

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

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Steve Poggiali, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Mike Meinzer, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, and Dick Brady, 7.

City staff present: John Orzech – Interim City Manager, Colleen Gilson – Interim Asst. City Manager, Tiffany Rufo – GIS Analyst, Don Rumbutis – IT Technician, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Jared Oliver - Police Chief, Jason Roesch – Fire Captain, Josh Snyder – Public Works Engineer, 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 June 12, regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ryan Hodges, Firelands Habitat for Humanity, 7602 Milan Road, wished to thank the Commission once again for their continued support as well as your concern of the well-being of the citizens of the City of Sandusky. To date Firelands Habitat for Humanity has built 112 homes since 1990, 50 of which are in the City of Sandusky. With this agreement he looks forward to providing five more families with affordable housing. Thank you for your investment in the future of these families and for investing in your City, and for trusting us to work alongside you in this partnership.

PRESENTATION: Recreation Center, Nancy Nozik, Brandstetter-Carroll

Ms. Nozik stated her office is in downtown Cleveland and they have been working with City staff and engaging the public on this project for a little over three months. In site selection and conceptual design they performed citizen engagement with 3466 people, they visited 4 facilities for case studies, they narrowed down to 3 options of scope, 4 sites were considered, 3 options of scale/cost, designed site and building layouts, and projected expense and revenue costs. For citizen engagement they had 2827 respondents to an online survey, they presented to 11 stakeholder groups with 91 participants, and engaged 548 participants at Kids Fest. Of the 2827 responses, 62% reside in Sandusky, 19% in Perkins Township. The respondents were 56% between 18-44 years old, 38% between 45-74 years old. 81% of all respondents strongly support it and 83% of Sandusky residents strongly support the facility. An operational levy had 48% that strongly support, 25% that moderately support, 19% not sure if they support, and 8% that would not support. The top ten responses for activities include: 1. Indoor walking/running track, 2. Outdoor swimming, 3. Fitness classes, 4. Indoor fitness machines/weightlifting, 5. Community events, 6. Outdoor walking/running track, 7. Wellness programs, 8. Indoor basketball, 9. Outdoor splash pad, 10. Rentable community spaces. Reasons stakeholders cited for a recreation center included: wellness, fitness, sports, community gathering – for the local community, attract and retain residents, give kids a place to go and something to do. Challenges identified: cost to build, cost to operate, cost to participate, cost of marketing, hours of operation, location, communication of the plan. Opportunities identified: sports training, physical therapy, variety of membership, jobs, partnerships – hospital, non-profits, schools, corporations. The four recreation center case studies were done at: Bowling Green Community Center (79,000sf, built 2005, no pool), Fremont Recreation Center (59,000sf, build 2000, outdoor pool, ice rink), Massillon Recreation Center (69,000sf, built 2002, indoor pool), Norwalk Ernsthausen Recreation Center (59,000sf, build 1989, indoor pool, outdoor pool). Three proposed recreation center options include: **Option 1: cost \$32,450,000.**, Operating Cost \$16sf = \$1,328,000 annually, Revenue \$4sf = \$332,000 annually, Gap \$996,000 annually, 83,000sf, large community room, 4 classrooms, 4 exercise rooms, fitness equipment, 2 basketball courts, 2 multi-purpose courts, 1 turf field, 1/8-mile indoor track. **Option 2: cost \$18,567,000.**, Operating Cost \$16sf = \$784,000 annually, Revenue \$4sf = \$196,000 annually, Gap \$588,000 annually, 49,000sf, 2 community

rooms, 2 classrooms, 2 exercise rooms, fitness equipment, 2 basketball courts, 1 turf field, 1/10-mile indoor track. **Option 3: cost \$13,750,000.**, Operating Cost \$16sf = \$576,000 annually, Revenue \$4sf = \$144,000 annually, Gap \$432,000 annually, 2 community rooms, 1 classroom, 2 exercise rooms, fitness equipment, 1 basketball court, 1 turf field, 1/12-mile indoor track. All include office space, restrooms, and locker rooms. They considered 7 locations and narrowed it to 4: Jackson School, Mills School, American Crayon site, and Jaycee Park. When scored, the American Crayon site and Jaycee Park scored highest for land cost, utilities available, environmental conditions, construction cost, site size, program compliance, zoning, future expansion, central location, traffic impact, visual impact, walkability, and public transport. Jackson School has a large gymnasium, indoor pool (needs upgrading), would need to purchase from schools, use of balcony?, need ADA accessibility, limited parking, no expansion room. Mills School is currently used by the City in a strong neighborhood, has enough land for now, would need to purchase from schools, not centrally located, no expansion room. American Crayon site is City owned, centrally located, has plenty of land for expansion, near schools, site preparation adds \$1-1.5M to construction cost. Jaycee Park is City owned, centrally located, has plenty of land for expansion, is adjacent to residences. A 1.26M levy would provide \$672,000 annually per the County Auditor to offset these costs.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Murray stated one of the questions that has been debated on the internet has been the amount the levy would generate. Mr. Orzech confirmed the above figures from the County Auditor. Mr. Murray stated the numbers of responses have shown the community interest in this recreation center. The center cannot be all things to all people. We must make choices about directions to go. There has been talk about making this a community center – and he does not think that is what this should be. He believes we need to deliver what was promised, a recreation center. There has been no commitment about an indoor pool. We do not want to compete with the Sandusky Schools and the new aquatic center they are constructing. We will consider an outdoor pool or a splash pad, considering the budget. We will have to be creative and responsible with the budget. He would like to put to rest the rumors of ballot stuffing. He asked Ms. Nozik to explain the controls in place to prevent this. Ms. Nozik responded about the online survey, they recommended not to allow only one survey per source because that would only allow one member per family computer to give their responses. They have gone through and sorted multiple times throughout the process from the IP addresses and there were only 8 instances where more than 2 people responded from the same IP address. The data was different in each case. There is no evidence of ballot stuffing. Mr. Poggiali inquired how the revenue would be generated. Ms. Nozik explained it could be a wide range of things including: membership fees, city and non-resident fees difference, class costs, space rentals. It makes sense that residents would pay lower membership fees based on the taxes they pay. Some centers open for 24-hour access. Every center operates differently as far as staffing and programming. Mr. Meinzer stated he did not believe classrooms or community rooms were a priority at a rec center. Ms. Nozik explained these rooms were flexible spaces for fitness classes of any kind. Mr. Poole asked for a breakdown of the numbers used for operating and revenue. Ms. Nozik said that information would be provided to the commission. She stated there are additional public sessions scheduled. If this is placed on the ballot there will be more community engagement and education, so the voter knows exactly what they are voting for. There is more work that needs to be done and decisions made before we get to that point. Mr. Waddington inquired what the deadline was to get this on the November ballot? Mr. Orzech stated we would need to decide by the last July commission meeting on July 24. Mr. Brady asked what the next step would be in the process to keep this going forward, would it be site selection? Ms. Nozik stated site selection is important to get the voters onboard, but it is not required to put it on the ballot. Mr. Harris added he wanted to thank Ms. Nozik for the work she has done on this project and presentation. Mr. Harris questions if there will be support for a rec center without a pool, support may be cut by 1/3. He is not sure about the partnership with the schools about an aquatic center. Mr. Poole thanked Ms. Nozik for her work as well. Mr. Brady stated the work they have done has laid a pretty clear path to decide on location. Mr. Brady asked if the commission was prepared to make this decision tonight. **Mr. Meinzer made motion, second by Mr. Waddington to select the American Crayon site as the Recreation Center site.** Mr. Murray stated although the JC Park location is desirable,

the American Crayon location it is a very visible site, it has way more traffic than JC Park, it is right next to the schools, it is right in the middle of town, it is a perfect location. Mr. Poole stated he is not sold on the whole idea as it is, and the American Crayon site is his last choice, he believes it is an unsuitable site because it is next to the railroad tracks. The building will shake and crack the foundation because of trains, the noise will deter outdoor activity. It will not be a great user experience with the trains. Additionally, we are talking about spending \$13M and ultimately the taxpayers will decide. Twelve years ago, when we started the conversation about a Recreation Center the room was filled with people who wanted it, tonight no one is here to talk about it. He believes there are more things of value to spend this money on. He does not see the demand for this size of investment. Mr. Harris stated he is in favor of the idea of a Rec Center, but has reservations on the American Crayon site. At the onset he believed it was a great location until JC Park became an option. **Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris-Nay, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole-Nay, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 5. President Brady declared this motion passed, the American Crayon is the selected site.**

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 Debi Eversole, Development Specialist

APPROVAL FOR LAND BANK PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT FOR 8 PARCELS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Budgetary Information: The purchase price for the parcels is eight thousand one hundred (\$8,100.00) dollars plus closing costs. Any costs and expenses associated with the acquisition and transfer of these parcels and purchase & sale agreement will be recouped by the City from the sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-135: 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 Nos. 58-02075.000, 58-01076.000, 58-01136.000, 57-01928.000, 57-01070.000, 57-04868.000, 58-00369.000, and 58-00370.000 located at Clay Street, Camp Street, Harrison Street, Warren Street, Reese Street, and Mills Street are no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase 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.

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and second by Mr. Murray, the commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare this ordinance as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with the Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 – Submitted by Nicole Grohe, Community Development Program Administrator

APPROVAL FOR MOU WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Budgetary Information: The city will receive \$42,530 for the demolition from the Erie County Health Department. The funds will go into the CDBG program income account once received.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-136: It is requested an ordinance be passed 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 three (3) condemned residential structures in the City of Sandusky; 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. Poole, the commission voted to adopt this ordinance as drafted 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, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Nicole Grohe, Community Development Program Administrator

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 1 & FINAL FOR CDBG FY21 DEMOLITION PROJECT #5

Budgetary Information: The original contract not to exceed was \$145,300.00. The final contract amount is \$165,775.93, with the additional funds of \$20,475.93 being paid for with FY21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-137: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first & final change order for work performed by Ed Burdue & Company of Sandusky, Ohio, for the CDBG FY21 Demolition Project #5 in the amount of \$20,475.93; 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. Harris, the commission voted to adopt this ordinance as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

President Brady stated he understood there was asbestos found underneath the rubble. Mr. Snyder stated the contractor found more asbestos than was anticipated, hence the change order. Mr. Orzech stated that was the building that collapsed at Osborne Park, they did an initial round but the collapse was so severe that they were not able to go into the building to get a firm assessment. Once the demolition process was started, they encountered it.

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

ITEM 3 – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman

APPROVAL FOR FLEET TO PURCHASE TRUCK FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP

Budgetary Information: The cost of this purchase is \$44,810.43, which is \$176.36 more than the estimated quote provided to the City Commission and will be paid for with Capital Improvement Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-138: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1991 GMC C3500 truck, as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2024 Chevrolet 3500HD Cab & Chassis truck from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California, for the Fleet Maintenance Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Murray, and second by Mr. Meinzer, the commission voted to adopt this ordinance as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Brady stated he understood this purchase was appropriated for but we missed the price by \$176.00, so we have to account for the additional cost.

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

ITEM 4 – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman

APPROVAL FOR FLEET TO PURCHASE TWO SUV'S FROM NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP

Budgetary Information: The cost of this purchase is \$58,063.22. The car for the Police Department will be paid for with Law Enforcement Funds and the City Manager's car will be paid with Capital Improvement Funds. The cost of each car is \$29,031.61.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-139: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two (2) 2024 Chevrolet Equinox Sport Utility vehicles from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Police Department and City Manager’s Office; 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 adopt this ordinance as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Murray stated for the public’s benefit he wanted to make it clear that the SUV that is designed for the City Manager’s office actually covers a number of different departments, we have a pool vehicle that is now quite ancient with a lot of miles, and it is time to update that.

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

ITEM 5 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-007 AWARDING MILLS STREET HRT PROJECT - FUNDING SPLITS

Budgetary Information: The total construction cost of \$33,570,075 has not changed. The HRT-related cost shall be paid with funds made available through the low-interest loan from the Ohio Water Pollution Loan Fund, a portion of which will be reimbursed by Erie County pursuant to the Sewer Services Agreement. The recreation piece of the project shall be paid fully with City funds allocated as \$350,000 ARPA funds and \$150,000 Capital Projects Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-140: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Ordinance No. 23-007, passed on January 9, 2023; authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Great Lakes Construction Co. of Hinckley, Ohio, for the Mills Street High-Rate Treatment Project; 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 adopt this ordinance as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Snyder stated this is for the recreation piece at Sprau Park. This will not be part of the funding from the county.

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

ITEM 6 – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF JUSTICE CENTER FURNITURE FROM OSUPPLIES

Budgetary Information: The cost for the purchase and installation of new office furniture for the Justice Center facility shall not exceed \$334,675.83 and be paid for using the Capital Projects Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-141: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds to STS Offerings, LTD., D.B.A. Osupplies.com of Sandusky, Ohio, for the purchase and installation of new office furniture for the Justice Center Facility; 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. Murray, the commission voted to adopt this ordinance as drafted 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, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 7 – Submitted by Mario D’Amico, Fire Chief**APPROVAL FOR AGREEMENT OF EMS BILLING WITH MEDICOUNT**

Budgetary Information: This agreement will not negatively impact our budget and it will provide funds to the EMS account.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-142: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Medicount Management Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, for Emergency Medical Billing Services for the Sandusky Fire Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali, and second by Mr. Meinzer, the commission voted to adopt this ordinance as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Poggiali asked what the new fee percentage was in comparison to the old fee? Ms. Reeder explained that currently we use Beacon Medical Services at 7.5%, this agreement puts us at 4.5% for the first three years, and then at 4.625% for years four through six. The maximum cap we will be paying in years one through three is \$52,000 and years four through six is \$55,000. Our previous medical biller is retiring, through the RFP process we received five bids, and this was the best fit for the City, and will be a savings for the EMS Fund. They are a multi-state company with good references. Mr. Meinzer wanted to comment that many times the elderly were afraid to call the ambulance because of the bill. There is a hardship form that can be filled out if someone meets those criteria, then the bill will be waived. If you do not have a medical necessity you will not get into the Emergency Room any faster by calling 9-1-1 and you will get billed. Mr. Poole wanted to say to the Finance Director and the City Manager thank you that this was good work.

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

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Orzech wished to thank all staff involved with the accidents and incidents that occurred over the weekend. It was because of team effort that things were repaired timely and smoothly.

DONATIONS

- Sandusky Recreation would like to thank John Rader, a long-time member at Mills Creek Golf Course, for his donation of \$260 for the purchase of metal cups for Mills Creek Golf Course. **Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, and a second by Mr. Waddington, the Commission voted to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

NEW & OLD BUSINESS**PUBLIC WORKS**

- Due to a traffic crash at the intersection of First Street and Cedar Point Drive on the afternoon of June 22, staff are requesting approval to pay time and materials not to exceed \$30,000 to National Light and Power for emergency repair work. The City will seek reimbursement from the responsible driver’s insurance company, but initial payment would be from Street Funds. Staff will bring formal legislation at a future meeting when final costs are received. I would like to request a motion for the approval to pay time and materials not to exceed \$30,000 to National Light and Power for emergency repair work. **Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and a second by Mr. Harris, the Commission voted to approve this expenditure. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

- Construction on the residential sidewalk project has begun. Staff are asking residents to assist with monitoring of the concrete after it is poured and finished as we have already had incidents of vandalism.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- We are currently accepting applications for the position of AmeriCorps* VISTA member to serve in the City of Sandusky Community Development Department from August 2023 – July 2024. The VISTA member will assist staff with implementing projects, programming, and community involvement actions on the South Side specifically, but throughout the City as needed. Position information can be found on the City website or by calling the Community Development Department at 419.627.5891. This position is fully funded from an outside source.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brady stated he was sad to report that a person hired as City Manager search consultant team has passed away. The Slavin team will present their search results at our next City Commission meeting on July 10.

Mr. Brady stated that he and Mr. Orzech were in attendance at the Kiwanis Club Meeting last Thursday and we received this nice plaque from them in appreciation of our contribution to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This accounted for 2,400 students in Erie County taking part in this program, and a vast majority of these students are residents of Sandusky. These dollars are well spent.

NEW BUSINESS

President Brady called for motion for the 2024 Tax Budget Public Hearing at the next meeting. Upon motion of Mr. Murray, and second by Mr. Meinzer, the commission scheduled a Public Hearing for the 2024 Tax Budget at the 07.10.23 meeting. President Brady declared this motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tom Lamarca, 206 48th Street, stated he believed some of the lack of attendance tonight may have been based on the fact that people believe they cannot comment at all regarding the Recreation Center. He thinks that the fees will be an issue with many of the taxpayers. Taxpayers were not mentioned as stakeholders. It seemed it was the same group of business owners. He does not think a lot of the elderly went online to participate in the survey. The fees will be an issue the same as they were with the YMCA, we could not support the YMCA, big organizations gave to it, but many residents could not afford the fees associated with it. We may run into that same problem here with the Rec Center. We need to take a good look at that. He stated he would be dead and gone before it was up and running, but it would still be around for the rest of the City. Pools have been the outcry as many tonight have stated, and it doesn't seem to be part of the plan. It appears to be an afterthought. Without a pool he does not believe it will work, or what classrooms and meeting rooms have to do with a Rec Center. Pickleball is big now – maybe that should have been considered, are two basketball courts enough? A solution to keep kids from crossing the tracks at the American Crayon site is going to be a problem – a twelve foot fence needs to be added along the tracks. Do we have a water pressure problem downtown serving all of these new buildings and apartments, is there enough pressure for all these new projects? Mr. Poole asked Mr. Snyder to address this question. Mr. Snyder stated that there is always room for improvement, but like the Columbus Avenue project we are replacing a ninety-year-old water line. He stated most buildings over three stories in most of the City will need to add their own pumps to meet fire suppression. No town in the USA can expect pressure in those high buildings without added pumps within. Mr. Poole asked if we filled all the second floors that are vacant now with apartments and people, what would Mr. Snyder recommend that we do to the water lines downtown? Mr. Snyder stated he would have to have more information to give an answer in each case. Mr. Poole would like a plan to see where long-term pipes will have to be replaced. Mr. Snyder stated that when a water line is upgraded on a single street it improves the whole area – not just that

street. Mr. Meinzer stated he was under the impression that the schools were going to build the pools and we were going to give money toward their efforts. Mr. Poole added he thought the schools had already decided against two pools, it is going to be one pool. President Brady stated we will be getting an update from the School Superintendent at the July 10 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, the Commission moved to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.



Cathleen A. Myers
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission