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President Brady called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for 9/11 and the Invocation, given by Mr. Waddington and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Dave Waddington, Mike Meinzer, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, and Steve Poggiali, 5. Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali and a second by Mr. Waddington, the commission voted to excuse Mr. Murray. Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali and a second by Mr. Waddington, the commission voted to excuse Mr. Harris.

City staff present: John Orzech – City Manager, Colleen Gilson – Community Development Director, Cody Browning – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT Technician, Justin Harris – Interim Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Jared Oliver - Police Chief, Mario D’Amico - Fire Chief, Arin Blair – Chief Planner, Nicole Grohe – CDBG Program Administrator, and Cathy Myers - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali and a second by Mr. Waddington, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 28, regular meeting and suspend the reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, commented on three items from the agenda. He commented about the downtown resurfacing, reminding the commission that instead of taking money from the capital budget, this should be paid from the TIF agreement for downtown. The Columbus Avenue underpass \$500,000. In stimulus grant funding, it looks as if repairs were done six years ago, the largest portion of this cost is in replacing the handrail. Is the railroad paying a portion of the handrail replacement or are they refusing to? The third comment is the \$500,000 for the City pool. Many residents donated to this project in the past and it was stated as a two pool project – one pool for strictly resident recreation. The plan has changed now to one pool with more than likely limited resident recreation. The City’s recreation survey stated that the number two most requested item was an outdoor pool. The commission has been pretty silent on adding a pool to the recreation center project.

Marcie Platte, 1217 Columbus Avenue, wanted to thank Aaron Klein and whoever was involved in creating a crosswalk on Campbell Street to Buchanan Street. We have been told that there is not going to be a pool at the recreation center. This pool for the schools has already been voted on before to contribute money to. But the amounts have changed. There was a fundraising involving Kalahari at Touch-a-Truck. She stated then that she did not want to contribute unless it was for a warm water pool. The YMCA had two pools, one colder for sporting athletes, and one warmer for therapeutic activities. She stated this is the third time she has contributed to something that she will not be able to use. She has heard from Commissioners that there will not be another pool at the recreation center. She expects something from the return of her tax dollars. She stated she gave money in good faith and saw pictures of what was going to be built, would that be considered fraud? She would like the Commission to work with the schools.

Barb Hanck, Executive Director of Sandusky Education Foundation, Wished to address the comments made about the pool and clarify some of the misconceptions. The pool construction is slated to be completed in fall of 2024. No taxpayer dollars are going into the construction of the pool. The budget is \$7.5M with \$3.8M coming from COVID school emergency relief monies. That money is earmarked for improving health, which this qualifies for. The rest of the monies are from local foundations and many donors. There is additional money set aside, \$.5M to maintain the pool because we saw local pools that did not endure. We took a look at why they failed. Many times it was because of deferred maintenance, or not enough funds for operation. The school has a permanent improve levy which pays for parking lots and brick and mortar. The pool has more time available for community use than what the school will be using it. The school will use 25-30%, the rest will be open for community activities. The pool will be set around 82 degrees for the swim team usage in four months. The temperature can be increased for the other months if needed.

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INTRODUCTION: New Police Officer, Courtney Gielas, Chief Oliver

Chief Oliver stated Courtney has already been sworn in Thursday and this is just an introduction. She has her bachelor degree from Bowling Green State University, she is a graduate of the Lorain Community College Police Academy, she was a part-time officer with the Village of Milan. Officer Gielas thanked everyone for allowing her this opportunity and she is thankful to be a Sandusky police officer and for the opportunities it presents.

PUBLIC HEARING: Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report for CDBG, Nicole Grohe, Program Administrator

Ms. Grohe stated this review covers July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. In 2022 we received \$729,701 with 61% was spent of those monies. COVID funding allocation was \$622,051 with 84% of that dispersed. With Housing (provide affordable housing and remove barriers for fair housing) there were three lead abatements and the hiring of a fair Housing consultant with 81 calls and workshops hosted. In Special Needs Assistance (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, veterans, and persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities, alcohol or drug addiction, HIV/AIDS, or other special needs) served 87 people with several programs for \$58,928.11 spent on these activities. The Neighborhood Stabilization (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) monies were used to purchase several building and homes that were demolished with the Erie County Health Department partnering on these projects. Code Enforcement inspected 1026 units in CDBG eligible areas resulting in 719 reports or 70% inspections resulting in compliance. Ten road repairs in eligible areas and Daly's Parking Lot assisting over 13,207 people combined. The youth program assisted 539 youths in activities such as Make it Sew Easy and Mid-Town Supper Club. In response to COVID we assisted 11, 082 people through programs and partners including Care and Share's My Choice Food Pantry Box, Father's Heart Church's After School Youth Program, Father's Heart Church's Food Pantry Program, OHGO's Food Pantry Be Well Program totaling \$120,528 in funding. The Mortgage and Rental Assistance Program served 88 people or 34 households. HUD determines the CDBG eligible zones for the City. The program hit 75% of their goal for the year.

Comments:

Mr. Schwanger inquired if the monies expended through CAC require reports back from CAC on how they used these monies. Ms. Grohe explained that we signed an agreement with CAC showing what addresses and people and income level received funding. Mr. Schwanger asked that the playground equipment be replaced at Sandusky Bay Pavilion that was removed. Mr. Poggiali inquired if 61% of the funding was spent, would the 39% be carried over. Ms. Grohe explained that because we are at times working on prior years projects full funding for each year may not be spent, but it would be carried over for future projects. Most extra funds go towards clearance and demolition activities. Mr. Meinzer stated he did visit the park and that Mr. Schwanger spoke of needing playground equipment, the past equipment had reached its lifespan and was in bad condition. The equipment was not owned by the City, and it was removed. In the future a playground may be considered. Mr. Poole stated there is a playground at Shoreline just two blocks from that location. Mr. Poole inquired if the handicap issue was resolved at Shoreline Park playground. Mr. Klein stated he would speak with the Rec Department about that issue and get back to Mr. Poole. **With no additional comments, President Brady declared this public hearing closed.**

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

ITEM A – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF OHIO FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR 2022

Budgetary Information: The additional cost of \$738 will be paid from the general fund (\$369), water fund (\$184.50) and sewer fund (\$184.50).

ORDINANCE NO. 23-181: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement with the Auditor of the State of Ohio for services to perform the City's audit for the fiscal year 2022; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM B – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager**APPROVAL OF 2022 SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 1 & FINAL WITH KREIMES**

Budgetary Information: The original contract with Kreimes was \$121,116.33, Change Order 1 is an increase of \$1,385.45 and shall be paid for with Issue 8 infrastructure funds from the Capital Projects Fund, total contract at the end of the project \$122,501.78.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-182: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first & final change order for work performed by Kreimes Co. Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the 2022 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,385.45; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM C – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager**APPROVAL OF ENCROACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR 320 BELL STREET**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact with this item. The property owners are responsible for the recording fees to the Erie County Recorder Office.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-183: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Renee L. Brown and Josiah P. Brown Sr., to provide for the use of a certain portion of the City's alley as described in the grant of a license for encroachment; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager**APPROVAL OF PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT TO COLUMBIA GAS ON EAST MARKET STREET**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-184: 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 platted as Market Grounds between Hancock Street and Franklin Street, Sandusky; 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**AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION #036-23R & OPWC APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN PAVING PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: There is no cost to submit the application. If awarded, any matching funds required would be incorporated into the 2024 budget. The cost of the project is currently estimated at \$492,615. The City is applying for \$246,307.50 (50%) of OPWC funds. The City's portion of the project is \$246,307.50 (50%) and will be paid with annual resurfacing funds from the City's 2024 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 039-23R: It is requested a resolution be passed amending Ordinance No. 036-23R, passed on August 28, 2023; authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs authorized by Chapter 164 (Aid to Local Government Improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Downtown Street Paving Project; 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. Poole, the commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances and resolutions 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. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Mr. Waddington, Mr.

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Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared these ordinances and resolutions passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM 1 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

AWARD BUTLER STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTRACT TO GREAT LAKES

Budgetary Information: The total construction cost of the project based on bids is \$890,479.50 which will be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-185: 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 Butler Street Reconstruction Project; 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. Waddington, 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.

Comments:

Mr. Klein stated that they were hoping to get this project completed before the travel season next year. They will also be changing the traffic pattern on Milan road going onto Butler to one lane on the ramp to enter the one lane on the reconstructed Butler Street. There will be public notices and signage about these traffic changes. There will be a grass median on Butler Street added to reduce the storm water flows. A couple of traffic studies have been done to ensure no problems will arise due to this change. Mr. Poole inquired if there would be any changes needed on Milan Road between the traffic light and the hill. Mr. Klein stated additional signage will be installed to tell traffic of the one lane merger and some existing signage will be removed. The road will be striped with arrows making sure the traffic merge is very clear. This will eliminate the need for the triton barriers to be put up and removed each season. Mr. Poggiali stated he liked the creative use center road green space in that area, Regional Planning had conducted a study in 2018 and traffic is lessened on that street due to Google Maps.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

APPROVAL OF LINING REPAIR & REPLACEMENT TO INSIDE BIWW DOME BY ADVANCED REHABILITATION

Budgetary Information: The total cost shall not exceed \$29,920 which includes materials, delivery, installation, warranties, and contingencies, which shall be paid for with Water Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-186: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for lining repair and replacement to the inside of the dome building at the Big Island Water Works (BIWW) plant by Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, LLC of Bryan, Ohio, through the Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA) purchasing program; 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. 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.

Comments:

Mr. Poggiali inquired if this was for Advanced Rehabilitation to do the work, the cost seems low for them to complete this project. Mr. Klein stated it does include them doing the installation as well. Several sections of the liner will need to be cut and replaced. We are not sure if additional issues below what we see will arise, there is a little cushion built-in for that.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 3 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

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PERMISSION TO BID 2023 COLUMBUS AVENUE UNDERPASS REHABILITATION

Budgetary Information: The estimated construction cost for the 2023 Underpass Rehabilitation at Columbus Avenue project is \$499,663.50, which shall be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 040-23R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed 2023 Underpass Rehabilitation at Columbus Avenue Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; 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 adopt this resolution as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comments:

Mr. Klein stated that the northside handrail will be purchased by the railroad. We are replacing the remaining portions of the handrail due to rust being steel with aluminum. We will be installing lighting in the underpass and the Tiffin underpass as well. We will remove some of the coating on the wall and recoat.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

ITEM 4 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer**PERMISSION TO BID 2023 WEST MONROE STREET OUTFALL**

Budgetary Information: The estimated construction cost for the 2023 West Monroe Street Outfall project is \$645,040.00, which shall be paid for with Sewer Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 041-23R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed 2023 West Monroe Street Outfall Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; 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. Poggiali, the commission voted to adopt this resolution as drafted under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comments:

Mr. Klein started there are two other projects from Boardway to Camp and Camp to Decatur, both are partially funded from the MPO and through that funding we are increasing the capacity and separating some of the storm sewers. It does not call for four separations, those projects will happen in 2025-2026. To accommodate those projects we need to start at the outfall and increase the capacity so the additional flow can go through there and not go to the treatment plant. We hope to complete this in the winter.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

ITEM 5 – Submitted by Colleen Gilson, Community Development Director**APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT TO SANDUSKY EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR AQUATIC CENTER**

Budgetary Information: The City will be responsible for providing \$500,000 in grant proceeds from the Capital Project funds on a reimbursement basis.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-187: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Sandusky Education Foundation in relation to the property located at 2130 Hayes Avenue; 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.

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Comments:

President Brady commented that he wanted to thank Ms. Hanck for her elaborate explanation in the earlier portion of the meeting tonight. We are disappointed that there will only be one pool, and not two. He does understand that many people have based their commitment on two pools. But we are all driven by budgets. The second pool was certainly a victim of high costs. He stated he believes they are doing the prudent thing in being fiscally responsible in delivering one pool. He stated he is supportive of this project. The schools have stood shoulder to shoulder with the City. This is an opportunity for the City to stand shoulder to shoulder with the schools and with the community. Ms. Hanck pointed out that the programming for the community was over 50%. Mr. Meinzer stated he will vote for this as well because it is good for the residents. He understands the community's confusion with the change to one pool. The Recreation Center has never been in discussion to build a pool. If this levy fails, then we go back to the drawing board. Mr. Poole stated he also supports the pool. He believes the money is being well spent. The most important thing was we needed a good competition pool for our student athletes. We are ahead of the game because the former pool was never used by the public. This project has incorporated public programming into the pool's use. It seems the concerns presented have been resolved. Thank you to Ms. Hanck and the committee for working through this procedure, they have done a good job. Mr. Poggiali agreed with Mr. Poole about the fiscal constraint, which is one of the hardest things to do. The easiest thing to do is to move on with a project even though you cannot afford it. It takes courage to make these decisions and he hopes the commission can do the same if they come upon the same conclusion with projects in the future.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 6 – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner**APPROVAL OF PDS AGREEMENT FOR SANDUSKY WHEELS PARK DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION WITH OHM**

Budgetary Information: The design services will not exceed \$49,700 including all normal reimbursable expenses and will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-188: 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 Wheels Park Design and Construction Documentation project; 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 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. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Waddington, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Brady, and Mr. Poggiali, 5. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**DONATIONS**

- Parks and Recreation received a donation of 18 board games to Sandusky Rec at Mills from Ginny Bess. **Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.**
- Parks and Recreations received a \$100 donation to the Sandusky Greenhouse from Ann and John Arnold. **Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.**

NEW & OLD BUSINESS**FINANCE**

- The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 8:00 am in the Commission Chamber of City Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Norfolk Southern performed repairs to the underside of the bridge deck at the Camp Street Underpass in order to stop rocks from falling onto vehicles traveling on Camp Street. It is believed that all holes have been patched and the work performed should alleviate the issue.
- The Army Corps of Engineers has notified staff that dredging operations in the shipping channel will begin this week. Boaters should pay extra attention to all buoys and possible floating piping between the Causeway Wetlands and the dredging barge until activities are complete. Please contact Aaron Klein at 419-627-5830 with any questions. The Corps and state agencies are notifying local marinas.
- The City has received payment for all invoices submitted for City labor and materials from Norfolk Southern for work related to the October train derailment. Mosser has also been paid in full on all invoices to date. The goal is to have the lift station operational by the end of September.
- Fall Clean-Up will take place at Oakland Cemetery on October 2nd. 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 2nd. For questions, please contact the cemetery office at 419.627.5842.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The public is invited to a meeting on September 20 to hear a presentation and participate in a series of activities to provide feedback on the Draft Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. The presentation will be part of the regularly scheduled Landmarks Commission meeting here in Commission Chambers at City Hall. The activities and discussion will be held after the Landmarks meeting is adjourned.

Comments:

President Brady asked Mr. Klein to elaborate on the underpass underside bridge deck repairs. Mr. Klein stated we received notice from Norfolk Southern two weeks ago that they were going to do repairs to the Camp Street underpass where rocks were falling on cars. We have been trying to get them to do these repairs for several years. We have looked at the work performed and taken pictures and think it should resolve this issue. Mr. Waddington commented that on the cleanup day he observed Hayes Avenue underpass was getting bad too with piles of stones falling from vibration. President Brady asked Mr. Klein to have that looked at and communicate with the railroad about their findings.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Waddington inquired where we were at with the County regarding water at Sheldon's intake. Mr. Klein stated they are still working through a scope of services and have received \$2.7M federal grant funding for that project. They are working with the County and the Department of Environmental Services to be sure they have a scope that everyone approves of. We want to be sure we are not duplicating efforts. We are hoping to receive grant funding for the second phase of this project as well. Mr. Waddington inquired if chemicals would have to be added to the water before the water came to us. Mr. Klein stated that one chemical would need to be added at the appropriate contact, we need to be sure when we can add it, because it does have some caustic properties, we want it to be in a safe area.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Poole stated he wanted to bring the public's attention to something cool. If you start at Shoreline Drive and head up Hancock Street from the Paddle Bar to Tim Dorsey's Fitness to Everwild Spirits then to the corner at 303 E. Washington and Hancock Street, the murals are

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just amazing. Hopefully more building owners will work with the Art Commission to allow them to use their buildings more.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, commented he believed it was stated at the last meeting that the Engineering Department had received a lot of calls about basements flooding. Are they advising people about money available for the backflow valves? He spoke to several residents on McCartney Road and he advised them about these funds for backflow valves. The underpass issues have been discussed for about forty years. It was discussed that eventually all the underpasses would be repaired. Tiffin Avenue underpass is just as bad as any other underpasses. He was always told by different commissioners that the railroad actually comes on schedule to assess the underpasses. Have they discontinued doing this or are they relying on us to inform them? Going back to the Sandusky Bay Pavilion playground equipment, anytime we remove, we always replace the playground equipment. How can the equipment belong to someone else when it is our property? The Sandusky Bay Pavilion is used by Kids Fest, The Big Splash, and families using the picnic pavilion. Why would anyone send their children two blocks away to play on playground equipment at Shoreline Park? CDBG funds can be used for recreational equipment. He stated he will keep bringing up this issue until it is resolved.

Marcie Platte, 1217 Columbus Avenue, stated it is not true that taxpayer's money is not going into paying for the pool. The money is coming from the capital project fund and from a levy, which is taxpayer money. She believes what the Commission should do is consider safety, in the 80's there were three or four local pools that children could use. All are gone. We only have a Bay that has toxins. She talked with the school superintendent, and he spoke about different things they could try. He said swimming lessons were available, but no one was really following up on that. They would send a few applications to the schools and then no one could remember seeing them. He states he will do a better job. She applauded whoever placed the twenty-five-speed limit on Campbell Street. Another concern she has is about transient rentals. She stated we are losing our population, whenever a property is turned into a transient rental – it does not serve the residents anymore. A lot of people cannot afford the food downtown or the rentals. Everyone states we have a parking problem downtown. These issues need to be addressed. Mr. Poggiali stated that there probably is a reason these entities got out of the pool business, because it is too expensive to maintain a pool. Plum Brook is replacing theirs and word on the street is they are assessing their members around \$5000 each for this replacement. Mr. Poole added that a lack of demand determines the lack of affording the maintenance. He would like staff to identify the usage needed and pavilion usage before replacing the Sandusky Bay Pavilion playground equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Meinzer, the Commission moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.



Cathleen A. Myers
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission