

The President called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Dick Brady, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, (Greg Lockhart arrived at 5:03 p.m.).

City staff present: Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, John Orzech – Police Chief, Rick Wilcox – Fire Chief, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Planning Director, Stuart Hamilton – IT Director, Don Rumbutis – IT, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Trevor Hayberger – Acting Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said 407 West Jefferson Street is not a condemned property, is not in the city or county land bank program and is a functional property (Item #5). The supporting documents are confusing because this \$50,000 may go toward the demolition of two properties which are in the Erie County Land Bank. He was always told if properties were in the county's land bank program, it was their responsibility to demolish them so there should not be any city involvement. Tim Schwanger said if any of the commissioners are on the Board of Trustees of the CCAB or if their businesses sponsor or support them, they should be careful when voting on this.

PRESENTATION

Gene Kidwell, Chairperson of the Michelle Wightman-Karrie Wieber Charitable Foundation, said he and other members of his Board of Trustees are here tonight. Three are legacy Trustees including the two founders, Darlene Wightman-Lowery and Jennifer Wieber-Chapman and Anne Murray. Other designees are Tricia Patton, Jim Murray, Kevin Lutz, Justin Harris and Rhonda Watt. Last Thursday, they had a news conference to present an award to be utilized for the Sandusky Bay Pathway project. The Wightman Wieber Foundation began in February of 1989 when Michelle and Karrie were killed in a collision with a train at the Remington Avenue crossing. The parents turned this into something to benefit us all in March, 1996, when incorporated as a Foundation. They got to a point where they could make a distribution in January, 2000, to a non-profit organization in the City of Sandusky. Since this time, they have distributed almost five million dollars to non-profit organizations within Erie County. As a private foundation, they are required to distribute five percent of their value each year and have staunchly done this annually until last Thursday. Last Thursday evening, they broke into the principle value of the foundation to grant the city \$500,000 for the Sandusky Bay Pathway project. This is the result of two-years of conversations by board members which gained traction because of the Jackson Street Pier development project and others along Sandusky Bay. They are pleased and take great honor in being able to be a part of the Pathway project by presenting this grant. Today marks the formal commitment of the Wightman Wieber Foundation to begin, in January, 2019, with the distribution of this \$500,000. Dave Waddington thanked the Foundation and said this is a blessing for our community and going forward, this will last for decades. He has enjoyed working with members of the Foundation for the past fifteen years. Dick Brady said he could not be at the presentation last Thursday, but said this family has taken a personal, horrific tragedy and turned it into a legacy benefit which will outlast all of us and thanked them for it.

PUBLIC HEARING

The President announced the opening of a Public Hearing regarding the proposed vacation of a portion of Farwell Street and vacation of a ten foot alley.

Greg Voltz, Planner, said Cedar Fair has submitted petitions for the vacation of a portion of Farwell Street and a portion of a ten foot alley located at 1800 Cleveland Road. Cedar Fair is the only adjacent property owner and looks to vacate these rights-of-way to create a more developable site. No properties will be landlocked due to this request and staff in the Engineering Division has reviewed and will maintain an easement for a sewer line running along Farwell Street.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked if a history has been done on this particular item and if Cedar Point has asked the city for a vacation previously. Greg Voltz said to his knowledge this has not occurred and Dennis Murray said Cedar Point only recently purchased the property.

The President declared the Public Hearing closed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The President asked if anyone wished to remove any of the Consent Agenda items. There were no request to do so.

SECOND READING

A. Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager

DISPOSAL OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. The items will be donated to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc. at no cost to the city.

RESOLUTION NO. 049-184R: It is requested that a resolution be passed authorizing the disposal of used computers and related equipment as being unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; and approving their donation to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc.

SECOND READING

B. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

ANNUAL DISCHARGE FEE PAYMENT TO OHIO EPA FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Budgetary Information: The total amount of \$15,550.00 will be paid with Sewer Funds and has been appropriated in the O & M Budget for 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-203: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the Finance Director to make payment to the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the annual discharge fee for NPDES permit number 2PF00001 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for the CY 2018.

C. Submitted by John Orzech, Police Chief and Rick Wilcox, Fire Chief

PAYMENT TO ERIE COUNTY FOR ANNUAL 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE

Budgetary Information: The total amount of this expenditure is \$16,961.47. The replacement cost is \$9,342.22 and the maintenance cost is \$7,619.25. The cost will be paid with funds from the Police Department's 2018 operating budget in the amount of \$8,480.74 and from the EMS fund in the amount of \$8,480.73

ORDINANCE NO. 18-204: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing payment for replacement and maintenance costs pursuant to the 9-1-1 agreement between the City of Sandusky and Erie County; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

D. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

2019 CHEMICAL CONTRACTS FOR BIWW AND WWTP

Budgetary Information: Funds for the purchase of these items are routinely included in the operating budgets of the water and sewer plants.

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-205**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 12,000 gallons, more or less, of liquid sodium permanganate from Bonded Chemicals, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio for use at the Big Island Water Works plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-206**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 18,000 gallons, more or less, of hydrofluosilicic acid from Univar USA, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, for use at the Big Island Water Works plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-207**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 50,000 gallons, more or less, of sodium hydroxide liquid from Bonded Chemicals, Inc., of Columbus, Ohio, for use at the Big Island Water Works plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
4. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-208**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 90,000 gallons, more or less, of sodium hypochlorite from Bonded Chemical of Columbus, Ohio, for use at the Big Island Water Works Plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
5. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-209**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 101,250 gallons, more or less, of aluminum sulfate polymer blend liquid from Applied Specialties of Avon Lake, Ohio, for use at the Big Island Water Works Plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
6. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-210**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 93,000 pounds, more or less, of powdered activated carbon from Calgon Carbon Corp., of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, for use at the Big Island Water Works Plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-211**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 350,000 pounds, more or less, of ferrous chloride solution from PVS Technologies, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan, for use at the Waste Water Treatment Plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.
8. **ORDINANCE NO. 18-212**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase 60,000 pounds, more or less, of polymer liquid from SNF Polydyne, Inc., of Riceboro, Georgia, for use at the Waste Water Treatment Plant during the calendar year 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

E. Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director

PAYMENT TO ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & COMPANY FOR 2018 - 2019 PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

Budgetary Information: The annual cost has become part of the annual operating budget and the City of Sandusky's total cost for 2018 – 2019 will be an amount not to exceed \$435,000. The insurance year is December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019. Based on exposures, the cost will be distributed to the general fund (\$278,818), street fund (\$45,072), water fund (\$54,507) and sewer fund (\$56,603). The prior year ordinance was passed by the City Commission on

November 13, 2017 (Ordinance No. 17-208) that covered the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018, for an amount not to exceed \$435,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-213: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to make payment to Arthur J. Gallagher & Company for property, casualty and liability insurance costs for the period of December 1, 2018, through November 30, 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

F. Submitted by Nicole DeFreitas, Transit Administrator

AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH STS

Budgetary Information: The Sandusky Transit System will bill for trips consumed by individuals who are enrolled with the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities and eligible for transportation services. The revenue from this agreement will be used as matching grant funds for the Ohio Department of Transportation program grant. This contract is expected to provide approximately 10,500 trips and generate over \$200,000 in 2019.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-214: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for transportation services between the City of Sandusky and the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

G. Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1524 FOREST DRIVE

Budgetary Information: The city will be responsible for purchasing property for \$35,000 and covering closing costs in addition. Neighborhood initiative funds will cover \$7,500 of the purchase with the balance being paid through the real estate development fund. Upon sale to the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation, those sales proceeds will be returned to the real estate development fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-215: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of property located at 1524 Forest Drive, Sandusky, and identified as Parcel No. 58-00434.000; ratifying the execution of the purchase and sale agreement for the purpose of blight elimination and demolition; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

H. Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1524 FOREST DRIVE

Budgetary Information: The city will be due \$5,000 (less closing costs) for the sale of the property. The funds will be returned to the real estate development fund account.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-216: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city located at 1524 Forest Drive, Sandusky, and identified as Parcel No. 58-00434.000 is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to sell the designated real property to the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation for the purpose of blight elimination and demolition; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

I. Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO ODNR FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

Budgetary Information: This grant is one hundred percent funded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 050-18R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and ratifying an application submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources navigational aids grant program on behalf of the Cedar Point Property Owners Association to replace fifteen existing

buoys; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

J. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR 2018 TREE & STUMP REMOVAL PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The original contract with EcoTree Services, LLC is for \$73,085.16. Change order #1 and final increases the contract by \$5,820.84 to a total of \$78,906. The project will be paid with capital projects funds (Issue 8 infrastructure).

ORDINANCE NO. 18-217: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first and final change order for work performed by Ecotree Services, LLC, of Lorain, Ohio, for the 2018 tree and stump removal project in the amount of \$5,820.84; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

K. Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk

NOTIFICATION TO OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR NEW D5J LIQUOR PERMIT

The city has received a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5J (*spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption only: beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers until 2:30 a.m. in a Community Entertainment District*) liquor permit for Magroup, LLC #2 dba Vita Urbana, 256 Columbus Avenue. It is requested the Commission Clerk notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing on this matter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda and declare all ordinances and/or resolutions as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in full accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances and/or resolutions whether it be in full accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole and Dave Waddington, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the City Charter.

REGULAR AGENDA

SECOND READING

ITEM #1 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

OWDA LOAN FOR JACKSON STREET PIER PROJECT

Budgetary Information: For the city-wide and wholesale rate studies recently finalized, it was anticipated that an OWDA loan would be obtained and paid as follows:

Planning	\$ 23,352.00
Construction & Design	\$ 992,707.00
Contingency (10%)	\$ 101,605.90
OWDA Administrative Fee (0.35%)	\$ 3,911.83
<u>Capitalized Interest (2.18%) \$69,489.91 x 20</u>	<u>\$ 268,221.37</u>
	\$1,389,798.10

The entire cost would be reimbursed over 20 years from the Sewer and Water Funds via a low interest loan. Final loan amount will be based on actual final costs.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-218: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sandusky and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to finance the cost of planning, design, and construction for the Jackson Street Pier Rehabilitation project.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance at second reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington,

Dennis Murray, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 4. Nays: Wes Poole and Greg Lockhart, 2. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading.

SECOND READING

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

OWDA LOAN AGREEMENT FOR SHORELINE DRIVE PROJECT

Budgetary Information: For the city-wide and wholesale rate studies recently finalized, it was anticipated that an OWDA loan would be obtained and paid as follows:

Planning	\$ 96,416.00
Construction & Design	\$4,192,661.00
Contingency (10%)	\$ 428,908.00
OWDA Administrative Fee (0.35%)	\$ 16,512.95
<u>Capitalized Interest (2.24%) \$217,587.51 x 30</u>	<u>\$1,793,128.35</u>
	\$6,527,626.30

The entire cost would be reimbursed over 30 years from the Sewer and Water Funds via a low interest loan. Final loan amount will be based on actual final costs.

ORDINANCE FAILED: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Sandusky and the Ohio Water Development Authority to finance the cost of planning, design and construction for the Shoreline Drive rehabilitation project.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance at second reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 3. Nays: Wes Poole and Greg Lockhart, 2. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd and Dennis Murray, 2. The President declared the ordinance fails.

SECOND READING

Item #3 - Submitted by Greg Voltz, Planner

ADOPTION OF PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING MASTER PLAN

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for the adoption of the Master Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-219: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving and adopting the Public Art and Placemaking Master Plan for the City of Sandusky.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance at second reading.

Discussion: Dennis Murray noted the attachment to the legislation outlines the particulars, as modified, to address concerns made at the last meeting regarding the composition of the Artist Selection Committee.

Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading.

ITEM #4 - Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Bicentennial Coordinator**AGREEMENT WITH WIGHTMAN WIEBER FOUNDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION & NAMING RIGHTS OF SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY**

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not have an impact on the budget. The city will benefit from the monetary donation especially as this is the trailblazer donation toward the Sandusky Bay Pathway and the city will be soliciting additional donations from the community.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-220: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Michelle Wightman – Karrie Wieber Charitable Foundation relating to the Shoreline Drive portion of the Sandusky Bay Pathway; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Wes Poole asked if this naming is for as long as the pathway exists and Eric Wobser said we will have to work out the final details and certainly could name it in perpetuity. If it is the will of the commission to do this, staff is not opposed. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding presented at some point during the next several months for commission approval. Dennis Murray said he will abstain as this Pathway runs along his office.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd and Dennis Murray, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd and Dennis Murray, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**PAYMENT TO CENTRAL CATHOLIC ATHLETIC BOOSTERS, INC. FOR DEMOLITION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 407 WEST JEFFERSON STREET**

Budgetary Information: The city will be responsible for providing \$50,000 from the EMS fund. The city will deposit the funds into an escrow account and will only permit disbursement if the CCAB or any related entity completes the acquisition of the Jefferson Street properties.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-221: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the acquisition of 407 West Jefferson Street by Central Catholic Athletic Boosters, Inc. with the intention of providing assistance for the demolition of 428 and 432 Decatur Street for the purpose of blight elimination efforts within the city; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Matt Lasko said there are a lot of moving pieces in what is being considered here and this dates back to 2015 when the Erie County Land Bank was able to acquire these two properties. This alone was a challenge which involved several banking and lending institutions. The County, through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, has been attempting to demolish these two condemned commercial structures but, unfortunately, have been embroiled in litigation for several years. This is now in the Appellate Court in Toledo with the property owners at 407 West Jefferson Street who have been requesting a restraining order on the demolition due to what they stated were structurally-connected walls to 432 Decatur Street and 407 West Jefferson Street. Through this process, several structural engineers (from the county) and the property owners, it was determined these properties are inter-connected from a structural standpoint and this is a larger project than originally anticipated. This involves acquisition of 407 West Jefferson Street by the CCAB. The two commercial properties will remain in the hands of the Erie County

Land Bank which has funds for the demolition of the two Decatur Street properties. This does not cover the entire cost of the demolition as there is a \$25,000 reimbursable cap, per property, for this purpose. The cost of demolition for the two brick structures is over \$50,000. The proposed purchase price for 407 West Jefferson Street is \$275,000, of which \$225,000 has been raised privately through the CCAB. We are proposing a commitment from the EMS fund of \$50,000 to complete the gap for acquisition of 407 West Jefferson and for the ultimate demolition of all three commercial structures. These funds will only be disbursed if the transaction goes through; they will sit in an escrow account until the transaction for the purchase of the property is complete. If this does not happen, these funds will be disbursed back to the city. This has been many years in the making through the Appellate Court process and with tough negotiations with the Boosters, the Erie County Land Bank and the Commissioners, and we look forward to ending this dilemma. Dennis Murray said this sidewalk has been closed for many years and although this is a very different kind of approach, Matt Lasko has been particularly adept at finding innovative solutions to unusual problems. This property has been in condemnation and was tied up with the Court of Appeals; the Land Bank may face the full cost of destruction one way or another and for this \$50,000 contribution, it makes sense to demolish a structure which is directly causing a risk to the public because of pieces falling off. This makes sense, as explained, and thinks having the CCAB involved who raised money toward demolition and acquisition speaks volumes to their level of commitment. To be partners and clean up the blight makes sense for the city. Wes Poole said from his perspective, we have many places in this community where we can tear down buildings and the order we do them in is up to the commission. This particular parcel is a tax-producing property and he is not in a rush to spend \$50,000 for it. If the CCAB has \$225,000 to build greenspace across from the school, he would rather partner with them and work to improve the tennis courts or something of this nature. The concept of taking money from our tax rolls does not make sense. When we were taking down dilapidated buildings which were not collecting taxes this was fine as was an earlier purchase made this evening, but this one does not make sense. It would be fine if we were going to take down the one building and leave the other until sometime in the future when the circumstances change. We can figure out how to take it down when finished with court. It makes no sense for us to start down a path where we begin taking properties off the tax rolls and he cannot support this for that reason. Dick Brady said it is appropriate to characterize the two benefits of accomplishing this as elimination of blight and an increase in safety both in front of buildings which are in danger of falling down and for the neighborhood. Matt Lasko said in his four years with the city and even prior, these barricades have been up. We also have issues getting worse at 432 which is a three-story building towering over another to 1½ floors of 407 West Jefferson Street. We are starting to see leaning of the parapet wall which is directly over these apartments and there are significant issues which could grow as this progresses. We fortunately have not had a collapse of the wall yet, but this could always happen. Greenspace may not be the highest and most productive use of this site, but blight elimination is certainly attractive for real estate values in and around this site. Wes Poole said he also objects to using EMS funds for this as we need fire trucks sooner than we need a truck. Dennis Murray said we will need fire trucks, but we are amply funded for the equipment we need. We went through a process years ago of taking a look at where excess funds were and came to the conclusion, in the interest of public safety, it did make sense to use some of these dollars to be able to take down some of these buildings which are a threat to safety. This building has done exactly that for the past four years and appears to doing potentially more.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Wes Poole and Greg Lockhart, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Wes Poole and Greg Lockhart, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #6 - Submitted by Todd Gibson, Facilities & Properties Supervisor
FEE INCREASES FOR OAKLAND CEMETERY & MEMORIAL PARK**

Budgetary Information: The newly-generated funds will be allocated as follows: 75% to the general cemetery fund and 25% to the Cemetery endowment fund. Estimated revenue for each is approximately \$6,836 and \$2,279 respectively.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-222: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the new fee schedule as recommended by the Cemetery Board for the Oakland Cemetery & Memorial Park rules and regulations; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said he will abstain in an abundance of caution as his father is on the Cemetery Board.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Planning Director
VACATION - PORTION OF FARWELL STREET AND PORTION OF 10' ALLEY LOCATED AT 1800 CLEVELAND ROAD**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact to the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-223: It is requested an ordinance be passed vacating a portion of Farwell Street south of Cleveland Road and north of Cleveland Avenue and located East of Lots 854 – 858 and 860 and West of Lots 861 - 867 and vacating a portion of an alley South of Cleveland Road located East of 1706 Cleveland Road and West of Lots 854 – 855 within the city as set forth on the vacation plats, copies of which are marked as Exhibits A-2 and B-2, attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 13 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #8 - Submitted by Jeffrey Keefe, Project Engineer
CONTRACT TO PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC. FOR COLUMBUS/SCOTT/CAMPBELL INTERSECTION PROJECT, PHASE 3**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids including inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$179,000 with the total construction cost being \$173,912.36 and will be paid with the following funding:

ODOT Active Transportation funding \$125,000.00

Capital Project fund (Issue 8 infrastructure)48,912.36

ORDINANCE NO. 18-224: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perram Electric, Inc. of Wadsworth, Ohio, for the Columbus/Scott/Campbell intersection project Phase 3; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said we did the Campbell Street reconstruction project including some sewer and water improvements. As the last phase of this project, we made pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Columbus Avenue, Scott Street and Campbell Street with an ODOT transportation grant. We installed a lot of infrastructure during the last phase of the project and are looking to implement this by the spring. The steel poles to be erected have a relatively long timeframe, traffic was calmed with the turning radii and we are looking to finalize this for the safety of pedestrians.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #9 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer

AUTHORIZATION TO BID 2018 CEDAR POINT CHAUSSEE WATER TOWER DEMOLITION PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated demolition cost is \$65,500; additional costs include advertising and miscellaneous expenses in the amount of \$500 for a total estimated cost of \$66,000 from water funds.

RESOLUTION TABLED: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Cedar Point Chaussee water tower demolition 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 Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this project is for demolition of a water tower which has been out of service for five or six years. We will remove the foundation and turn the site back into grass although he does not know exactly what will happen to it once this is complete. We have had discussions with the property owner in the area and these will continue. This tower has not been used and its origin was for use by Cedar Point but was turned over to the City of Sandusky. With the pressure and connection at the east end of the Chaussee, it is no longer needed. We have gone through the EPA and permitting process and would like to remove it for safety purposes. Dennis Murray said he was troubled about this as given the nature of the easement the city has, if we completely withdraw from the site, the property would go to the adjacent landowner. He would prefer the city not withdraw completely from use of this property and would rather keep a beachhead here because he can see a need for this property. This property is quite expensive and difficult to acquire if we needed it in the future for perhaps the replacement of a primary intake or something like this. Trevor Hayberger said his understanding is when the water tower is demolished and the city stops using the property, we would lose our easement. If we prefer not to lose the easement, we would have to do something different. Greg Lockhart said he supports the idea of the city retaining the property and understands we would have to maintain a use in order to keep the easement. Wes Poole said he agrees and suggested tabling this or vote it down and start over rather than do something which puts the city in a bad position. Greg Lockhart asked if the staff could come up with some possible uses as alternatives to what we are doing. Dave Waddington suggested a small bird watch area with a couple of benches until we decide what to do in the future. Dennis Murray asked the Law Director to look at the specific terms of the easement and what might qualify.

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to table this item. Roll call on the motion to table: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #10 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer

AUTHORIZATION TO BID BIWW VALVE EVALUATION & MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated construction cost is \$49,500 and advertising in the amount of \$500 for a total cost of \$50,000 to be paid from the water fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 051-18R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed BIWW 42" valve evaluation and maintenance 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 Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this valve is on one of the bypass lines which allows us to do maintenance and also allows us to flow at full capacity. Unfortunately, we think the valve stem has sheared off and we cannot actually operate the valve at full capacity. With the position of the valve, we do not feel we will be able to operate at full capacity if we have to use the bypass. This project would allow installation of the four inch casing pipe down 16' to do some investigation. The valve is located right after our initial bar screen and feeds the remainder of the plant so it is in a very critical location within the plant and is why it is such an expensive valve. This would be for both investigation and improvements associated with the valve.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #11 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

AMENDMENT #1 TO AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR RECYCLING SERVICES

Budgetary Information: The cost of \$30,000 will be paid from the general fund; however, the city has requested full reimbursement of these funds from the Erie County Solid Waste District.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-225: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement between the City of Sandusky and F.S.I. Disposal/Fultz and Son, Inc., with successor in interest Republic Services of Sandusky, Ohio, for services to transport collected recyclable material from city-owned drop-off collection sites; authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to make a one-time lump sum payment to Republic Services in the amount of \$30,000; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Wes Poole said he would like to find some way to better supervise the activities at these locations. Dick Brady said part of this discussion is represented in the City Manager's report. He is aware this was the result of a negotiation with the successor company, Republic Services, for a recycling arrangement. They exercised an option to get out of the recycling business and cancel our contract with proper notice and they are on solid legal ground to cancel it. We negotiated the monthly amount from about \$7,800 to \$5,000 (\$30,000 annually) to maintain the

two locations we have enjoyed for the past several years and relieve Republic Services of a \$10,000 payment for the bins at both sites. The purpose for negotiating this was to get the number down and allow us enough time to pursue another option going forward and keep us in the recycling business. In addition, it was made known to us Republic has very little use for these bins and if we continue to recycle, we will have use for them. The negotiations were fruitful and Dick Brady said he is optimistic before April, 2019, staff will be able to bring a resolution to the commission. Wes Poole said he is interested in what we are going to do to ensure these do not turn out to be trash dumpsites and to utilize cameras or another means to encourage recycling and insist the public learn to recycle properly so this grows across the community and also protects our interests so we are not simply hauling trash. If the bins are filled with trash, they cannot be recycled and materials just go to the dump. Dave Waddington said all the options are on the table but thinks we need to look at manning these areas or perhaps cutting the hours back. He has been at the sites early in the morning and sees tires and other materials and the hours could be posted and sites manned. Dennis Murray said to a certain extent, we are paying for taxpayer subsidized trash service which is an individual property owners' responsibility and would like to know how much of the materials are actually getting recycled and how much just goes to the landfill. This would be important to know going forward in terms of whether we change our services to do something more in line with what Oberlin does with their recycling and check to make sure materials are actually recyclable before being placed here. Dave Waddington said the education portion is big. Dennis Murray said Officer Jamie DeSalle has been ticketing folks, but does not know the particulars. John Orzech said they have not been cited for being outside of the area, but mostly for dumping illegal materials such as couches or televisions. The last time he checked, at least 40 persons had been cited. One of the other concerns is businesses utilize the bins for recycling materials but this is supposed to be a residential setting so this is an issue as well. Wes Poole asked if there is legislation which covers businesses utilizing the bins and John Orzech said he believes it is posted for residential use. Wes Poole said the difference is our enforcement power and asked to check into this and also asked for a report on the disposition of the citations. Dick Brady said an additional component to negotiating this number down to \$30,000 was the Solid Waste Policy Committee met shortly after and agreed to provide the entire funding for this. Matt Old, Erie County Commissioner, provided assistance in getting this money. Dennis Murray said we sometimes have to remind the Erie County Commissioners of this and it is good we are receiving this funding.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of a 44" x 48" Snoopy holiday display for Washington Park received by an anonymous donor; its approximate value is \$400. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept an anonymous donation of a \$300 Kroger gift card to purchase turkeys to distribute for Thanksgiving. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a \$1,000 donation from the Remember Cruisin' Car Club and Smith's Top Notch for the K-9 Fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Home Savings Bank for the Coats for Kids program. The President declared the motion passed.**

- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Remember Cruisin' Car Club for the Fire Department's Shoe Fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Wendy Allen to be used toward the planting of trees throughout the city.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said Wendy is a former resident of Sandusky and was motivated by climate change and inspired by the Sandusky Register's coverage of the recent GLRI grant awarded to the city for the installation of approximately 270 trees in 2019. Because of her generous gift, an additional 10 - 15 trees will be planted throughout city neighborhoods this spring.

The President declared the motion passed.

- **Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation from Construction Equipment & Supply for use of a lift for four weeks for the Division of Facilities & Properties to decorate the city for the holiday season (\$1,500 value). The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept a memorial bench, purchased by Bettie Jean Guss and honoring Robert S. Guss, Sr., to be placed in Washington Park facing the Gazebo (value \$1,710). The President declared the motion passed.**
- Eric Wobser said the **Erie County Solid Waste District plans to provide a \$30,000 grant to cover the costs needed to maintain the two bulk recycling locations** through April and this agreement will be formalized on a future agenda.
- The **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony will take place November 21 at 7 p.m. in Schade-Mylander Plaza.
- The **Holiday Brrzaar & Brew** will be held on November 23 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Schade-Mylander Plaza and over 20 artisan vendors will be participating.
- The **Beard-Centennial Contest** will take place on November 23 at 4 p.m. at the Sandusky State Theatre.
- The **Holiday Lighting Ceremony** will be held on November 23 at 6 p.m. in Washington Park with "Polar Express" being shown at the Sandusky State Theatre at 7 p.m.
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to authorize the Sandusky Municipal Court to apply to the Supreme Court of Ohio for a technology grant in the amount of \$45,046.05.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said if awarded, the grant would cover the upgrade and installation of current software and hardware through the Municipal Court's computer improvement fund.

The President declared the motion passed.

- Members of the Police Department are participating in "**No Shave November**" for the month of November.

- The Police Department participated in many **Trick or Treat events** by passing out candy and Eric Wobser thanked the community for the generous donations received.
- The **Lexipol Policy and Procedure project** is beginning to wrap up. The policy manual has been updated for every facet of the department. Officers began reviewing the 151 policy sections and 70+ procedure sections of the manual on November 6. We hope to have the officers read and acknowledge the manual sections by January 1, 2019, for full implementation. A special thanks to Acting Law Director Hayberger, Lt. Dahlgren and Lt. Lewis for the countless days and hours of review of the manual over the last eight months.
- **Members of the Sandusky Fire Department** participated in various community activities including **Trick or Treat at Cedar Point and downtown Sandusky and the Sandusky City School employee health fair, and they continue to hold tours and safety talks for children** from preschool age on up.
- Members of the Fire Department, along with Chief Wilcox, are participating in **“No Shave November”** to raise awareness for men’s health.
- Members of the **Fire Department are participating in the Read With a Fire Fighter program at Sandusky Schools** where Fire Fighters go into schools and read books to the kids.
- The city will be awarded a \$493,946 **grant for the 2018 Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund program for the first phase of Landing Park project.**
- The **2018 leaf collection program** is off to a great start and currently on schedule. Any changes due to inclement weather will be shared via press release and the city website.
- Eric Wobser welcomed **Keyshawn Gray, who joined the Division of Streets & Traffic as a full-time Maintenance II.** Co-workers were impressed with Keyshawn while he worked as a seasonal employee over the summer and wanted to make sure he did not get away.
- The city has finalized program guidelines and applications for the newly expanded **Community Reinvestment Area residential tax abatement program.** Eric Wobser thanked both the City Commission and Sandusky City Schools for their support and approval of this newly-expanded residential construction incentive. Additionally, he thanked Erie County, and more specifically the Auditor’s Office, for their input and assistance in developing the guidelines and application. All residents, property owners or developers with questions about the program can reach out to Debi Eversole, Housing Development Specialist, at 419.627.5832 or via email at deversole@ci.sandusky.oh.us. Guidelines and applications are in the process of being uploaded to the city website.
- The Community Development Department is currently **accepting proposals with costs for consulting services for the preparation of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development 2019 - 2023 Consolidated Plan, 2019 One-Year Action Plan & Update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.** Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on November 16 in the Community Development Office or can be mailed to the attention of Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager.

- The regular **Planning Commission** meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- A **Landmark Commission** meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- A **Public Arts and Culture Commission** meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The second annual **Dot the i, Block the M** race will take place on November 24 starting at 8:30 a.m. in Central Park.
- Dave Waddington asked when the **online bill pay** will be restored to the internet. Hank Solowiej said there was a glitch with this and expects it to be up and running by tomorrow.
- Eric Wobser said he does not know if we have yet been formally notified, but learned through word of mouth of a **monumental grant which will provide close to \$1 million for two sections of the Sandusky Bay Pathway**. At an appropriate time, we will recognize this more generally; he was caught off-guard when he learned about this although it was good news to get suddenly. The match for this grant is for an access road to get to the trail by the indoor portion of the facility Cedar Fair is building to The Landing Park.
- Dick Brady acknowledged a great start by the Street Department for **leaf collection efforts**.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept the 2019 City Commission meeting schedule as distributed by Kelly Kresser. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray said there have been comments regarding the **time capsule slated for the new City Hall** and thinks it makes sense for this to be placed inside the commission chambers and Wes Poole said he agrees. Dave Waddington said he likes the idea of this time capsule and the Boy With the Boot statue to be located in the lobby and to keep it simple. Wes Poole said he also suggested the vending machines be relocated from the lobby. Eric Wobser said staff recommends eliminating the vending machines in part to encourage both staff and visitors to walk around and patronize downtown businesses.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to appoint Dr. Valerie Cruse to the Community Relations Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021.

Discussion: Naomi Twine said this will replace Dominic Wells who recently relocated out of state and had to resign.

The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding imminent litigation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding collective bargaining. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said he sees a lot of stumps in the boulevard areas and asked if the city has a system to document and remove them as part of the current project. Tim Schwanger said every time the city spends money from EMS funds to help purchase properties which are not condemned, are not in our land bank program but are functional, the commission is giving the union bargaining committees more energy and willpower to get additional manpower. As a union member, he supports their efforts in trying to get more staff and this was promised through Issue 8. There have been a couple of additions, but understands from the Fire Department we are still short in manpower since the layoffs in 2008 – 2011. There have been articles in magazines and on websites about layoffs and it has been four years, yet we are still not where we should be in both the Police and Fire Departments. Dennis Murray said he disagrees and said Issue 8 was designed to stabilize our safety forces and there were no promises made for additional employees, it was to maintain what we had.

James Snyder, Sandusky Fire Fighters Union President, thanked Tim Schwanger for speaking up for them and said he (Tim) is one hundred percent right, but did not come to talk about this. There needs to be a serious discussion about the EMS fund and how monies are spent and will be coming back to talk about this. A donation was accepted tonight in the amount of \$1,000 for the Fire Fighters Shoe Fund which was started many years ago to help individuals in need of shoes. It is currently run by Captain D'Amico and there is plenty of money available for people who are in need. When there are structure fires, they reach out to those affected and provide shoes for them. If anyone in Erie County is in need, they can contact the Fire Station by calling 419.627.5822. Dennis Murray said the commission appreciates what the fire fighters do every day, particularly with the shoe fund, but cautioned him when it comes to negotiations between the city and the union, there are specific pathways we all must go through. He will not comment on the balance of what was said here, but asked James Snyder to be extra cautious so there is a good agreement and good relationships going forward.

At 6:23 p.m., the President announced recess of the regular session. At 7:10 p.m., the commission returned to open session and upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Commission Clerk

Dennis E. Murray, Jr.
President of the City Commission