

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Blake Harris, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk, McKenzie Spriggs, called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dave Waddington. Commissioners Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, and Mike Meinzer were in attendance via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

City staff present: Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager

City staff via teleconference: Eric Wobser – City Manager, John Orzech – Assistant City Manager, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Sally Martin – Assistance Finance Director, Aaron Klein – Director of Public Works, Development Director – Jonathan Holody, Jim Green – Acting Fire Chief, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, McKenzie Spriggs – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sandra L. Brown; persan@buckeye-express.com

Item B -- To some, neighborhood stabilization equates gentrification. How will the City assure impacted citizens that this rezoning will not displace residents and homeowners and/or alter the character of the neighborhood?

Sharon Johnson; 1139 Fifth Street, Sandusky

Item 5 –The city is purchasing a used lawn mower for \$35,000. The money is coming from Issue 8 Parks and Recreation.

Several times, the city has used Issue 8 money towards replacing vehicles and equipment. The voters never stipulated equipment and vehicles should be a part of Issue 8 funds.

Because Issue 8 is designated money and the general fund money is more flexible, Issue 8 is becoming a dumping ground for any obligation that can be transferred from general fund to the Issue 8 funds.

Taking out notes against Issue 8 money for equipment and vehicles can be risky. If admission tax revenue does not meet expectations, other categories within the Issue 8 fund can suffer a shortage due to the financial obligation of paying back the notes.

The percentage that must go into Issue 8 is permanent. During the budget year, the commissioners and staff determine how of that revenue will go into each category.

PRESENTATION: DOWNTOWN SANDUSKY MASTER PLAN

Dennis Murray spoke as the liaison to the City's Planning Commission. He said he is pleased to be able to report that Planning Commission met in January and unanimously recommended the master plan for the business district, he knows it is titled downtown, but he calls it the business district. He would like to put this in some context. Six years ago, the community was a little jaundiced at large plans that the city paid for and were put on shelves, and were too often not acted upon. That was all of our faults—the commission, the public level, management. There were forces that we could not overcome to some extent. But look at what has happened to this city after adopting the Bicentennial Plan and how far we have come. He thinks we have overcome this history of making plans that go nowhere. We can now see, after four years of accepting the fate that was before, the trajectory that we were on was one that is inevitable, we now know we can bend that curve. We can take control of our destiny and we have done

exactly that after the last six years. When you look at what we have with the planning of the city's parks, planning for the Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive, throughout much of the city, we can now see a real power plant. He calls this the business district because this is the driver of jobs and tax revenues. We have to continue to focus on the Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative, which is important as well. But these are symbiotic. These two play off of each other and reinforce each other. We need to have places where people want to live in our neighborhoods. We also need to have a shared place where people can relate to, where they call home, where they visit and consider being a home owner. That is important too. We have to do all these things at the same time. We all know we need to attract and retain people in our community. This is a very special development at a critical time. This pandemic has been awful, and so many listening know that far more than he does. He is looking at the Police Chief and Acting Fire Chief, and know what those departments' men and women have had to deal with, and so many others in the medical community, just difficult obstacles to face. It is our obligation as a commission and as a city, to say we are going to keep going too. A lot of communities are hoping to crawl back to something close to normal, maybe later this year, maybe in 2022. He believes we can sling shot this city back into the momentum we were experiencing, just a year ago, and can continue to build on the assets and progress that we have all seen together. This vision allows us to do just that. The plan is that, a vision, an idea, a concept. He has been lucky to work in downtown Sandusky for almost 34 years. He has been in the present office building for 27 years. He has watched the changes that have occurred with a front row seat. People thought they were crazy, to build this office building where there were dilapidated, literally rat infested warehouses. Before that, when Citizens Bank, now Civista Bank built their headquarters two blocks away, people thought they were crazy too. It had been half a century before anyone had built a new building downtown. Look at where we are now. If he, his partners, and family had had the masterplan that the commission is about to consider, back then, he thinks they would have made different decisions. They made the best ones they could without a plan like this. This is why it is so important to have a plan to share with all the people in our community and to provide guidance for where we want to go. Every decision we are going to make will come back before this commission or future commissions to vote and to fund. We will be able to take a granular level examination of each of those parts and pieces. For now, this is a vision he hopes we embrace. He heartily recommends it to the rest of the commission.

Jeff Pongonis of MKSK said Commissioner Murray dropped a lot of considerations in front of everyone today. He described what MKSK pulled together over the past year, a plan, a concept, a vision, and that is exactly right. This is a road map for what the city of Sandusky wants to do. It is a tool for everyone to gather around and discuss, and is the next step for this community. Commissioner Murray's words and aspirations were a great way to kick this off. He would like to thank the steering committee and stakeholders, who attended meetings, and recognize Eric Wobser and his great staff for helping and pushing MKSK for better and better solutions. He thanked the city and commission for inviting them into the community.

Arin Blair of MKSK and the project manager of this project presented highlights of the downtown Sandusky Master Plan, after acknowledging the commission and community had received the full document. The highlights focus on the recommendations and focus areas of the plan. This plan was shaped by the community. 798 community members responded to a robust community survey about the future of downtown. A poster hung at the Jackson Street Pier for those walking around. Dozens of stakeholders, two rounds of interviews, a regular steering committee, and the insights and expertise of staff also had their mark on this plan. What we heard is directly reflected in the plan recommendations, which is a celebration of the work you have already accomplished. There is an emphasis on the waterfront as the city's greatest asset, guidance for year round activities and events, support for a transformative

vision for Columbus Avenue, and emphasis on downtown as a neighborhood- complete with housing option, employment, great businesses and public spaces.

The Plan has nine high level recommendations. Each of those contain a series of action steps and some lay out principles for development which are then illustrated in the focus areas. There are five focus areas. Those concentrate on places that are ripe for market driven and catalytic development. They were devised in concentration with plans you have already completed, with MKSK's partners HR&A who are economic development specialists. We will discuss why Columbus Avenue and Jackson Street parking lot are two priorities for implementation.

The full plan document has a robust and thorough analysis of the built environment of the city, complete with market study summaries, to show the market support for the recommendations and focus areas.

The first recommendation is to position downtown Sandusky as the economic, entertainment, and cultural anchor of the region. We heard over and over that the waterfront is the city's greatest asset. The action steps within this recommendation describe how to continue to increase access and leverage the waterfront as an amenity for all of Sandusky's residents. The second recommendation is to brand something new. This recommendation talks about creating a waterfront district identity. A lot of the work you have done recently has created these great places, downtown and on the water—Jackson Street Pier, Shoreline Drive, the Sandusky State Theatre, the Jet Express—all add so much activity and vibrancy. The action steps here outline a way to brand an identity for that collection of waterfront destinations. That can be a marketing story, an economic development opportunity for the area, for a place that is a distinct place within downtown. The third piece talks about programming—how to continue to broaden programming for year round events and activities. The words “events” and “activities were a top theme from what we heard in the resident survey. People will be excited for year round offerings. Patio season is longer than you think. We did a graph chart of weather conditions. According to Eric Wobser October is the best month and is arguably the best place in the country. You will see recommendations for outdoor public and private spaces. Next, we focus on walkability. People love to live and visit downtown because it is walkable. This recommendation discusses how the built environment affects connectivity and safety. The first set of guidelines speak to travel lanes, tree zones, etc. It is the relationship of the buildings to the street, the sidewalk, tree lawns, parking lanes, those all add up to create a comfortable and inviting pedestrian experience. There is also guidance for intersection treatments. There is a focus on high visibility crossings in downtown. We are all pedestrians at some point and we need to make sure all people are safe, traveling from one destination to the next. The high visibility crosswalks also have a layer of public art or identity element as well, to tie that identity together downtown. This rolls into a broader vision for downtown transportation which is a multimodal culture of getting from place to place. Whether you are a resident who drives your golf cart to dinner, or a marina member who wants to leave your car in the lot and ride a bike around to watch the sunset, the recommendations here discuss those kinds of examples and more, including increasing visibility of the parking garage, expanding transit, and attracting vendors who will contribute to the transportation options downtown. We have talked a bit about the waterfront identity, how its places add up to create the identity of a district. You have a fantastic new anchor with the BGSU resort school and that is going to be a catalyst. This recommendation talks about how to leverage that new building as an anchor and supporting future land uses that will help the students and this part of downtown to thrive. We have talked about incubator spaces for entrepreneurs, maker spaces, other higher education programs, elements like that help this become a district in itself, and supporting retail that will do well there. Number 7 & 8 work hand in hand. These recommendations revitalize with activated high quality buildings and create amazing public spaces. They lay out principles for infill and

redevelopment that you will see illustrated in the focus areas. Everything from balconies and rooftops do capture more water views to public art that adds interest and experiences at the street level. The final recommendation is to prioritize development and investment. This lays out the five focus areas that we will go through one by one.

Pausing here, we are showing concept illustrations for each of these focus areas. We are drawing programs and scale and showing what fits in what place, and the types of uses that are going to do well in the focus areas. But this is still master plan level, meaning it is high level guidance. Any major improvement or investment would warrant more public engagement and planning, and come back to the commission for review.

The first one is make Columbus Avenue the city's most vibrant street. You can see that you have this great anchor of Washington Park to the south and the bay to the north. Columbus Avenue is this missing link. We have all these uses, City Hall, commercial uses, and it is the missing link between the improvements made on Shoreline Drive and Washington Park. It makes it the next logical step for a public investment. The concept on Columbus Avenue is a transformative concept, to think about this street as a festival street and a linear park experience. It maximizes two areas that are important to the community. People want to see wider sidewalks and more room for outdoor dining. This concept maximizes the space you have in the public realm and adds the flexibility to close the street down for special events, but ensures the street is also serving businesses and the day to day users.

Following Columbus Avenue down to the water, we come across Schade Mylander Plaza, and we know this is an important space in the city. It is a critical connector between Jackson Street Pier, Shoreline Drive, and Columbus Avenue. The concept and plan for Schade Mylander Plaza outline a phased approach. The first phase is enhanced plantings. That is a short term investment that will add shade and freshen up the space. The second piece shows an interactive fountain which could add some fun and bring in more families. The fountain could be drained for special events, to create a gathering space. The long term concept was preferred in the stakeholder interviews, it showcases the amount of space that is available. Going from building edge to building edge and maximizing the amount of plaza in the land area. The hardscape will eventually need major investment, due to normal wear and tear. That might be the point when it is time to talk with the community about this space. The illustration here shows a broadened plaza that unites Columbus Avenue with Shoreline Drive. It matches the quality of materials and artistic elements on either side of it. It is conceptual and a starting point for a longer term conversation. It is one we think we come up as you approach a Columbus Avenue design process. The illustrations are to help you facilitate that conversation.

The Boeckling Building is a fantastic piece of architecture. Because of its location, it has a fantastic opportunity to be a connector between all these great waterfront amenities. The concept itself offers a marketplace like experience on the first floor, a place where multiple businesses are operating. That could be makers and retail, to walk up dining, to a full service restaurant. We are showing two full patios on either side, lots of people watching, and a great outdoor dining experience. The second floor is imagined as a series of small offices. Those are potentially connected to the first floor businesses or they could be independent operators that enliven the space and provide built in customers for the first floor vendors. While talking about this, the waters' edge platform, because you have seen that in couple illustrations. That is an idea that originated in the bicentennial plan and would expand water views and add another flexible gathering space. That itself could be completed as an independent project or as part of a larger design process.

Next is the redevelopment of the Jackson Street Parking lot. This is a key development block in the city. We know downtown is missing hotel rooms. HRA, the economic development specialist partners and stakeholders came to the conclusion this was the prime location. This

concept takes an underutilized city asset, a surface parking lot, and leverages that to an incredible asset for the community. A hotel here will bring those visitors to the center of downtown, the center of your commerce in the business district. It includes an event center which could be on a higher floor to give views of the water, connect with the Theatre—MKSK did coordinate with them on their renovation to make sure this could work with what they are planning. The concept is showing a 150 room hotel fronting Water Street, a mixed use anchor development along Market Street. This could be offices, retail on the ground floor, downtown is seeing a strong retail market emerge on Market Street. It is also showing strong connectivity with an extension of Peddler's Alley. This would create interesting pedestrian spaces and make sure there is connectivity throughout this development.

We are also showing a readapted warehouse building on the corner. The building there today is typical of many warehouse buildings that are present on the west side of downtown. The illustration is a representation of the type of private investment and improvement that could spur off of an injection of economic activity.

The next focus area is a discussion of downtown as a vibrant neighborhood. This applies to the east portion of the waterfrontage neighborhood downtown, and west of the downtown core as well. The plan shows the east side to illustrate it, but it is more of a future land use guidance diagram. You will continue seeing investment and redevelopment in the core of downtown, along the waterfront, and especially on this side with Battery Park. These guidelines talk about how infill residential uses can be positioned within downtown neighborhoods. The principles talk about protecting water views from the corridors, making sure that you have a variety of housing types and price points. We want to see residential development meet the demand for downtown living, and we want it to continue to be a walkable neighborhood and have that interest that is seen today, and blend in with the neighborhood fabric.

The final focus area is Battery Park. This concept emphasizes a balanced mixed of uses and neighborhood character, interaction with the waterfront, connectivity to the neighborhoods. We are showing that the street grid and public spaces are the central frame work to guide what the site plan should do, as you see proposals come across your desk for this site. The plan also includes the draft vision that was done in 2017, so that is referenced too. Both of those have similar guidelines as far as the public spaces, connectivity, and emphasis on the waterfront.

Regarding the implementation section, there are a number of tools including a tracking matrix for staff. The first spread talks about the top 10 policy and programming priorities, and the top 10 priority projects. These were prioritized based on items the city already has in motion and the private investment already happening downtown—the Feick Building renovation for example-- and items important to the community and items catalytic to the continued revitalization of downtown.

This is only a high level view of the whole plan. The 100 page document goes into much more detail. Arin Blair thanked the commissioners for their commitment to the city of Sandusky.

Discussion:

Naomi Twine said thank you for the presentation and she appreciated the full document being attached to the agenda for tonight's meeting. She read through it and the presentation zeroed in on key points. She asked regarding the survey, on page 16, stats show the respondents were 90% white and about 2% African American. There is a paragraph in there describing that we will be trying to target more minorities. Can you describe how you are going to do that?

Eric Wobser responded saying that job will fall onto city staff and the city commission, in the implementation of this plan. This is something dialogue is already happening around. He had a phone call with Commissioner Harris and other individuals about how we better engage with the black community, not just about downtown, but about everything we do at the city. It is a

cultural shift we are looking at, in how we fill vacant positions at the city, how we do outreach for the downtown plan, and for everything we do. We know we have ground to cover. Commission President Brady led the initiative and the Commission greatly supported this effort, to make sure the boards and commission appointments are more representative. To him, this is something that has proven true in many of the community dialogues that he has been a part of in Sandusky and prior to his time here. It is not something you fix in one survey, or in one plan. It is something you fix from the ground up, by providing meaningful engagement and meaningful leadership opportunities. From the city staff to the city commission, and in every process, being representative of the community is something he and the city is committed to. He hopes they will see visible signs of that immediately, and that the commission holds us accountable for providing that going forward.

Dick Brady said he does not believe this city commission intends to play lip service to that obligation. He was pleased when he read the report, and was pleased when he got to page 16 and saw we were bold enough to say that we had fallen short engaging the black community on this. The commission must not allow that to happen. It is each of the commissioners' responsibilities to reengage and make that a priority, prior to spending dollars on something as important as this. This is an obligation that staff now hears, that MKSK heard, and it is up to the commission to uphold and hold feet to the fire to make sure the engagement is meaningful and not lip service.

Dave Waddington said he read the report twice, and watched the planning commission meeting, it looks exciting. His biggest concern, and he has conveyed that some of the other commissioners, is regarding Schade Mylander Plaza. That is part of our history in downtown Sandusky. There is an endowment, money set aside for repairs and upkeep. He is just one of seven, and he supports the plan, but would like to approach the Schade Mylander plaza with gloves on, and is cautious to change it too much. His copy on page 79, says "this area should excited all of our senses." It excited all of his senses Saturday morning when he read through the plan, trying to decide if he wanted to change or alter that. Mr. Mylander was a pillar of this community and the park is nice. Big changes would bother him long term.

Naomi Twine said she appreciated Dick Brady's and Eric Wobser's comments on the subject. She does not want this to be lip service. She thinks it is very important that the minority community be involved in this process. There is a long way to go. Personally, she thinks there are a lot of good ideas and this is a good plan. She knows a lot of work was put into this but wants to be sure the minority community is more involved in the process as we move forward. Frankly, she knows it was difficult during COVID-19 and this was an online survey. Perhaps minority community members did not have access to the online survey. There might be opportunities to do one-on-one and targeted surveys, going into the black communities or black churches, and gathering people together to discuss this process. On a personal level, she thinks the plan is great. Moving forward she wants to ensure we do not disregard certain elements of the community.

Eric Wobser responded saying two specific things we have already begun to accomplish some of those goals. Active conversations have begun with the Recreation Department, with Jason Werling, Tondra Frisby and Annette Solet in particular. One of the things we would like to do with the Mylander Pavilion is move as much of the city's recreation programming to that site, as quickly as possible. The goal is Sandusky's youth, from a young age, recognize that this is their downtown. One of the things he has realized, is there is a sense historically that "the downtown is not for us" is felt by the minority community. That is something we can very intentionally do, hosting city recreation programming downtown and changing that framework. Secondly, as Arin Blair mentioned, there is a commitment to do more programming. We have to make sure when we schedule that programming, and set what type of programming we want to bring to the community, that it appeals to the broadest and most diverse of Sandusky's

audiences. That is something we are steadfastly committed to. The last thing and Commissioner Harris has been an active part of this, we have been part of a process, working with minority businesses, generally on a citywide basis. The more we can do through small business assistance, to ensure and help grow minority businesses, and make them feel comfortable that downtown is a great location for their business. We had members, whether it was Bridget Sanders of Lena Brow or Spencer Patterson of Fancy Me Boutique who were involved in this process. Both creating a culture of entrepreneurship with more minority owners downtown, and tailoring the programming to be reflective of the community will help us to create a culture that breaks down some of those barriers over time.

Dave Waddington said on page 93 regarding the real estate funding, it says “create a new section 41 TIF program downtown.” What does that mean?

Eric Wobser said anytime downtown projects have come up, there is a sense of are we overinvesting in downtown and is that going to take away from the resources that we use to provide critical services—including safety, code enforcement efforts, housing grant programs, infrastructure investments made in streets and parks—critical services throughout the city. We have taken on the priority previously to the passage of this downtown plan and through the implementation of this plan, to make sure the public investments that come out of this are coming from the revenue generated from downtown projects. Section 41 is one tool to do that which Commissioner Murray has mentioned during different points in the past. TIFs work by ensuring dollars can only be spent in the vicinity where those taxes are generated. We have had a great partnership with Sandusky City Schools, making sure these are used in a measured approach, but in a way that can help us move projects forward. For example, Columbus Avenue is slated to be one of the first projects that we redo. When we redo Columbus Avenue, the cost of that project, that the city’s general fund would be responsible for will come from tax increment financing that is already in place, and exists from the Bowling Green projects, the Marketplace at Cooke, the Cooke, the Schmidt, the Feick, and the City Hall project are all part of an existing TIF. Section 41 TIFs can be layered onto those, on future downtown projects so that any funding that goes into those projects are coming from sources other than general fund sources that we have used and will continue to use to support the services and growth of Sandusky’s neighborhoods. It is really a statement, similar to the Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive, were made possible by TIF funds at the Chesapeake Lofts, it is the tax increment financing on the most recent wave of downtown development that will support our continued investment in the public realm of downtown Sandusky.

Wes Poole said we now have a document before us, which staff is asking us to approve, that does not have enough diversity or enough people’s opinions about this stuff. It is nice, and he appreciates asking for forgiveness afterwards and saying we will take care of this in the future, but he would like to point out that African Americans did not just move here last week. When staff and MKSK sat down and met with stakeholders and looked at survey results, and realized not enough African Americans were on there, and that was the time to address it. The concept of apologizing later, he is not buying it. These folks have lived here all this time, and you had every opportunity before tonight to get more information. His question for Arin Blair, Columbus Avenue is one of the first things we will look at. He is not opposed to looking at it. He is not sure that we have had enough input from downtown businesses, because the talk on the street, is that business people are somewhat skeptical of this. The concept of approving this, he is unsure how he will vote tonight, not because he objects to what is being offered, but he does not want to be in a position where this is steamrolled through without discussion. With the 150 room hotel, what is the occupancy of hotels we have now?

Arin Blair said the marketplace study shows a strong demand for a downtown hotel, which does not currently exist. All the rooms you have in Sandusky now, are in much different environment, on the edges of town, and Cedar Point focused. As far as Columbus Avenue, they

did talk to the business owners that are along the corridor. They were primarily happy to hear about getting more patio space. They reached out to several, multiple times, to view the concepts before they were added to the plan, and made changes based on their feedback. Columbus Avenue is high level, meaning there is lots of opportunity for community engagement, which is really important in the next steps for a process like this.

Eric Wobser added the market study conducted for this site, showed that within four years it would be over 60% occupancy on a year round basis, which is very high. It recommended between 120-150 rooms for this market. It is comparable to occupancy at hotels within the surrounding region, with the caveat, that this hotel could differentiate itself within the market because other hotels are located among similar corridors to each other, no other hotel of this scale is within the downtown region. Several hotel operators have reached out since the plan was announced, saying they would like to look at the potential of this site, in addition to those we had talked to before. Many, many people were engaged on Columbus Avenue. The great news is, this is a broad level plan, just like we identified Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive in the Bicentennial Vision Plan, the very next step after the adoption of that plan, was to do a conceptual planning process that took incredible amounts of public feedback, before any final decisions were made. We envision the same for Columbus Avenue, there will be a robust public process, in which everyone will get to give their two cents, and we can decide together, and the commission will decide ultimately, what project they would like to go forward with.

Mike Meinzer said he is going back to the 70s, back then they were planning for fire protection and they coined this area the high value district. Several decades followed where it severely devalued. He plans to vote affirmatively on this tonight, to give staff direction to continue eliminating blight and to increase the property values in the downtown district. The timeline might be a little aggressive but as long as staff can handle the work of continuing to work on this along with finishing the Neighborhood Initiative, and we are disciplined in our debt service, we can make great strides in bringing commerce and maybe attracting the 10,000 people we lost over those decades.

Dick Brady thanked Arin Blair and Jeff Pongonis for the presentation and delivering the Plan to us. It gives us some exciting ideas, things to work towards, and to dream for.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The President asked if the commissioners wished to remove any of the items on the Consent Agenda. Mike Meinzer wished to move Item B to the Regular Agenda. The President declared Item B to be the new Item #1 on the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM A – Submitted by Jared Oliver, Police Chief

PAYMENT TO LEXIPOL, LLC FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR SANDUSKY POLICE DEPARTMENT (SECOND READING)

Budgetary Information: The total cost for the annual subscription costs with Lexipol is \$14,341. The costs of the annual subscription will be paid from the Police Department Operating Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-019: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing payment to Lexipol, LLC of Frisco, Texas, for the annual subscription fee for policy manual updates and daily training bulletin services for the Sandusky Police Department for the period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

ITEM C – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director & Jason Werling, Recreation Superintendent

PERMISSION TO SUBMIT GRANT TO ODNR FOR SHELBY STREET BOAT LAUNCH RAMP FACILITIES UPGRADES

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the building project is \$140,800, of which \$140,800 will initially be paid with City funds and then reimbursed through the grant program, if awarded. Similarly, the site improvements estimated cost of \$250,861, of which \$250,861 will initially be paid with City funds and then reimbursed through the grant program, if awarded.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-21R: It is requested an resolution be passed approving the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft, for financial assistance through the cooperative boating facility grant program for projects at the Shelby Street Boat Launch Ramp Facility for the Recreation Department; and declaring this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Debi Eversole, Community Development Programs Administrator

PERMISSION TO ISSUE RFP FOR ONE PARCEL IN LAND BANK PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this request for proposals is approximately three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the required newspaper publications. It is anticipated that this cost and all transfer fees will be recouped upon sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-020: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property acquired through the city’s Land Reutilization Program and owned by the city identified as parcel no. 59-01165.000 located at 421 Fulton Street, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to proceed with a request for proposals (RFP) process for the sale of property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM E – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

CHANGE ORDER SECOND & FINAL FOR SHORELINE DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT (DEDUCT)

Budgetary Information:

The original contract with Kokosing, per ordinance 18-192 was \$8,789,877.00. Change Order #1 increased the total contract amount to \$9,997,814.30. Change Order #2 and Final reduces the total completed contract amount by \$35,708.94 to \$9,962,105.36. The below information shows the final breakdown of costs and funding sources for the project.

Funding Source	CO #1 Contract	Change Order	Updated Contract
OWDA, Sewer Fund, Storm*	\$1,305,579	-\$ 9,188.07	\$1,296,390.93
OWDA, Water Fund*	\$1,205,623		\$1,205,623.00
OWDA, Sewer Fund, Sanitary*	\$1,709,517	-\$ 36,886.02	\$1,672,630.98
CDBG (FY 2018)	\$ 460,542		\$ 460,542.00
Capital Fund (Chesapeake TIF)	\$3,655,898.68	\$ 10,365.15	\$3,666,263.83
Issue 8 (2018 Pathway)	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000.00
Capital (2018 Pathway)	\$ 168,332		\$ 168,332.00
Issue 8 (2018 Road)	\$ 253,430		\$ 253,430.00
Private (Wightman Wieber)*	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000.00
Private Funding*	\$ 17,114		\$ 17,114.00
CDBG (FY 2019)*	\$ 372,646.59		\$ 372,646.59
Capital Fund (Battery Park TIF)	\$ 45,632.03		\$ 45,632.03
State of Ohio*	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$9,997,814.30	-\$ 35,708.94	\$9,962,105.36

*The OWDA loans were approved via ordinance 19-099. Acceptance of the State of Ohio money was approved via resolution 01-20R. All private commitments have been received and applied to the project.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-021: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the second & final change order for work performed by Kokosing

Industrial, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, for the Shoreline Drive Rehabilitation Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**ITEM F – Submitted by McKenzie Spriggs, Commission Clerk
NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR JIM’S PIZZA BOX SANDUSKY**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

The city is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a D5I liquor permit (sale of beer and any intoxicating liquor for on-premises consumption and carry-out in original sealed containers) for Jim’s Pizza Box Sandusky, located at 301 W. Water Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Division of Liquor Control the City does not request a hearing on this matter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, 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, and shall take effect in full accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances or resolutions whether they be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter.

Roll call on the motion: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in full accordance with the city charter.

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Greg Voltz, City Planner

**AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP FOR PARCELS LOCATED BETWEEN FIRST & SECOND STREETS
(SECOND READING)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the official Zone Map of the City of Sandusky to rezone parcels on the south side of First Street, east of Farwell Street and parcels on the north side of Second Street, east of Wildman Drive, from “R1-40” (Single-Family Residential District) to “CR” (Commercial Recreation District).

Discussion: Mike Meinzer said he wanted to move this item to the regular agenda so discussion could be had. He thinks he misunderstood when this was first presented. We had two different applicants that requested zoning changes. The city presented a third. With the planned unit development across the street from these units, it is going to a multi-million dollar structure, and he thinks the applicant to the west of Farwell has some plans in place, some intention to convert it into a nice piece of property. He was a little concerned after finding out that east of Wildman there were no plans. He talked to staff and would like to reiterate that he does not want to see a Dollar General or a 7/11 devalue the property and other investments going in on this street. People are putting significant dollars in here. He questions whether the right answer is an amendment or something else. He looks forward to hearing what the other commissioners have to say. He knows Wes Poole and Dennis Murray have some ideas as well.

Dennis Murray said he shares many of the same concerns and he has some concerns for the neighborhood on Second Street.

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to limit the proposed zoning change to the properties on First Street only, and not include the properties that abut Second Street.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7.

Discussion: Mike Meinzer said he is not certain of the methodology, but he would not be opposed to rezoning up to Second Street if the commission saw a plan or idea that would benefit the neighborhood, whether that is a housing complex, residential units, something that would blend in and add value. We could always revisit the zoning change in the future.

Wes Poole asked if anyone on staff knows what the plan is for the owners of the properties on First Street. We are changing the zoning, and the commission can talk about what they do not want to be there, but it does not apply. Whatever is in the zoning change can be approved.

Greg Voltz said Mr. Waldock who is the owner of the Planned Unit Development parcel has expressed interest in building some combo of housing with storage below the housing, for people to store their boats. While staff has not seen drawings for these, that has been his interest, and staff has been told they will reflect the boat houses that are across the street on the water. He also owns the majority of the homes that abut First Street, not all, but a majority.

Wes Poole said the city has done business with Mr. Waldock before and accepting the general concept that he has proposed, he is going to support this, even though he realizes Mr. Waldock is not locked into doing this specific project. The description seems to be acceptable and so he will support this.

Dennis Murray restated his amendment for the record, to modify the legislation so the rezoning affected only the properties abutting First Street and excluded the properties abutting Second Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-022: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the official Zone Map of the City of Sandusky to rezone parcels on the south side of First Street, east of Farwell Street from “R1-40” (Single-Family Residential District) to “CR” (Commercial Recreation District).

Roll call on the motion to amend the legislation: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7.

Upon motion of Mike Meinzer and a second of Dennis Murray, the Commission voted to approve the legislation on second reading. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed on second reading.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Joshua Snyder, Assistant City Engineer

AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1157, FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION (SECOND READING)

Budgetary Information: There are no fees associated with making these administrative changes.

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Eleven (Planning and Zoning Code), Title Five (Additional Zoning Requirements), Chapter 1157 (Flood Damage Reduction) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky in the manner and way specifically set forth herein below.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said this is the second reading on this legislation. Since last meeting, we learned of a quirk in our own codes that require this be passed first by the Planning Commission. It was no one’s fault, it just slipped between the cracks, but thank goodness Mike Zuilhof pointed it out. It is his recommendation that this be tabled, at this time.

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to table this ordinance.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the motion passed and the legislation tabled, to return another day.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Greg Voltz, Planner

ADOPTION OF THE DOWNTOWN SANDUSKY MASTER PLAN (FIRST READING)

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact to the adoption of this Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed approving and adopting the Downtown Sandusky Master Plan for the city of Sandusky.

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance on first reading.

Discussion: Wes Poole said this is an ambitious plan, and we are making a lot of assumptions and beliefs that it is going to do good things for the community. We discussed it earlier, as long as we have a robust conversation before we make any moves, he will support this.

Dick Brady said this commission has the opportunity to change the face of this city for perhaps the next 100 years, for the better. It is the commission's opportunity to be bold. He encouraged each of the commissioners to be bold, to lean forward. Let us take the first step tonight by showing confidence in this plan. Staff gave the commission a plan. Nothing is set in concrete, each of these parts and pieces will have to come back to the commission, to approve dollars, but this is a first step in a long journey. He encouraged everyone to vote for it.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under first reading.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Greg Voltz, Planner

ADOPTION OF THE 2021 PUBLIC ART WORK PLAN (FIRST READING)

Budgetary Information: There is no direct budgetary impact related to the adoption of the 2021 Public Art Work Plan. However, implementation of the projects listed in the Plan will be completed with Public and Cultural Art and Acquisition Fund ("PAAAF") dollars, Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) dollars, and grants and donations that may become available. All projects exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) will require City Commission approval. The PAAAF referenced in the Work Plan, was created with the creation of the City of Sandusky Public Arts and Culture Commission and shall be funded on an annual basis with the use of general funds, not admission tax dollars. One percent (1%) of the total admissions tax received from the previous year was used to calculate the budget for the PAAAF.

ORDINANCE NO. : It is requested an ordinance be passed approving and adopting the 2021 Public Art Work Plan for the city of Sandusky.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Mike Meinzer, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance on first reading.

Discussion: Wes Poole said this is the first reading, so he will say yes, but the commission needs to be thinking about this over the next two weeks. The city is buying used lawn mowers, yet we have \$40,000 to spend on art trinkets. The impact of this is negligible. He will need to think about if he is going to approve it the second time.

Dennis Murray said he does not think Wes Poole meant to derisive of the expenditure of these funds, he was likely trying to place it in context. He would recommend a column that Marsha Carrington had in the Sandusky Register that very day, talking about the importance of art in a community. He did not use to believe in these things himself, but now sees there is an important place for expression. Different people express themselves in different ways. Different people

understand art in different ways. It presents opportunities for lots of conversation. He has had so many conversations with people in Sandusky, and his own family, around the installations we and the Lange Trust have made. He knows some are controversial, but there is a conversation around art. It is a way to focus on other things that relate. By prior legislation, the commission has peeled off a small slice of funding to be designated towards the art. It is modest but important. Eric Wobser has said in the past, we need to maintain projects and programs on a life support basis during this pandemic, so when we return to better times, these still projects and programs still exist. He supports this and respects the desire to take a further look over the next two weeks, which is totally appropriate. He would like to express his support for what the art commission and staff have done to present what he thinks is a good plan with a modest budget.

Wes Poole said he agrees with Dennis Murray about the importance of art, and he is right, it is about context. He recognizes that we are cutting budgets throughout the city and it is about consideration of priorities. The city did not cut anything out of this arts budget. Perhaps we could have cut this a bit, to buy a better lawn mower, which has a significant impact on the parks. When we get to that legislation, he would like to talk further about that. Where we are cutting matters.

Eric Wobser said the art budget was cut by roughly 80%, Greg Voltz can confirm that number, but he ensured the commission the budget was cut dramatically from previous funding year levels.

Greg Voltz said yearly allocations are based off the previous year's admissions tax receipts. The majority of the funds shown in the work plan are from the 2019 admissions year, that were not utilized due to COVID-19, in 2020.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under first reading.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES, INC FOR A NEW MAIL MACHINE

Budgetary Information: The cost for this lease agreement is charged quarterly, with a total cost over a 36-month period of \$29,230.56 (setup fee included). This will be paid with funds from the operating budget of the relevant departments.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-023: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes Inc., of Stamford, Connecticut through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program for postage machine equipment and services; 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF MOWER FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Budgetary Information: The cost for the mower will not exceed \$35,000.00 and will be paid from Capital Issue 8 funds. A new model is estimated at \$80,000 to \$90,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-024: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for the purchase of a used mower for the Grounds Maintenance Division

at public auction at an amount not to exceed \$35,000; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Blake Harris 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 responded to the public question, paraphrasing the question “how can the money be coming out of Issue 8: Parks funds as opposed to general funds/capital funds?” He answered by saying Issue 8 was passed, with a priority going towards maintaining streets, sidewalks and parks. As he was looking at this a couple weeks ago, asking which funds this should come out of, this looks like an item to maintain parks, rather than a vehicle, used to transport good and things. We have taken vehicles out of Issue 8 funds in the past—salt trucks, police cruisers, and other things used for those departments. He thinks this account is justified for this type of expenditure. This mower is critical for the big parts. If we do not get this mower, we have another one in stock, but if anything happens to that, we cannot mow the large acreage parks like Dorn, Lions, etc. It is absolutely essential to have this when spring hits and the grass starts growing.

Eric Wobser said the legislative commitment that was made to the city commission and the community as part of Issue 8, is for around \$800,000 to be transferred for infrastructure. We have historically transferred about \$1.5M in Issue 8, until last year, as revenues performed greater. When revenues came in strong, we upped the amount for infrastructure while maintaining similar amounts for the housing and economic development, because we knew what a priority infrastructure was. Some of those proceeds, on a case by case basis, going towards maintenance, while we think critical and totally appropriate, is also coming on top of an additional amount dedicated.

Dick Brady said he agrees with Aaron Klein, he thinks it is completely appropriate for this purchase and he applauds him and his department to reach out and attempt to purchase used equipment. We have an excellent person, in Troy Vaccaro to evaluate that equipment before purchasing. He asked Aaron Klein and Troy Vaccaro to get a great piece of equipment at a 50% discount and said that is good, sound business sense.

Wes Poole said if we have one lawn mower and we are buying another one. Is he to assume that we run two lawn mowers?

Aaron Klein said that is correct, we have had two in the past and need the second one.

Wes Poole asked what is plan B? We are going to an auction where there may not even be a suitable lawn mower.

Aaron Klein said Troy Vaccaro has been scavenging the GovDeals sites and has found several on there. There is currently no plan B, we may have to buy new, but we will deal with it when the time comes.

Wes Poole asked what fleet maintenance has to do with buying a new lawn mower. How does that tie into the decision of us buying new or used?

Aaron Klein said the city relies heavily on Troy Vaccaro’s direction and recommendation. He recommends us purchasing used, so we can save cost and get other equipment as needed for other city divisions. He finds a piece of equipment and then consults with our field crews, Scott Kromer and the day to day users of that equipment.

Dennis Murray said the apprehension when we are spending money on parks and recreation, we are spending it on seasonal flowers and things we give out to children and participants. That is an important part of it, but the largest percentage of expenditures in government, perhaps with the

exception in Aaron Klein's department, is for personnel and equipment. When we talk about parks and rec, or any service, the salaries and equipment are what dip into that budget. He wanted to share that context.

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

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Assistant Public Works Director

PERMISSION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE 2021 WWTP PRIMARY DIGESTER #1 CLEANOUT PROJECT (FIRST READING)

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including inspection, advertising, construction, and miscellaneous costs, is \$80,000 and will be paid out of the Sewer Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. : It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Digester #1 Cleanout 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.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under first reading.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the resolution passed on first reading.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Detective Ken Nixon retired from the police department on Friday, February 19**, after serving the city for twenty-six years. Thank you Detective Nixon for your dedication to our community. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.
- **Jose Diaz-Torres and Tracey Susana (retired Sergeant) were both sworn in as reserve police officers on February 9.**
- **Nicholas Blackford – previously a reserve police officer – is scheduled to be sworn in as full time police officer on February 25.**
- We would like to **welcome our newest Firefighter Daniel Eifel, who started on February 21**. Daniel comes from Lakewood, Ohio and he has his firefighter I and II and EMT certifications. He is currently enrolled in Paramedic School and will graduate in December 2021.
- Special thanks to all of the field crews who have been working around the clock to keep our streets, sidewalks, parks and bike path clear of snow throughout the past several weeks, as well as to all property owners and residents who have continued to keep their sidewalks and curb ramps clear of snow and ice! Please remember to do whatever you can to have your sidewalks cleared within the first 4 hours of daylight following or during snow events.
Discussion: Eric Wobser said this was probably the heaviest snow in his seven years as city manager. It came in a year when we have had the most turbulence and challenges due to the Pandemic, and even more responsibility put on the shoulders of those people remaining. We have created higher expectations for the streets and the clearing of sidewalks and bike path. To the point, our community did their part, our staff did their

part, and he is very proud from the top to the bottom of the organization and community, and he thanks everyone for what was a tough assignment.

- Unfortunately staff was informed that **the City will not be awarded our \$6M grant application for The Landing through the ODOT Safety Program**. Our understanding is that ODOT only awarded around \$20M this year (~\$100M last year) because of funding shortfalls due to COVID and almost all, if not all, of the funding went to projects that had serious injuries and/or fatalities associated with them. We will keep looking for opportunities and piecing funds together as we already have \$1.4M in grant monies set aside to begin the project. In the meantime, we will continue pushing through design, acquisition, and permitting.
- **The Greenhouse is now accepting palm and fern reservations for Good Friday and Easter Sunday**, order forms are available at www.ci.sandusky.oh.us/departments/greenhouse.php or you may contact 419.627.5829 to place an order.
- **The shoreline stabilization work on the central finger at Shoreline Park was completed on Friday, February 12. The work at the transient marina began on Wednesday, February 17 and is expected to be completed Monday, February 22 (today).**
- The next **Arts and Culture Commission** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 5:15 PM.
- The next **Landmark Commission** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 5:00 PM.
- The next **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 4:30 PM.
- The next **Planning Commission** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24 at 5:00 PM.
- As part of **STS's partnership with NEORide in the FTA IMI Grant, NEORide and Cleveland State are currently conducting a rider survey to solicit their feedback about EZfare, our mobile ticketing app**. This project involves 11 total transit agencies in Ohio. The survey is open until March 1st and the first 200 respondents earn STS bus passes. More information about the project is available at www.neoride.org/imigrant
- **STS submitted a Master Letter of Intent to ODOT on February 22nd indicating an intent to apply for ODOT and FTA funds for the upcoming year. The application for funding is due on April 30, 2021.**

Discussion: Eric Wobser said there have been many questions regarding transit as the state of Ohio is looking to cut back on transit funding statewide, which we are opposed to. Ohio is already one of the lowest states on a per capita basis for its transit funding. This is a capital fund we apply to match for grants to purchase buses and other capital improvements. Tom Horsman is participating tomorrow in a discussion. The staff and commission are doing all the advocacy they can do to mitigate the impact those cuts will have on public transportation, which is really passing the cost down to local municipalities and onto people who need the services the most. We hope the state will consider other ways to balance the budget.

- **The Warming Shelter at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church remained open until the morning of Sunday, February 21.** The shelter was open for two straight weeks thanks to the church, Brittany Benedict, Dora Grant and the many volunteers and community support received throughout the cold snap and many days of snow. This warming shelter is a testament to the caring community that is Sandusky.
- **We have issued two new request for proposals for the purchase of a mobile stage and portable LED screen,** these purchases are being made possible through private donors. More information and legislation will be coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Blake Harris said two Sandusky High alums, El Da'Sheon Nix and Steve Moore, are hosting two events to honor community heroes and first responders. April 10th will be the Central Workers night out, featuring live performances, comedians, paint and party and a raffle. RSVPs will be available March 1.

Dave Waddington asked the law director regarding the tabled item (Item #2), if it would require a public hearing and 30 day notice before it came back to the commission.

Brendan Heil said yes, the whole process will start over. He believes that will require a public hearing and two readings by the city commission, but will double check.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to set a public hearing regarding a CDBG Substantial Amendment for the March 8, 2021 commission meeting.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Blake Harris, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 7.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.



McKenzie Spriggs
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission