

President Brady 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: Dick Brady, Steve Poggiali, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Mike Meinzer, Wesley Poole, and Dennis Murray, 7.

City staff present: John Orzech – Interim City Manager, Colleen Gilson – Interim Asst. City Manager, Cody Browning – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT Technician, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Jared Oliver - Police Chief, Mario D’Amico – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, James Stacey – Transit Administrator, Chris Mehling, Recreation Project Coordinator, Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist, Nicole Grohe, Program Administrator, 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 May 22, regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Mr. Orzech, Interim City Manager, conducted the swearing in of firefighters Corey Allen and Marquis Bates. “I, recognizing my fundamental duty as a 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 firefighter 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 firefighters to the best of my ability, so help me.” Chief D’Amico stated that Cory is originally from Lorain and prior to being hired by Sandusky Fire Department he was a paramedic with Life Care Ambulance Service. He has his Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications as well as his paramedic certification. He worked part time for Elyria Township and Sheffield Village Fire Departments and earned an EMS certification for heroic duties in saving one of his patients. He has a daughter due in July and we welcome him to the City of Sandusky. Chief D’Amico stated that Marquis resides in Sandusky with his fiancée Shelby and their two boys. He is a graduate of Sandusky High School. Prior to working for Sandusky he was employed by Ventra for seven years. In his interview he stated that his motivation to serve as a firefighter was to show his young family an example of serving his community. He will travel to the state firefighter academy in June for EMT school and then again in September for his Firefighter 1 and 2 training. We congratulate him on his career choice and welcome him to Sandusky Fire Department. Mr. Orzech also conducted the promotional swearing in of Dustin Hamons. “I, recognizing my fundamental duty as a lieutenant 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 lieutenant 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 firefighters to the best of my ability, so help me.” Chief D’Amico stated that Dustin has been part of the Sandusky Fire Department since March 6, 2008. He resides in Willard with his wife and three children. He was the lead medic on this shift for twelve years while maintaining the department’s EMS supplies, he is a member of the dive team, he has shown great leadership in training new recruits throughout his career and has served many times as acting lieutenant honing his skills for this current promotion. Dustin is no stranger to being a leader, he is the President of the Willard City Schools Board of Education and Holiday

Lakes Homeowner Association. He has been a great asset to Sandusky Fire Department and will continue to be in his new role as lieutenant.

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.

President Brady asked if anyone would like any items moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. None heard.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM A – Submitted by Cathy Myers, Commission Clerk

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SIP & SPIN LLC

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

Notice to Legislative Authority for NEW C2 Liquor License, Wine, and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out.

For: Sip & Spin LLC, 151 Market Street.

ITEM B – Submitted by Cathy Myers, Commission Clerk

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ELEMENT ENTERTAINMENT LLC (DBA TEAHOUSE OF THE DANCING LADY)

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

Notice to Legislative Authority for Transfer of Existing Liquor License, Spirituous liquor on premises consumption only, beer, wine, and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 am.

For: Element Entertainment LLC, DBA Teahouse of the Dancing Lady, 2215 Tiffin Avenue.

ITEM C – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director **SECOND READING**

ADMISSION TAX UPDATE

Budgetary Information: There is projected to be no budgetary impact.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-122: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part One (Administrative Code), Title Nine (Taxation), Chapter 195 (Admissions Tax), Sections 195.02 (Definitions), 195.03 (Admission Tax Levied), and 195.05 (Collection of Tax) of the Codified Ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

ITEM D – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

BUDGET AMENDMENT #3

Budgetary Information: Appropriation amendments are required to update the 2023 budget for these funds:

- Capital Projects Funds
- State Grant Funds
- Federal Grant Funds
- Cooke Building Improvement
- Water Funds
- Sewer Funds

ORDINANCE NO. 23-123: It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 23-002 passed by this City Commission on January 9, 2023, making general appropriations for the fiscal year 2023; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM E – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

APPROVAL FOR PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT TO COLUMBIA GAS ON JACKSON STREET PARKING LOT

Budgetary Information: The cost of preparing the legal description for this and the recording of this easement will be borne by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-124: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to grant a permanent utility easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. on City property currently utilized as public parking at the Jackson Street Parking Lot, Sandusky; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM F – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

APPROVAL OF SERVICE CENTER REPAIR & RESTORATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 1 & FINAL WITH GARLAND

Budgetary Information: This original contract not to exceed was \$518,081.00. The final contract amount is \$517,213.28, which is a savings of \$867.72, and is being paid with Capital Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-125: It is requested an ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first & final change order for work performed by Garland/DBS, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Service Center Repair and Restoration Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM G – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF LAND BANK PARCEL ON SECOND STREET

Budgetary Information: The purchase price for this parcel is \$1,500.00 plus closing costs. Any costs and expenses associated with this property and purchase & sale agreement will be recouped by the City from the sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-126: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the City as part of the Land Reutilization Program identified as Parcel No. 57-03969.000, located at lot 383 on Second Street is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM H – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF LAND BANK PARCEL 2201 CAMPBELL STREET

Budgetary Information: The purchase price for this parcel is estimated to be \$1,151.50 and will be payable in full within 30 days of City Commission approval. Any costs and expenses associated with this property and purchase & sale agreement will be recouped by the City from the sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-127: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the City as part of the Land Reutilization Program identified as Parcel No. 57-00425.000, and located at 2201 Campbell Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM I – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT OF LAND BANK PARCEL 402 BELL STREET

Budgetary Information: The purchase price for this parcel is estimated to be \$1,151.50 and will be payable in full within 30 days of City Commission approval. Any costs and expenses associated with this property and purchase & sale agreement will be recouped by the City from the sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-128: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the City as part of the Land Reutilization Program identified as Parcel No. 57-03076.000, and located at 402 Bell Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM J – Submitted by Nichole Grohe, Community Development Program Administrator

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT & PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY

Budgetary Information: There is no impact on the City's General Fund. All the projects in the program will be paid for through CHIP grant funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-129: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a partnership agreement between the City of Sandusky, the Board of Erie County Commissioners, the City of Huron, and the City of Vermilion relating to the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program; approving the submission of a grant application by the Board of Erie County Commissioners on behalf of the City of Sandusky, Erie County, the City of Huron, and the City of Vermilion for financial assistance from the program year 2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program through the Ohio Development Services Agency's Office of Community Development; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM K – Submitted by Cody Browning, IT Manager

APPROVAL OF OFFICE 365 ANNUAL AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Budgetary Information: The cost for this service for a 12-month period will be \$43,404.00 and will be paid by the IT's operating budget in the amount of \$21,702.00, by the Water Fund in the amount of \$10,851.00, and by the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,851.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-130: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the subscription licensing for Microsoft Office 365 for Government from Insight Public Sector of Hanover Park, Illinois, for the City's e-mailing and Office 365 systems; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM L – Submitted by James Stacey, Transit Administrator

APPROVAL OF CY 2024 STS GRANT APPLICATION WITH OHIO TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

Budgetary Information: The 5311 Rural Transit Program and the Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTP2) funds comprise a significant portion of STS's budget and without this funding the system would not be able to operate.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-23R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation for State Fiscal Year 2024 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program grant funds for the Sandusky Transit System; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Poole, and second by Mr. Harris, the commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances, resolutions, and liquor licenses as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with the Section 13 or 14 of the City Charter.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray, 7. Roll call on the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor licenses: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray, 7. President Brady declared these ordinances, resolutions, and liquor licenses passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

APPROVAL PDS AGREEMENT FOR SANDUSKY BAY INITIATIVE PROJECT 2 WITH KS ASSOCIATES

Budgetary Information: There is no impact to the City budget as all project activities totaling \$862,145 will be paid with reimbursed grant funds awarded from ODNR, via Ordinance 21-092 and Ordinance 20-115.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-131: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with KS Associates, Inc. of Elyria, Ohio, for the beneficial re-use of dredge material, Phase 2 of Project 2 related to the Sandusky Bay Initiative; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comments:

Mr. Klein stated that the first phase of this project was constructed a year or two ago, and we are looking forward to phase two. We hope to have all this done in the next couple of years with

permits in place to continue the dredging in future years. The Core of Engineers are working on a separate project to find beneficial areas to use the dredged material after this round. The monitoring by Bowling Green, Old Woman's Creek and Ohio Fish and Wildlife state all is going well of nutrients, chlorophyll, macro vertebrates, birds, and other wildlife. In 2020 the Ohio EPA banned the dumping of dredged material, but the federal government did not agree with that, so the Core of Engineers have been a little resistant buying into this. But last year they changed the laws and are buying into this. The City does not spend any funds in Phase 1 or Phase 2. Mr. Murray stated he will abstain due to the visibility of the project from his home.

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

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE EAST WATER STREET RESURFACING PROJECT TO GREAT LAKES

Budgetary Information: The total construction cost shall not exceed \$952,053.00. The breakdown of funding sources is described below:

MPO/Federal Funds	\$474,477.00
Capital Projects Funds (Issue 8 – Streets)	\$117,053.00
Capital Projects Funds (Sandusky Bay Pathway)	\$200,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds	\$160,523.00
Total	\$952,053.00

The original cost from the MPO was based on a 79%/21% split in 2020 when the application was submitted for funding. However, project costs have increased since then due to unusual inflation and additional required drainage from storm sewer extensions and curb bump outs that will be installed to reduce crosswalk distances for pedestrian safety.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-132: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Demolition of Clyde, Ohio, for the East Water Street Resurfacing Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

ITEM 3 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE BIWW GENERATOR CONTROL UNIT

Budgetary Information: The cost shall not exceed \$489,416.00 and shall be paid for with Water Funds. This expenditure will be included in the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-133: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a new generator control unit from Cummins, Inc. of Columbus, Indiana, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Big Island Water Works Plant (BIWW); and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

President Brady asked if the old control unit just wore out. Mr. Klein stated that we have had many repairs done and replacement of pieces and parts and are now finding it hard to find replacement parts due to the age of the unit. Cummins did an analysis of the generators and both seem to be in good operating condition. So, we just have to replace the controls for both. Unfortunately, they are costly, and this legislation is just to purchase the equipment which takes

a year to get it in. We will come back to Commission with the cost of construction once the equipment arrives. Every time there is a power failure, we must physically turn it back on.

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

ITEM 4 – Submitted by Colleen Gilson, Interim City Manager/Interim Community Development Director

APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

Budgetary Information: The City will be responsible for providing \$200,000 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund and \$100,000 from Destination Development Capital Projects Fund on a reimbursement basis.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-134: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 through the Economic Development Fund Program to Family Health Services, LLC, in relation to the property located at 149 E. Water Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Ms. Gilson stated that Marlana Binkley, the controller, as well as Cora Higgins, the Public Relations Manager, are here tonight for Family Health Services. Family Health Services is a federally qualified health center with facilities in Sandusky and Norwalk. They provide comprehensive primary care and other healthcare and dental services to the surrounding area. Family Health Services purchased the Granary building at 149 E. Water Street in late 2022. The Gallagher medical practice previously occupied the first floor with the upper two floors vacant. Family Health Services is redeveloping the property to provide primary healthcare, behavioral health, and discount pharmacy services. The renovations include interior demolition, installation of a new elevator, new windows and storefront and interior buildout at the cost of over \$3M. They have secured financing from Civista Bank. The facility will result in eighteen positions onsite, nine of which are projected as new with an annual payroll of \$1.7M in the City of Sandusky. A grant in the amount of \$300,000 was recommended for approval by the Economic Development Incentive Committee at its May meeting. The City would be responsible for providing \$200,000 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development Capital Projects Fund and \$100,000 from the Destination Development Capital Projects Fund. Ms. Gilson stated this project is catalytic; it will stimulate additional capital investment to rehabilitate vacant and underutilized properties in the area. It fortifies and strengthens an existing historic structure that has been underutilized for some time. It will spur job creation and tax revenue increase. It is consistent with multiple City of Sandusky planning documents and will create ready-to-occupy space. Financial assistance from this program will help in completing the project. Mr. Murray stated he will be abstaining because of multiple conflicts. President Brady stated we have worked with them on a dental business in the Firelands South Campus that is very successful, and he believes this one will be as well. These funds will help to meet the needs of many in our community that are currently underserved.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole-abstain, and Mr. Murray-abstain, 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole-abstain, and Mr. Murray-abstain, 5. President Brady declared this ordinance passed. Mr. Murray stated to the representatives of this project in attendance tonight that he suspects this is being located here in part because of the proximity of the transit hub. He asks for their partnership in advocating for much broader funding for transit than the City of Sandusky is able to provide. We do need that, or transit will come to an end. This is integral to your plans, it is integral to the services that the City of Sandusky wishes to provide, but if we do not get additional partnership, larger than we have received so far, in particular partnerships from the County, transit will come to a close. He hates to be alarmist about it but he has to be realistic about it. He would very much appreciate their support.

ITEM 5 – Submitted by Colleen Gilson, Interim City Manager/Interim Community Development Director**APPROVAL FOR RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX FOR RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER**

Budgetary Information: This tax levy is necessary to help offset the cost of operating and maintaining a Recreation/Community Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 026-23R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring that the amount of taxes that may be raised by levies on the current tax duplicate within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the City of Sandusky and that it is necessary to levy an additional tax in excess of such limitation for parks and recreational purposes; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this resolution in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Murray stated that to put it in context, what we are doing today is asking the County to respond to us and say how much money would be raised by this levy. We have all heard calls for a Rec Center, it is an amenity that we really want to provide. We have also observed communities that have built Rec Centers only to find that they were not able to sustain the operating expense during more challenging times. They were often shuttered and fell to neglect and were not able to be reopened. We have talked about it at this table, and most are convinced we should not build a Rec Center unless we have sustainable, reliable operating income for that. This will just tell us how much the Library's levy that is rolling off at the end of this year and we will pick up from that point – how much funds will be available. Just this afternoon staff distributed to us a draft from consultants of what options are available in terms of site, size, amenities, and possible operating costs. He is optimistic that this is just the first step of many decisions that will need to be decided at future meetings. We are not voting to build a Rec Center tonight, this is a question that says how much will be available for operating funds through this levy. He supports this step and a cautious approach as we move forward asking the public to provide operating expenses to support the Rec Center at the fall election. Mr. Meinzer stated he agreed with Mr. Murray and stated it will be clearer in the future before the election. President Brady stated that he believes we are not unique of the desired benefit of a Rec Center in our community, and now the residents are going to have the final say. If we do not find the resources to operate a Rec Center, we will not build a Rec Center. The vote is in the residents' hands. If they truly want a Rec Center, that vote will be yes.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**DONATIONS**

- Sandusky Recreation would like to thank Brown-Crowe & Construction for their donation of 18 broken tee box collectors for Mills Creek Golf Course. The value of the material and labor is \$2,000. **Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.**
- Sandusky Recreation received an anonymous donation of \$500 for the City of Sandusky Juneteenth Celebration. **Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.**

NEW & OLD BUSINESS**ADMINISTRATION**

Staff have been attempting to purchase a new truck for the fleet mechanics department for over a year. Due to inventory and supply issues, and lack of ordering opportunities from manufacturers this has been unsuccessful. The city issued an RFP with proposals due on June 5. Direct notifications of the request for proposals were sent to several vendors, posted in bid rooms, the City's website and was advertised in the Sandusky Register on May 17 and 24. No proposals were received. Late on Thursday afternoon, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman Troy Vaccaro learned that there is a small window of opportunity to order the truck chassis but will close before the next city commission meeting. The vehicle being replaced is a 1991. I would like to request a motion to approve an emergency purchase of \$44,634.07 so staff can obtain a purchase order, which is required for the placement of this order. The cost will come from Capital Funds. Formal legislation will be brought forward to the next City Commission meeting. **Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and second by Mr. Harris, the commission voted to approve an emergency purchase of a chassis for \$44,634.07. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

FIRE

- On June 7th Lieutenant Robert Bott retired from Sandusky Fire Department after 23 years of service. Lieutenant Bott was an integral part of Sandusky Fire Department's water rescue and dive team for most of his career. He led the dive team for many years helping develop it into one of the most active dive rescue teams on the southern shore of Lake Erie. Lieutenant Bott was a well-respected member of Sandusky Fire Department, and we would like to congratulate him and wish him good luck in his retirement.

FINANCE

- The City of Sandusky was notified it has been awarded with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Governmental Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Special thanks to local Boy Scout Troop #8 for volunteering to place flags at Veterans' grave sites at Oakland Cemetery prior to the Memorial Day ceremony.
- As construction continues along Perkins Ave, there will continue to be intermittent lane closures, we ask the public to be patient when traveling in the area and plan their route accordingly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The Great Lakes Community Action Partnership has a weatherization program available to income eligible applicants. The program can help with improvements to make your home safer, healthier, and more affordable to live in. Work may include attic, wall, and basement insulation; heating system repairs or replacements; air-leakage reduction; and other measures where appropriate. More about the program can be found at <https://www.glcap.org/weatherization>, or by calling 1-800-775-9767.

RECREATION

- Sandusky Recreation would like to thank three volunteers who have been an integral part of the Spring Out-of-School programming with Sandusky Rec @ Mills. Mary Truka and Kathy Werner have volunteered their time after school to provide homework help to several young participants in our out-of-school program. Ciera Sengstock volunteers her time to help with the front desk and check-in duties for the program as well.
- Several summer break camps and programs are available for registration. Gymnastics for the months of June, July, and August are also open for sign-ups. Register by visiting cityofsandusky.com/recreation. Follow Sandusky Rec at facebook.com/sanduskyrec for up to the minute information.

- Sandusky Recreation would like to thank Bayshore Counseling and Susan Lowell for their respective sponsorships of Yoga on the Pier and Tai Chi in the Park for this summer. Yoga on the Pier is on Saturday mornings on the Jackson Street Pier at 7am and runs through the summer. Tai Chi in the Park is Wednesday mornings at 8am, in Shoreline Park, and runs through the fifth of July. Both programs are free and open to the public thanks to Bayshore Counseling owner Henrietta Whelan and Susan Lowell's Mental Health Counseling and Consultant Services.

Comments:

Mr. Murray congratulated the Finance Department for winning this award, and stated we have been winning this award for many years and stated that you can disagree with what the City of Sandusky does in terms of how we spend our funds but you will always know how we do spend our funds. We have had one of the most transparent local governments around for a very long time. We were the first local government to put its agendas and supporting materials online for the public to view, we continue to put more minutes online than any other local government including videos. It takes a lot of staff time, a lot of effort and a lot of expense to pay for that transparency. But it is important that we continue that tradition, he is proud of it. He wanted to also point out the outstanding job Mr. Orzech and Ms. Gilson have done in interim and assistant City Manager roles. Both have really stepped up to the plate and have been outstanding leaders for this organization. Mr. Harris commented that he received a call from a resident stating what a great job he thought they both had been doing as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Meinzer stated that as the Chairman of the Transient Rentals of Commission with Mr. Poggiali that they have met and are collecting data and have spoken to Shores and Islands to get their input and are collecting comparable data from other communities. Their next step is to meet with Ms. Gilson and other staff to get their input. He just wanted to inform the Commission that this process has been started and they will bring the data upon completion to the Commission. Mr. Poggiali stated the process and outline has been started with a completion date prior to eighteen months. Mr. Murray stated that the first version of budget that has passed by the senate strips the ability of local communities to post charges for rental registration and transient rental registration. It is a real problem. We cannot afford the programs we have today without those fees. It is only through that activity that those costs are generated for the City. It is only right that those generating those costs pay for them. He would urge anyone with good ties to our Republican state legislators to put in a word of opposition to this. Mr. Poole asked Mr. Murray for clarification of what this means. If passed, the City will no longer be able to charge these rental and transient fees which support inspections which keep the properties above standard is in jeopardy. Mr. Poggiali asked Mr. Heil if we did the registration fees under the business section of the code. Mr. Heil stated the rental registration is in the business section of the code and the preemption language that Mr. Murray is discussing would impact both our regular rental registration for long-term rentals and our short-term rental registrations which are both non-planning business regulations. Mr. Poggiali was wondering if this would pass if we could somehow change the language so these were considered businesses, not rental properties because ultimately it is a business. Mr. Heil stated that the current language is quite broad and it is currently in the senate version of the budget, the senate and house have passed their versions they now have to reconcile those and come up with a final version. We do not know if it will survive. Reaching out to those in the state house will be very helpful. Mr. Murray pointed out this is flagrantly unconstitutional, but they do not care as they have done time and time again, they do not care what the constitution says. This is a violation of home rule. Mr. Poole stated that anyone who does write their legislators whether they are in favor or not they may want to ask them how they expect us to support these programs to keep our communities functioning.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, and second by Mr. Poggiali, to set an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Brady, Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, and Mr. Murray, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

The Commission moved out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 6:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, the Commission moved to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.



Cathleen A. Myers
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission