

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

**The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to excuse Dennis Murray. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

**City staff present: Mario D’Amico – Interim Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Planning Director, Brad Link – Public Service Director, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Trevor Hayberger – Assistant Law Director and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 12 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked what the specific appropriation amendments are for Consent Agenda Item E.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Jill McGinn, on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, said Sandusky has been selected as one of nine cities in the State of Ohio for a program called Neighborhood Pride on behalf of their energy efficiency programs. These programs provide opportunities for residents to save money on monthly utility bills, make their homes more comfortable and potentially quieter as well as to reduce their carbon footprint. This is done through home energy audits for homes which are owner-occupied, rentals, and for landlords or buildings with under four units. This includes safety checks of all the gas appliances, installation of energy-saving measures (programmable thermostats, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators), blower door tests and infrared thermography to make the home more efficient. At the end of the audit, a report is provided to the homeowner with no obligation to move forward. However, if the customer is inclined to move forward and install upgrades to make their home more energy efficient, Columbia Gas will help contribute to them. The cost of the audit for a customer outside of Sandusky is \$50, residents in Sandusky will only be charged a fee of \$20. Should insulation measures be recommended, the most a customer would pay for installation is \$300 and is an instant discount rather than a rebate. If a furnace is recommended, an instant \$1,000 discount is offered to be made more affordable for the resident. There is a participating contractor network offering a number of various options for residents to ensure they are comfortable with who is going into their homes and a quality control check is performed on ten percent of the jobs. The greatest way for this program to be advertised is by word of mouth and in order to thank those who recommend the program, a \$20 check is provided so in essence, the home energy audit would be at no cost. Naomi Twine asked if the contractors utilized are local and Jill McGinn said some are, especially with the HVAC and furnace work, but they are currently looking for insulation contractors. Angela Byington said when she worked for the City of Elyria, Columbia Gas provided this program for residents and the program is spectacular and many residents took advantage of it. It started off a little slow and the public thought it might be too good to be true, but once it began, the program spread quickly and the residents were very happy with it. Dick Brady said it does not sound like there is a downside to this and sounds like a wonderful program for our residents.

Talon Flohr with the 2017 Leadership Erie County Class (LEC) said he started working for the city about one year ago and had the opportunity to tour the Nehemiah Center during their summer program which is great for the community. Tondra Frisby, Director of Nehemiah Center said it is a pleasure and an honor for this LEC team who offered to raise money for an air conditioner for

the gymnasium. Currently, programming cannot be offered in the building during the summer months because of the extreme heat and they wish to expand what they do. The kids love what is offered and started with six kids in one room; this year there are 123 kids signed up for summer camp which starts July 5. They receive many calls about other groups utilizing the gymnasium but it is simply too hot to use after a certain time of the day. LEC did a great job choosing this project and it will offer many benefits to the community. These kids are our emerging generation and the more programming, opportunities and experiences the center can offer kids, the more opportunity for them to come back to our area. Ryan Karbula with LEC said his class chose to work with Nehemiah Center to raise approximately \$50,000 to purchase three high efficiency HVAC systems for the gym portion of the former Campbell School building. The campaign kicks off with an event on July 21 with a charity auction and concert at the Elks Club. Wes Poole said he thoroughly appreciates the contributions made by the Nehemiah Center which is very important to the community. Naomi Twine said we need places like the Nehemiah Center as it is a safe place for kids to go and the city is well-served with them in the community. Dick Brady said the intersecting of LEC and the Nehemiah Center is terrific and LEC has provide many great ideas and much value to the community as well as the Nehemiah Center. There are always skeptics, but they have been proven wrong as the Nehemiah Center has made a difference in hundreds of kids' lives and this is what makes a community.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**The Vice President opened a Public Hearing regarding the City of Sandusky's 2018 Tax Budget.**

Hank Solowiej said as part of our annual audit, we are required to have a Public Hearing to approve our tax budget and the Ohio Revised Code spells out what information is required to be in it. This requirement used to be waived by the Erie County Budget Commission but is no longer the case. This helps the County Auditor to set property tax rates, to allocate local government funds and starts the process to plan for next year. The first draft of the city's budget is due to the City Commission by November 1 and must be approved by the end of March each year. The city's website has monthly financial reports, Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports, agendas and minutes for the Audit/Finance Committee, audit reports and the Ohio Online Checkbook. Sandusky is probably the most transparent political subdivision in Erie County and there is a wealth of information available.

**There being no questions or comments from the public, the Vice 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 ITEMS**

**The President asked if anyone wished to remove any of the Consent Agenda Items; there were no requests to do so.**

#### **A. Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**

##### **ADOPTION OF THE CY 2018 TAX BUDGET**

**Budgetary Information:** The tax budget will establish initial funding for 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 036-17R:** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the tax budget for the City of Sandusky for the calendar year 2018; authorizing the submission of the tax budget to the Erie County Auditor; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

#### **FIRST READING**

##### **B. Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

##### **AMENDMENT TO OPEN HOUSING CODE RELATED TO FAIR HOUSING**

**Budgetary Information:** There will be no impact to the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-122:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Five (General Offenses Code) Chapter 539 (Open Housing Code), of the codified ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

**C. Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CDBG ENTITLEMENT GRANT FOR PY 2017 – 2018 & SUBMIT FY 2017 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN TO U.S. HUD**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no impact on the city's general fund. All projects in the program will be paid for with CDBG funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-123:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to accept an entitlement grant in the amount of \$664,148 total community development block grant funds for the program year of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and to submit to the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development a FY 2017 one-year action plan; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager, John Orzech, Police Chief & Mario D'Amico, Interim Fire Chief**

**PURCHASE OF 15 DELL TABLETS FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost for this purchase will be \$36,168.90, and will be paid by the capital fund in the amount of \$20,021.73, Police Department operating funds in the amount of \$1,679.61 and by the EMS fund in the amount of \$14,467.56.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-124:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase fifteen Dell rugged tablets and associated docking and mounting hardware from Dell Marketing L.P. of Round Rock, Texas, for the Sandusky Police and Fire Departments; 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**

**APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT #3**

**Budgetary Information:** Appropriation amendments are required to update the budget for previous actions of the city. Examples include, but are not limited to: Issue 8 carryover funds for marketing and infrastructure; Fire Department donation account for donation received from Stein Foundation; Sandusky Bay Initiative – allocate budget funds for staff payroll expenses; Lincoln Street water and sewer replacement project, and; Transit.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-125:** It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting Amendment #3 to Ordinance #17-064 passed by this City Commission on March 27, 2017, making general appropriations for the FY 2017; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**F. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 216 EAST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** Warehouse Properties, LLC will be responsible for recording fees associated with filing the easement at the Erie County Recorder's Office. There will be no impact on the city's budget to approve this easement. However, the city will spend a small amount of money purchasing asphalt for the surface repair.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-126:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to grant a perpetual easement to Warehouse Properties, LLC, for storm water drainage purposes; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**G. Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing regarding the request for a D5A (*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. for hotel or motel with 50 or more rooms for transient*)**

guests) and D6 (sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and midnight) liquor permit transfer from J.M. Sciarappa, Inc. dba South Shore Inn to Sandusky Hospitality, Inc. dba South Shore Inn, 2047 Cleveland Road.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, 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 accordance with the Section reflected in the ordinances and/or resolutions, whether it be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter.

*Discussion:* Wes Poole said a number of things were added or removed including personal services, other and a total, but does not know why we are doing this or what they mean. Hank Solowiej said this was brought up at the May 22 Commission meeting and has to do with the city's new financial management software which prevents staff from spending money when it has not been appropriated. The items presented tonight are being made due to a \$15,000 donation from the Stein Foundation to purchase a chest compression system for the Fire Department; this was not budgeted for, but we have funds from the Foundation and these need to be appropriated. Additionally, the Lincoln Street water and sewer project was approved at the last meeting and now that the numbers are in, funds need to be appropriated. The Sandusky Bay Initiative grant in the amount of \$1 million was thought to be at one hundred percent for non-payroll expenses, but we have learned a small portion can be utilized for payroll and we are making a budget adjustment from a non-payroll account. CDBG funds were acquired through the Recreation Division and this money will be reallocated from payroll to non-payroll expenses. The city had carryover funds from Issue 8 as they were not all spent last year and this will allow appropriation of these funds. Wes Poole said it would be helpful if this information is provided on the front end in the future to help manage the city's budget. Dick Brady said there is a lot of material in the reports provided and to get into the minutiae of them is their (Commissioner) obligation.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed in accordance with the City Charter.**

**ITEM #1 - Submitted by Maria Muratori, Development Specialist**

**GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR BOB HARE, 216 EAST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing a total of \$22,500 in grant proceeds from the economic development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 17-127:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing a façade grant in the amount of \$7,500 to Warehouse Properties, LLC, in relation to the property located at 216 East Water Street; 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 accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko said Bob Hare is the owner of Warehouse Properties and is here this evening; his track record speaks for itself with investments in other downtown properties and his personal residence. This is an 8,000 to 9,000 SF warehouse adjacent to Mr. Hare's personal residence on Water Street and would bring CrossFit of Sandusky as a tenant in the back of the property. This is important as the back of the property is very visible and backs up to the city's Wayne Street parking lot. This will be an approximate \$125,000 interior and exterior renovation

including new utility and lighting improvements, building repairs, concrete enhancements in the interior of the facility, bath and shower facilities, façade and site improvements including a new entrance from the Wayne Street parking lot, exterior masonry, wall improvements, new windows and exterior lighting. This is the current southern façade of the property and a portion of the western façade. A total of \$22,500 in owner equity including an \$8,000 private loan and two separate grants (\$7,500 for façade and \$2,500 in small business assistance) to assist with the interior buildout which is about 18% of city commitment for the project. Both grants were approved at the Economic Development Incentive Committee meetings in April. Bob Hare said he appreciates the consideration and there was not an option to *not* purchase this building as it shared utilities with his residence. The old window frames are gone and the interior is decrepit and three fourths of the concrete needs to be replaced due to age and water damage. A tile drainage system is being installed inside and outside to control the water infiltration issues. Dick Brady said when work is being done around this neighborhood, one of those doing the work is always Bob Hare and he truly has sweat equity into the project. Wes Poole said this is a great project and is very happy to see it come to fruition and does not want to lose sight of the two parking lots adjacent which need improvements; the city has a responsibility to take care of this. Nikki Lloyd thanked Bob Hare for his investment and said this is a fantastic addition to downtown and it is good to have him as a neighbor.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

- B. [ORDINANCE NO. 17-128](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a small business assistance grant in the amount of \$15,000 to Warehouse Properties, LLC, in relation to the property located at 216 East Water Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 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 accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

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

**AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH T & M ASSOCIATES RELATED TO BROWNFIELDS GRANT**

**Budgetary Information:** The Brownfields grant will fund one hundred percent of this contract. These dollars would have been spent from the city's capital fund accounts if the grant were not available.

**[ORDINANCE NO. 17-129](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve a first amendment to the agreement with T & M Associates of Cleveland, Ohio, for professional environmental services in conjunction with the U.S. EPA Brownfields grants received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and declaring that this ordinance 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 accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said the city received \$400,000 of U.S. EPA money and \$391,000 of these funds are for consultant services to provide Phase I, sample plans, Phase II and remedial action plans. The city contracted with two consulting firms (Mannik & Smith and T & M) and during the selection process, one of their key members switched firms and we wanted to make sure we were comfortable with the work being done. T & M performed Phase I site eligibility, asbestos survey, sample plan and Phase II at the American Crayon property for \$52,700 which left under \$8,000 remaining on their contract. Of the remaining \$136,000, we would like to allocate another \$100,000 to provide an opportunity to look to both consultants for pricing. We have spent over \$70,000 analyzing three properties to date which money is saved from the general fund budget. Dick Brady said he credits Aaron Klein with the strategy of having competing engineering companies which serves the taxpayer well and encouraged him to stay with this strategy to get the best for our money.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #3 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC FOR SANDUSKY BAY INITIATIVE AREAS #1 & #2**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of this agreement is \$650,000, but there is no financial impact to the city budget as all costs associated with this project will be paid through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources State of Ohio Capital, Healthy Lake Erie Fund grant of \$1,000,000 received earlier this year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-130:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a professional services and subgrant agreement with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, of DePere Wisconsin, for the Sandusky Bay Initiative Area #1 & #2 projects; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said both consultants (Items 3 & 4) would be paid through a \$1 million grant through the Healthy Lake Erie Fund. The money is set up to perform analysis, design, investigation and engineering for up to four projects. All four are designed for beneficial reuse of dredged material, improvement of wildlife, habitat, fish habitat, birding habitats, nature-based shorelines and wetlands along the coast. Project Area #1 is west of the Sandusky coal docks along the mouth of Cold Creek; Area #2 is south of Cedar Point along Cedar Point Drive; Area #3 is in the East Bay.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #4 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BIOHABITATS FOR SANDUSKY BAY INITIATIVE AREA #3**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of this agreement is \$249,972.10, but there is no financial impact to the city budget as all costs associated with this project will be paid through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources State of Ohio Capital, Healthy Lake Erie Fund grant of \$1,000,000 received earlier this year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-131**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a professional services and subgrant agreement with Biohabitats, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland, for the Sandusky Bay Initiative Area #3 project; 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 accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #5 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

**CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER AMERICAN CRAYON FACILITY WITH ED BURDUE**  
**Budgetary Information**: The total project cost based on the bid, including demolition and abatement activities and advertising is \$568,871.20 (\$145.20 for advertising). The project will be paid for from the EMS fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-132**: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ed Burdue & Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the demolition and asbestos abatement of the former American Crayon facility project; 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 Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion*: Dick Brady said it is about time and thanked Matt Lasko for his diligence with this project. It is painful to part with \$150,000 to ingratiate someone, but this is the right thing to do and costs very little in the scheme of things. The contractor lined up for the demolition is great and he will fulfill his obligation to rid the city of the largest piece of blight in this city.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a \$50 donation from the Sandusky Memorial Day Committee and a \$250 donation from Platinum Restoration Contractors, Inc. for the Sandusky Fire Department. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept two donations including five \$20 Kroger gift cards (\$100 value) from an anonymous donor to purchase ice cream for Police Officers to distribute to children in our parks program and \$75 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the Police Department. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**
- **Police Officers began bike patrols this past week** and will be focusing on the neighborhood initiative areas, parks and community events. Patrols will be during different days and times this summer.
- **The Sandusky Fire Department will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, July 1.** Proceeds from the race will benefit the Sandusky Firefighters Charity Shoe Fund and

registration forms can be picked up at the Sandusky Fire Department main station on Market Street and can also be found on the city's website.

- The **2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on schedule to be filed with the Government Finance Officers Association** by the June 30 deadline.
- The **new carbon feed system was successfully tested at Big Island** at high feed rates as outlined in our harmful algal bloom treatment optimization protocols previously submitted to the Ohio EPA. This demonstrates the Water Plant is now capable of effectively responding to a large algal bloom, if necessary.
- Congratulations to **Bryan Kline who was promoted to Maintenance III in the Water Distribution Division.**
- The funds for the **Housing Development and Beautification Programs** for PY 2017 have been fully committed. Staff expects to continue this program again in 2018. For the remainder of 2017, applications for properties within the designated model blocks will be the only applications accepted. The designated model blocks will be unveiled in July as part of the Sandusky 2018 Neighborhood Initiative.
- The regular **Planning Commission meeting** will be held June 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room and the Public Hearing regarding recreational vehicles in the city has been canceled. The regularly-scheduled Planning Commission meeting will still be held.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is scheduled for July 15 at 4:30 in the first floor conference room.
- **Recent promotions include: Matt Wineman to the new Maintenance II at Oakland Cemetery; Brian Camp to a Maintenance III in the Grounds Maintenance Division; Scott James to Construction Foreman in the Building Maintenance Division.**
- **Lions Park and Huron Park splash pads** are operational and open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) until Labor Day.
- **Buoys have been placed off the Lions Park beach** marking the submerged pier and thanks to members of the Fire Department for helping with their placement.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington said he hosted a **cleanup in the Wightman Wieber Park neighborhood** this past weekend and a lot of items are being dumped here as well as in other areas and wished there was a way to raise fines to prevent illegal dumping. Dick Brady agreed and said he does not mind picking up litter, but to be hauling away partitions, siding and roofing materials from homes is asking a bit much and perhaps we need to deal with this in the same manner as we have at the city's recycle centers. We have to make a commitment to prosecute when we find violators and spend appropriate dollars on technology if this continues to be a problem and perhaps the threat of technology will help to prevent dumping.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to investigate the cost(s) to purchase four new cameras to rotate in problem areas.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole asked if a report can be generated about the cameras currently used and their activities and arrests made as a result to justify the expenditure. Dick Brady said he believes this can be a deterrent.



**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

Greg Lockhart thanked the staff who came to the **Hancock Street neighborhood meeting** last week and said approximately 40 persons from the business, church and non-profit community attended to discuss improvements to the corridor including public art, planters and public gardens. Moving forward, we are looking at a big neighborhood improvement day in August and seeking volunteers. The Hancock Street block party will be held August 20. It may not be a bad idea to explore or research cameras for Hancock Street as well to make sure this is a safe and secure area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dick Brady said this Monday will provide an opportunity to enhance the **care and protection of the Great Lakes by participating in All Hands on Deck**. All Hands on Deck will be an outpouring of persons concerned with the potential defunding of the Great Lakes Initiative. This transcends a political issue or statement as the health, care and cleanliness of our Great Lakes has a lot to do with our economic survival in this area. The public is welcome to join the city on July 3 at 10 a.m. in Shoreline Park to show we care about the Great Lakes and send a signal that diminishing our funding will be detrimental.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked what the carryover funds are for Issue 8. Hank Solowiej said this report is online and can provide it if unable to locate it. Sharon Johnson asked why the Public Hearing was canceled about recreational vehicles and if people can still show up at the regular Planning Commission meeting to provide their comments. Wes Poole asked why this was canceled and what will happen now. Angela Byington said the Public Hearing was pulled from the Agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting and a cancellation notice was published in the newspaper; those who contacted the city directly have also been told this. The Hearing will be rescheduled at a later date. Trevor Hayberger said there is a reason for setting the hearing and it is recommended to have this (public comment) done all at the same time. If we allow people to provide testimony after the cancellation has been advertised, others might wish they had been able to do so. Dick Brady said there will be a Public Hearing set in the future and this will be the appropriate time for people to make comments, otherwise, some may be left out. Angela Byington said comments can also be submitted via email or verbally to staff in the Planning Department.

Willie McCarty, 628 East Adams Street, thanked Talon Flohr for accomplishing a new community garden on Hancock Street. Willie McCarty said cameras cannot be everywhere and they have never been on Hancock Street and are not needed as there are good people living here and they were offended by Commissioner Lockhart trying to take over their block party. The residents and members of the Police Department changed a former drug infested area to what it is today because of coming together and does not want the block party to become a political event. East Adams Street is booming and he (Willie) created a reflection park with running water and a community garden to help feed the community at no cost. The East Adams Street Block Party will take place on July 4 and appreciates Chief Orzech and Dave Waddington coming each year. Dick Brady said there is not a time he drives down Meigs Street when he does not look for this garden and appreciates what Willie McCarty has done.

Tim Schwanger, 216 East Water Street, asked if the developer is paying for the project and being reimbursed by the city (Item #1) and this was affirmed. Tim Schwanger said the new restaurant in the 100 Block of Columbus Avenue has added a fenced-in seating area but because of a tree, leaves less than a 4' opening in which to walk and does not believe this meets ADA requirements. Dick Brady said the city's Law Department is aware of this issue and will be dealing with it. Tim Schwanger asked how it gets to this point as they must have applied for a permit and been made aware of the restrictions. Dick Brady said because this is in the Law Department's hands, it would be inappropriate to comment and we will not turn a blind eye to this. The Washington Street

Pier project was done this weekend but materials were under-estimated and it will be finished before July 4. Hopefully there will be plans for repairs made through the East Bay plan as it is in need of major repairs.

**At 6:20 p.m., upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Vice President announced the meeting was adjourned.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Commission Clerk

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