWEARING IN FIREFIGHTER, Tanner Reaser by Eric Wobser, City Manager**

Mr. Wobser, City Manager, conducted the swearing in of new firefighter Tanner Reaser. “I, recognizing my fundamental duty as Firefighter of the City of Sandusky Fire Department, do solemnly swear to uphold the standards of my profession by safeguarding the lives and property of our citizens against the threat of fire and disaster. I promise to obey the duly constituted laws of the United States of America, the State of Ohio, and the City of Sandusky and to accept the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, leadership, and trust to be honored for as long as I remain a Fire Fighter of the City of Sandusky Fire Department. I will continually strive to serve our community and to be an influence for good before my fellow officers and Fire Fighters to the best of my ability, so help me.” Chief D’Amico stated that Tanner currently resides in Elyria and was with Carlisle Township and has Fire Fighter 1 & 2 certifications and EMT.

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**CURRENT BUSINESS**

Upon motion of Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept all communications. President Brady declared this motion passed. President Brady asked if anyone wished to move any item from the Consent Agenda, none heard.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation, Nicole Grohe**

Nicole Grohe, CDBG Program Administrator, shared her report:

Executive Summary:

- The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the City of Sandusky's accomplishments during the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year (PY) 2021. It also shows achievements toward meeting the goals outlined in the City of Sandusky's 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
- For the Program Year 2021, the City of Sandusky was allocated \$761,267 to spend on eligible activities during the period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The annual funding is calculated through a formula allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Sandusky administered several activities such as Public Facility Improvements, Clearance and Demolition, and Public Service.
- Prior year resources in the amount of \$84,278.33 in Entitlement funds and \$34,474.85 Program Income gave the City of Sandusky a total of \$880,020.18. Of the available funds, \$576,143.90 (65%) was drawn down between July 1st, 2021 and June 30th, 2022.
- In addition to the PY allocation and prior year resources, the city was awarded COVID funding to be utilized to prepare, prevent, or respond to the issues resulting from the pandemic. This total allocation was \$622,051 (2021/2020). Currently there is a balance of \$356,233.31. While project eligibility remains the same, the deadlines for spending these funds down are different.

National Objectives:

- The program rules state that in order to be eligible for funding, every CDBG-funded activity must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program. This requires that each activity, except certain activities carried out under the eligibility categories of Planning and Capacity Building, Program Administration, and Technical Assistance, meet specific tests for either:
  1. Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons,
  2. Preventing or eliminating slum and blight, or
  3. Urgent Need

Goals and Outcomes:

**Housing**

- **Action:** *Provide affordable housing and remove barriers for fair housing*
- **Accomplishments:** The City of Sandusky allocated \$10,000 in Fair Housing activities. The fair housing consultant assisted with 94 calls regarding fair housing questions. The consultant also provided fair housing materials for residents in need of assistance including hosting multiple workshops

**Neighborhood Stabilization**

- **Action:** *Enhance the quality of life for people living in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods through public investment in facilities, improvements, and services as well as the elimination of blight.*
- **Accomplishments:** The City of Sandusky allocated \$320,000 in funding for Public Facilities which included the repaving of 11 street segments and the removal of nine drive aprons.

- **Accomplishments:** The City of Sandusky allocated \$87,038.37 in Acquisition (one unit) and \$90,663 in prior Clearance and Demolition funds resulting in ten houses/structures being demolished.
- **Accomplishments:** The City of Sandusky allocated \$100,000 for Code Enforcement activities. The city used \$94,594.59 towards Code Enforcement inspections and enforcement in eligible areas. The remaining balance will be carried into the 2022 PY. In total 1,500 units were inspected resulting in 756 corrections, a 50% compliance rate.
- **Accomplishments:** The City of Sandusky allocated \$20,000 for a transit facility plan which is currently underway

#### Special Needs Assistance

- **Action:** Promote access to public services for special needs populations generally assumed to be low- and moderate-income, including, but not limited to, programs addressing youth and children, seniors/elderly and frail elderly, veterans, and persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, alcohol or drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, or other special needs.
- **Accomplishment:** During the program year, \$22,531.80 was allocated to the City of Sandusky's recreation program for the implementation of the Summer Park Programs, Spring, and Winter break camps for children residing within the city. In total more than 247 persons participated in the programs.
- **Accomplishment:** During PY 21 \$40,000 of funding was allocated to the Erie County Senior Center for their Meals on Wheels program which benefitted 152 elderly citizens. The Center for Cultural Awareness was awarded \$10,000 and assisted 13 youths in their *Proud to be Program*.

#### Response to COVID

- **Action:** *Prepare, prevent, or respond to the coronavirus. Promote safe meal delivery services and assistance to those in need who were impacted by the virus.*
- **Accomplishment:** During the PY, \$85,000 of COVID food pantry funding was allocated to Care and Share/ Second Harvest (served 2,136), Father's Heart Church (served 1,577) OHgo (served 1,300), and Victory Kitchen (served 8,764).
- **Accomplishment:** During the PY new HVAC equipment was installed in Firehouse #7 and a pressure washer/trailer was purchased to sanitize equipment and public spaces.

#### Target Area Assisted

For the 2021 program year, the City of Sandusky assisted low- and moderate-income areas of the City in addition to improving the City as a whole. Assistance was made available citywide to persons meeting the CDBG eligibility requirements for low- and moderate-income benefit.

The City of Sandusky has identified six (6) projects that benefited low-moderate income persons citywide. These projects include fair housing, public facilities, infrastructure activities, blight elimination, code enforcement, and food assistance.

#### Comments:

Mr. Poggiali questioned why Code Enforcement was only at 64% compliance. Nicole explained that they can only count and use funds on those that were in a CDBG area. Mr. Poole would like further detail on the 94 Fair Housing calls, what the issues were. Mr. Poole would like to see assistance provided for those that have lead water lines going into their homes. Mr. Murray asked that Josh Snyder investigate the types of funding available to investigate these issues as well. **Hearing no other questions, President Brady declared the Public Hearing closed.**

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President Brady asked if anyone would like to move any items from the Consent Agenda, none heard.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ITEM A – Submitted by Cathy Myers, Commission Clerk**

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**LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FOR ORPHANAGE LLC, DBA THE CLUB PATIO & GARDEN**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact for this item.

**Notice to Legislative Authority for a Transfer of Ownership of D1, D2, D3, D3A Licenses from Thomas Calvin Siegel to Kristi A. LoDico, located at 1220 Sycamore Line.**

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**ITEM B – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director**

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**ODOT 2023 BRIDGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact for the City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 051-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the consent legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2023 Municipal Bridge Inspection Program Project, PID No. 117554; authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the consent legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation for this project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

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**SHORELINE PARK & PAPER DISTRICT MARINA PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #1 & FINAL**

**Budgetary Information:** Change Order No. 1 and final is an (7%) increase in the amount of \$8,239.70, which will revise the original contract amount from \$115,037.00 to a final of \$123,276.70 and will come out of the Capital Parks & Recreation Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-188:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first and final change order for work performed by Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., of Norwalk, Ohio, for the Shoreline Park Erosion Control and Paper District Marina Walkway Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$8,239.70; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

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**2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT #5**

**Budgetary Information:** Appropriation amendments are required to update the 2022 budget. Amendments included for these funds:

- General Fund
- Street Fund
- Internal Service Bond
- Court Computerization Fund
- Sewer Fund

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-189:** It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting amendment No. 5 to Ordinance No. 22-004 passed by this City Commission on January 10, 2022, making General Appropriations for the fiscal year 2022; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM E – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman**

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**PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED ITEMS**

**Budgetary Information:** Proceeds from the sale of the Mercury Outboard Engines will be placed into SFD's EMS fund, the proceeds from the Case tractor will be deposited into the Capital Funds account, all the proceeds from the Miscellaneous items will be deposited into the General Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-190:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of outboard engines, a tractor, and miscellaneous items as having become unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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**ITEM F – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist**

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**ACCEPTING 12 PARCELS FOR LAND BANK**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of these acquisitions should be limited to transfer fees and will be paid out of the Land Bank expense account. Expenses will be recouped at the sale of the

property. The taxing districts will not collect the approximate sixteen thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$16,507.00) owed in delinquent taxes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 052-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the Land Bank Reutilization Program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### **SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT E. MARKET & WARREN STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The sales price per the Agreement is \$55,000.00. All sales proceeds will be deposited into the Real Estate Development Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-191:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that a portion of certain property owned by the City located at the Southwest corner of East Market Street and Warren Street, Sandusky, and identified as Parcel No. 56-01383.000, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to sell the designated real property to Brian and Amber Stanley; 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. Harris, 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. Poole inquired about the location of the property and when presented before it was going to be divided into six parcels. He inquired how the remaining property was going to be split. Mr. Holody explained that they investigated several ways to subdivide the property and retaining this portion of the property for a single-family home was the most practical way to divide it as it maximizes the sales price. As for the remainder of the property, we intend to issue a request for proposals from developers as well as a large portions of the Sandusky Cabinets property on the other side of Warren Street which is about 1.75 acres. This is a great location, and we think we will have good interest and response to that RFP and look to get that out as soon as possible. President Brady added that if he understood Mr. Holody, it meant we were going out for competitive bidding to drive that number up. Mr. Holody stated that was correct, a competitive price and competitive proposals. We are under no obligation to accept any proposal, but we are excited about what we think will be submitted. Once they are evaluated a recommendation will be submitted to City Commission for your consideration and hopeful approval. Mr. Murray asked that Mr. Holody explain the division of the parcels that are now available. The three adjoining parcels are almost completed at an investment of almost a million dollars in the city. We are currently soliciting proposals from realtors to act as an agent for the city in selling the remaining parcels.

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

### ITEM 2 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

#### **GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PIPE CREEK WHARF**

**Budgetary Information:** The City will be responsible for providing a total of \$140,000 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 lodging and property taxes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-192:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$140,000.00 through the Economic Development Fund Program to Pipe Creek Wharf, LLC, in relation to the property located at 2330 River Avenue, Sandusky; 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. 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:

Mr. Holody explained that currently the signage is not submitted for permitting approval at this location and are not part of the project at this time. We do anticipate there will be signage. Per the developer he is not pursuing bank financing given the costs of that financing for this type of project. The grant amount is calculated for projects of this scale, which is over a half million, typically we consider 10% of the total costs. This project totals over 1.8 million and when the Economic Development Committee reviewed it, they considered that some of the costs were for landscaping and acquisition which we do not use to calculate as part of the 10%. So, without those items we are still looking at a 1.4 million investment which at 10% is \$140,000 which the Economic Development Committee recommended. Mr. Poole inquired if we do have verification that the 1.4 does exist. Mr. Holody stated that many costs have been verified for this project from construction costs and of the construction contract. Certainly, with these projects some costs are estimates at these early stages, but the main components have been verified. A major component that is an exciting piece of this project is the significant investment this developer is taking on in terms of shoreline stabilization as well as adding twenty-four boat docks which will accommodate new visitors to the city and really capitalize on our waterfront location. Mr. Poole inquired if the developer has permits for these boat docks. Mr. Holody deferred to the developer about permits since some of that lies outside of the city's realm, ODNR and the Army Corp of Engineers, the primary construction permits for the construction are in place through our Planning Commission and Building Department. Mr. Poole added the reason he questioned permitting was the biggest component of this construction was the dockage which is \$750,000. If our grant is based on that, he would like us to be certain that that portion was going to be permitted. Going forward he stated he would like those elements to be looked at more closely. Mr. Holody added that the cost Mr. Poole referenced was for the building construction, the shoreline stabilization is a smaller component, even though still significant, and in most cases those costs escalate as the regulatory agencies become involved. We do verify line by line after completion of the project before funds are dispersed. Mr. Poggiali added that one of the things he found attractive about this project was it was out of the downtown area. Mr. Holody added it could be a catalytic investment for that area with this developer taking the first step. Mr. Murray wanted to make it clear he has had no role or discussion about this project and would abstain from voting due to his relationship with the developer. President Brady added that often with Economic Development grants we seem to be constantly referencing projects as transformational in the city – and that is what we look for to justify our participation. This is not the Feick building or Hogrefe building, but he stated I can assure you it is transformational to River Avenue. And is transformational to the twelve people that will be working there.

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

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

**PURCHASE OF ICE RINK FROM GLOBAL SYNTHETIC ICE FOR JACKSON STREET PIER**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the Synthetic Ice Rink is \$88,634 and will be paid from funds donated to the City of Sandusky as part of a programming series with Civista Bank and will be expensed with funds from the capital account appropriated for amenities at the Jackson Street Pier.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-193:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend the funds for the purchase of a synthetic ice rink from Global Synthetic Ice of Oldsmar, Florida, for the Jackson Street Pier; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion by Mr. Harris 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.**

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## Comments:

Mr. Murray stated this is a good development. It is not being funded by the city, but by donated funds from Civista Bank. The rental of the ice rink last year was small to scale that we needed. This will be a circular design and a much larger scale as needed. Mr. Poole inquired about needing to purchase a trailer to transport the rink. Mr. Werling added that the trailer will be needed to store it in the off season and to transport the skates at Wightman-Weiber Park when needed. We can also setup the rink in the middle of summer if we wanted since it is a synthetic rink. We are still working with the designer as to the size and pallets. The estimate is between \$15,000-\$20,000 for the trailer. We will bring that legislation back to Commission for approval after it has been determined what will be needed. Mr. Poole inquired about the weight of the rink. He wished that the full project – rink, trailer, storage was all in place before it was brought to Commission. Mr. Werling added that we do have the truck to pull the trailer, we use it currently for the stage and the screen. Mr. Poggiali inquired about rental of last year's rink.

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

**ITEM 4 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer****PERMISSION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR COASTAL RESILIENCE**

**Budgetary Information:** If awarded, the estimated cost of the study, survey work and preliminary design is \$42,400, and will entirely come from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 053-22R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for financial assistance through the Coastal Resilience Grant Program for a study at Lions Park; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Upon motion by Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

## Comments:

Mr. Snyder explained that this was a new funding source from the Lake Erie Commission. They are looking for projects to help protect the shoreline. Mr. Wobser brought the idea to Public Works asking if it would be a good fit. The shoreline at Lions Park has already been flagged as a coastal erosion area by ODNR. It labels it as a hotspot. We have done some recent projects to shore it up with revetment and large stone, however, this is needing something more permanent. Our hopes are this will review the breakwater that is in place and see the viability or the ability to build off that. If it is in the correct position to protect that shoreline. The goal would be what the 2009 Lions Park Master Plan had which was a recreation of a beach there. This grant is for the study to see if that is possible. Mr. Wobser stated wanted to credit Mr. Snyder for the idea, and Commissioner Waddington that over a decade ago highlighted the ability to think about Lions Park in a different way. The city has consistently in different ways made investments in Lions Park since that Master Plan was adopted in 2009. We have consistently heard from the community that they would love to see a swimming beach restored there. We need to have answers from this study to go forward.

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

**ITEM 5 – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner****PDA FOR SANDUSKY SKATE PARK PROJECT WITH OHM**

**Budgetary Information:** The design services will not exceed \$49,500 including all normal reimbursable expenses and will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-194:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Design Services Agreement with OHM Advisors of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Sandusky Skate Park – Design Development Project; 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. 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. Murray added this was important to an intensely dedicated user group of that park. He believes it is important that it stay in the same location. It is the time to reinvest in a new park. It receives a lot of use. This investment continues to welcome different people and demographics. Mr. Poggiali stated that in looking through the literature that Ms. Blair provided on this project and was amazed by the designs, it is going to be fabulous. President Brady stated that maybe the number of people who do use it are small in relation to 25,000 residents, but they are a vocal group. He feels it is very important to serve even that small segment if we can. It may be the only skate park within a twenty-mile radius. Mr. Poole added he would be shocked to hear that we have fewer skate boarders than ice skaters. He added it was a good expenditure of funds for people who have been waiting a long time for this to happen.

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

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**ITEM 6 – Submitted by Cody Browning, IT Manager**

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**BARRACUDA EMAIL ESSENTIALS COMPLETE PROTECTION**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of Barracuda Email Essentials Complete Protection is \$1,497.00 per month for a potential cost of \$17,964.00 per year and will be paid with IT operating budget funds (50%), Water Funds (25%), and Sewer Funds (25%).

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-195:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a managed services agreement for subscription licensing for Barracuda Essentials Complete Protection with Computers at Work, Inc., of Naples, Florida, DBA vTECHio, for the City's emailing system; 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. 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. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali 6. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT****NEW & OLD BUSINESS****PUBLIC WORKS**

- Fall Clean-Up will take place at Oakland Cemetery on October 3rd. ALL decorative items throughout the cemetery will be removed and disposed of regardless of their perceived value. Please remove anything you wish to keep prior to October 3rd. A single decorative item that meets regular guidelines will be permitted per space from October to Mid-April. For questions, please contact the cemetery office at 419.627.5842.
- Residents are reminded that the final two Yard Waste Drop-Off Days are scheduled for Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

City of Sandusky is pursuing a grant from the T Mobile Hometown Grant Program. The project for which we are seeking a \$50,000 grant is the redevelopment of Sprau Park and AMVETS Ballfields and Playground. The City of Sandusky will be renovating and updating Sprau Park/AMVETS Ballfields and Playground location during the 2023 and 2024 construction seasons. The park renovation is being spurred by the \$30M expansion of the neighboring wastewater treatment plant. Ballfield locations have been redesigned and will be relocated as part of the overall project. Further, new seating, concessions and playgrounds will be erected. Support from T Mobile will augment this effort. Should we be successful in being awarded the grant (submission is 9/30/2022 with award announcement later this year) we will request approval from Commission to accept. **Motion by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Poole to make application for this grant. President Brady declared this motion passed.**



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**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Harris wanted to give thanks to his MBET team that just won an international Silver award, in Economic Equity and Inclusion for 2022 Excellence from the International Development Council. There are only twenty-five recipients of this award.

President Brady asked for a moment of silence for the loss of Perkins Township Police Chief Vince Donald. Mr. Brady stated he has known him for almost thirty years. It is a huge loss to that community and to all our community.

President Brady asked that the Commission consider partial funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This effort provides a book for every child signed up from zero to five years old each month. The concept is that the sooner you introduce reading it prepares them for Kindergarten. It provides a significant impact long-term because people who learn to read are more inclined to graduate from high school, they become better citizens and contribute more and take less from society. In Erie County we have 2300 children the age of five and below. Sandusky has 1300 of those children. The cost to provide this program is inconsequential, only \$25 per child. Half of that cost is provided by the State of Ohio. The Governor's wife, Fran Dewine, has promoted this program. The remaining cost is provided by a local match. President Brady proposed that the city provide half of the local match, about \$8400 annually. He suggests that they commit to a five-year period. He added it was a small price for the large benefit of this program. Mr. Waddington added that he supports this action, because if someone cannot read – they cannot go far in life. Mr. Murray added he supports this project as well, but what we need to do in our state is provide universal pre-school education and full-day Kindergarten. We are not doing enough in education in our state. If we did, we would produce better citizens and allow more women to get back into the workplace. Mr. Poole added he agreed with Mr. Murray as well. Mr. Poggiali added that he looked at this as one more piece of that continuum of care, and he supports it as well.

**Mr. Waddington made motion, seconded by Mr. Murray to provide for a five-years annual fee \$8400 to this program. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali 6. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, made comment on numbers four (Lions Park) and five (Skate Park) of the agenda. He stated it was about time, it is always better late than never. The real happy dance will come both those projects are complete. Shoreline and Lions Park have been issues for a long time. There were fifteen to twenty participants in a meeting a week ago about the Skate Park – young and old. The last meeting he recalled from this Commission was six years ago, and Lions Park has been thirteen years. Thank you for doing something about both projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon motion of Mr. Harris, the Commission voted to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.**



Cathleen A. Myers  
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady  
President of the City Commission