

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

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 23 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nick Pasqualini, 527 Gartland Avenue, thanked the city for the work done on the beautiful new street which he lives on and specifically thanked Jane Cullen, Megan Stookey and Ed Dayringer and said he hopes the city uses Underground Utilities for additional work in the city as they did a wonderful job.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked if the new street will be designed for one-way traffic from Fifth Street to Arthur Street (Item #7) and asked if it includes area in front of the school property.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

Naomi Twine presented a **Proclamation on behalf of the 2018 Drive Sober Campaign weeks** which are taking place from August 17 through September 3.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Jeff Ferrell, Perkins Township Trustee, presented a Proclamation to the City of Sandusky in observance of the **city's Bicentennial** being celebrated in 2018.

John Hildebrandt, said he is a member of the Erie County Historical Society and presented the **top ten most significant events in Sandusky's history**. Although not a complete list, this is arbitrary and subjective and those he deems as those which are the most important in his estimation. Events are broadly defined and these ten events are not compared or rated:

1. 1849, 1850 & 1852 - the Cholera Epidemics;
2. 1838 - Erie County was created from Huron County and Sandusky was named the county seat;
3. 1899 – George Boeckling gained control of Cedar Point; the Hotel Breakers, Coliseum and electric midway followed;
4. 1890 – 1970 – Era of the Big Box manufacturer (Hinde & Dauch, Scott Paper, American Crayon, New Departure Hyatt [GM], Ford and Chrysler;
5. 1924 – Tornado devastates Sandusky;
6. 1960 – George Roose and Emil Legros announce plans to invest \$16 million in Cedar Point creating Disneyland of the Midwest;
7. 1977 – Sandusky map opens and US 250 development takes off (road widening and sewers make this possible) and downtown Sandusky loses its retail mojo;
8. 2000 – Firelands acquires Providence and three hospitals become one;
9. 2005 – Kalahari opens and indoor waterparks create a second season;
10. 2014 – Sandusky residents pass income and admission tax increases, partner with Cedar Fair, BGSU and others in downtown development.

Other contenders for this list included the opening of the Ohio Veterans Home (1888); prohibition coming to Sandusky (1919 – 1931); Firelands College/BGSU opening (1967); Mosley Channel opens allowing continued development of Sandusky as a coal port and the opening of the Sandusky Plaza in 1957.

John Hildebrandt thanked the Sandusky Library Archival Research Center and their Sandusky History Blogspot for much of the research material(s). Dennis Murray thanked John Hildebrandt for his remarks and his historical perspective and also thanked him for speaking on the city's behalf at Cholera Cemetery last week. Some folks do not really know much about Sandusky's history but said the Erie County Historical Society has a lot of information on its website including self-guided walking tours and have also been instrumental in putting on the Bicentennial Banter series to make sure our history comes alive.

### **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**

**Dennis Murray asked if anyone wished to remove any of the Consent Agenda items. There were no requests to do so.**

#### **A. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**

##### **ACQUISITION OF FIVE PARCELS THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of these acquisitions will be approximately \$505 to pay for the title exams and transfer fees. The city will not collect the \$1,853.97 owed to the city in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the \$12,501.09 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all or part of these costs may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the parcels. As the properties are put back into tax producing status, the taxing districts will once begin collecting real estate taxes of approximately \$3,188.84 per year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 031-18R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the land reutilization program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

#### **B. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**

##### **PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, closing costs, deed preparation and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The city will recoup the cost of the expenses from the sale. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately \$205.86 per year in real estate taxes, which will increase after the structure is built.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-153:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #59-00466.000 located at 936 West Market Street is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

#### **C. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**

##### **PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENTS THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION – MOW TO OWN PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with these purchase agreements is the total amount of the lot split, title examination, recording and transfer fees and survey and deed preparation. Any such costs shall be recouped by the city from the nonrefundable earnest money deposits required to be paid by the purchasers upon sale. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting real property taxes in the amount of approximately \$191.11 per year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-154:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #56-00684.000, located at 615 Meigs Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of purchase and sale agreements with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director**

**GRANT APPLICATION RATIFICATION TO NATIONAL RECREATION & PARKS ASSOCIATION (NRPA) FOR JAYCEE PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to complete and submit the application. The total project budget in the capital improvement plan is \$575,000 including planning with a total grant request for green infrastructure of \$300,000. The additional \$275,000 would be paid with capital funds dedicated for park infrastructure or sewer funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-18R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving and ratifying the submission of a grant application to the National Recreation & Park Association for financial assistance through the Great Urban Parks Campaign: Green Infrastructure in Underserved Communities program for improvements to Jaycee Park; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

**BEAUTIFICATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CONOR & BRANDY WHELAN**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing up to \$12,500 in grant proceeds from the Neighborhood Initiative Fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-156:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$12,500 through the Housing Development & Beautification grant program to Conor and Brandy Whelan in relation to the property located at 906 Central Avenue; 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said he is happy the city is using this money from our neighborhood initiative fund for these needed upgrades. The estimated repair are a little over \$100,000 and the Whelan's have done some great work over the years in this neighborhood. Dennis Murray said he understands the Whelan's had a disaster with frozen pipes and have put a lot of money into the home and thanked them for their investment in the community.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine and Greg Lockhart, 7. The**

**President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #2 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

**CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH ED BURDUE & CO. FOR FORMER AMERICAN CRAYON PROPERTY**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of all items included in this change order is \$19,846. The funds will be expensed from the EMS account.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-155:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the second change order for work to be performed by Ed Burdue & Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the demolition and asbestos abatement of the former American Crayon facility project in the amount of \$19,846; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko said this change order includes a time extension to move the substantial completion date to September 30, an increase of \$10,676 to the contract for the installation of stone brought onto the west side of the property to help with stabilization and repairs to the cracked sanitary sewer lines across Rockwell Street. We expect this will be the final change order, but there is some excavation work yet to be completed. Dick Brady asked if this is now an environmentally clean site for the next tenant and Matt Lasko said prior to the city's acquisition, a Phase I and Phase II environmental assessment was completed and is developable to a commercial standard and close to residential standards. Dennis Murray asked if the demolition contract included seeding and Matt Lasko said ten percent is held back until we are assured the site has fully grown in. Once the initial seed was laid, there was a storm which washed out a great majority of it.

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

**ITEM #3 - Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor**

**PURCHASE OF LEAF COLLECTION EQUIPMENT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the John Deere 25 cubic yard leaf collector is \$52,552.95 and will be paid with sewer funds which were budgeted in the capital improvement plan and accounted for in the 2018 rate review.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-157:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a John Deere 25 cubic yard leaf collector from A.R.M. OPCO, Inc., dba The American Road Machinery Company of Canton, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Water Distribution Division; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said this is a big investment but hopefully this will help removing leaves from the street in a speeder fashion and help reduce the waste generated in catch basins. Aaron Klein said the existing equipment is very old and not in good shape. Five years ago, we considered abandoning the leaf collection program and was told this was not feasible. We are now trying to make this process more efficient and better for the residents, the sewer system

and streets. Last year, through the oversight of Scott Kromer and Dave Borsick, we came up with a plan to rent equipment similar to this and it ran very smoothly. This equipment provides flexibility for staff and we will mothball the current equipment. Wes Poole asked what the difference is and how it will save the city money. Aaron Klein said the existing equipment must be mounted on the vehicles and transferred off and on when the salt equipment is needed. There is more efficiency with the transfer and there now is a vehicle dedicated for this purpose. Leaves can be picked when frozen to the ground. Wes Poole asked if this requires less manpower for the process and Aaron Klein said the vehicle requires less manpower but we will not give the program less manpower.

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

**ITEM #4 - Submitted by Todd Gibson, Sr., Facilities & Properties Supervisor**

**PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE DIVISION AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the purchase of the John Deere 324K four-wheel drive loader is \$95,159.55 and will be paid with sewer funds which were budgeted in the capital improvement plan and accounted for in the 2018 rate review.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-158:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1991 John Deere backhoe as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a 2018 John Deere 324K four-wheel drive loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., of Brunswick, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program for the Sewer Maintenance Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

**ITEM #5 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**PURCHASE OF MANHOLE AND VALVE BOX LEVELING SYSTEM**

**Budgetary Information:** The purchase of this piece of equipment and support materials shall not exceed \$23,998.85 and shall be paid with available water funds in the current 2018 operation and maintenance budget.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-159:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to expend funds for the purchase of a Mr. Manhole gold series six shooter manhole leveling system and accessories from Critex, LLC, of Delphos, Ohio, in the amount of \$23,998.85; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said the city will be required to develop a program where our water valves are turned on a regular basis. Because we have not operated them for so long, we are expecting many of them to blow or break and will cause the manholes and valve boxes to need

replacement. The Ohio EPA portion is for the piece of equipment being purchased for this valve-turn program. The equipment being purchased will allow for a saw to go around individual manholes, drill down to pull it up and begin working immediately. This equipment goes from having a four-man crew working for three hours per manhole or valve box to a three-man crew for one hour. With all of our street resurfacing being done, this will save a lot of employee time. Wes Poole asked if data can be kept showing how many man hours will be saved and Aaron Klein said this can be done but it will vary as different streets have various numbers of manholes. The first year we adjusted manholes, we paid a contractor just under \$10,000 to do this portion.

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

**ITEM #6 - Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager**

**NEW CITY HALL AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the project is \$110,245. With the nature of the project and the probability of changes to the building itself prior to completion, it is anticipated additional funds may be necessary to complete the project and therefore a contingency of ten percent (\$11,024) has been budgeted for this project. No additional funds will be expended unless approved by the City Commission. The project will be expenses from the capital projects fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-160:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the purchase and installation of audio and video equipment from Torrence Sound Equipment Company of Perrysburg, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchase program for the City Hall audio/video 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 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:* Stuart Hamilton said this is to outfit the new City Hall commission chambers, main conference room and two everyday conference rooms with audio/video equipment. The commission chamber will have the same functionality as it does currently and we will reuse all of our existing equipment. We will add the ability to have video conferencing online. The conference rooms will be built from scratch. The only thing being left at the current City Hall are the cables and the manpower it took to put them in. We do need to upgrade some equipment to make it function in the new space as it is larger and has a different shape and will take some tweaking. Dave Waddington said as part of the lease agreement between the city and SandCity, LLC, certain expenses remain the financial and logistical responsibility of the city and asked if there will be more to this. Stuart Hamilton said for this project, there will not be additional items. There will be other things coming for the City Hall project itself. Dave Waddington asked what will happen when the lease ends in seven years and Stuart Hamilton said this will be designed so we can pick up and move if we do not purchase it then. Dennis Murray said as outlined in the communication provided, there will be additional items in the coming months including data, information technology, A/V and security systems, exterior and interior wayfinding signage and new furniture along with moving services. Wes Poole asked about the use of laser pointers and Stuart Hamilton said these do not work on LED devices and a reflective surface is necessary.

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

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer****PAYMENT TO SANDUSKY CITY SCHOOLS FOR ARTHUR STREET BUS ACCESS DRIVE**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will make payments to the school up to a maximum of \$75,000 through a normal invoicing process. Payment will be made using capital projects funds in the amount of \$65,000 and Issue 8 infrastructure funds from the capital projects fund in the amount of \$10,000 have been allocated in the capital improvement plan.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-161:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds to the Sandusky City School District in the amount of \$75,000 for improvements to the Arthur Street right-of-way for a bus access drive at Ontario School; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said when the Ontario School projected started, there was a lot of discussion about traffic and the city was very concerned about the congestion which will be on Ontario Street and in this neighborhood. We came up with the idea to have an outlet on Fifth Street to the east end of the school building. The original configurations were to bring bus traffic from Ontario School to the north side of the building to Arthur Street. When the project was bid, the city need to make sure this happened, the state did not want them to spend money within the right-of-way and the city was very concerned about this portion of the project being eliminated. This is the reason we made sure to do what was right and is the reason \$75,000 is for a dedicated drive for the school bus traffic to access the rear of the school and to exit from this driveway. The pickup and drop-off would be in the Ontario Street section and all bus traffic would enter and exit from Fifth Street to the rear of the school. Eric Wobser said each neighborhood selected in the initiative had an anchor project; some were city projects while others were occurring in the vicinity. Ontario School was always the anchor for this neighborhood but ultimately a large city-wide school in a tightly compact residential neighborhood was the challenge. This was an opportunity for this neighborhood to benefit from the school and bring in traffic from the rear so as not to overwhelm. Dave Waddington asked if there are electronic gates and Aaron Klein said this is a designated drive entrance and will be considered more like a drive apron than a roadway. Angela Byington said the last set of plans which were approved will be utilized with signage from the street and there will be an electronic gate closer to the parking area so residents will know not to go in the driveway. We are also working with the Police Department when school opens. Dennis Murray said we are in a white hot economy as far as construction costs and schools have run into this recently and the Sandusky City Schools have gone back to the drawing board to look at different designs and ways to save costs. Dennis Murray said he would like to make sure there is a way to know they will proceed in a manner that does not include this driveway to cut down on costs and that it cannot go into something else. Trevor Hayberger said this is required for the access bus drive and is spelled out in the legislation and we would not even make payment until this is done. Wes Poole said there needs to be a gate at the east end of the drive where it intersects with Arthur Street because this traffic would not be good for the neighborhood. Angela Byington said there was an option to gate Arthur Street but because it is a right-of-way; access cannot be blocked so it was determined to use signage with a gate at the property line.

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

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50 from the Solowiej family in memory of William Emmett Stahl for the Mills Creek Golf Course. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a \$100 donation from James and Martha Pitcher as a thank you to the Sandusky Fire Department for the installation of smoke detectors. The President declared the motion passed.**
- The **new city website** will be live this evening. This is phase one and is the actual website itself - the information portion - along with utility billing. We will keep adding additional features throughout the rest of the year. Please let Kelly Kresser (419.627.5850) or Leslie Mesenburg (419.627.5844) know if you find any problems or have any comments so we can address them. Eric Wobser thanked Kelly Kresser, Leslie Mesenburg and Stuart Hamilton for their hard work and commitment to this project, without which this would not have been possible.
- The **Bicentennial Banter history series** resumes this Wednesday with an awards ceremony presented by the NAACP, called "Sandusky's Firsts," recognizing black residents who were "firsts" in the Sandusky community. The awards ceremony begins this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Sandusky State Theatre.
- The **Founders' Weekend** will take place this weekend and includes a parade beginning at Strobel Field going down Hayes Avenue to Columbus Avenue and ending downtown on August 18 beginning at 10 a.m.; The Firelands Symphony Orchestra concert will be held on August 19 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sandusky Bay Pavilion. This concert is free to the community and ends with fireworks. Eric Wobser thanked McKenzie Spriggs and everyone on the Bicentennial Commission who worked very hard on these events.
- Members of the Police Department recently participated in community events including the **Sandusky City Schools Back to School Rally** and the **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event**. They also passed out Bicentennial Owls and Eagles during the fifth annual **Touch a Truck event** in which over 800 kids attended.
- The Sandusky Fire Department has been awarded a **Bureau of Workers Compensation Fire Fighter exposure environmental elements grant** in the amount of \$7,680. This will be used to buy all fire fighters a pair of Honeywell super gloves and Innotex gray particulate hoods.
- The **Sandusky Fire Department was awarded an EMS grant** in the amount of \$3,575 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.
- The IT Department will release a **request for proposals for printer and copier replacement and support contracts** throughout the city. The intent is to keep most of the printers we currently own except for the main centralized copiers which require replacement.
- **Tiffany Taylor, GIS Analyst, has been asked to be part of the "Ask the Experts" panel as well as be a contributing voice to the discussion style workshop at the 2018 Ohio GIS Conference.** In the workshop, representatives from Ohio cities and organizations will present to discuss how they utilize GIS and ask questions of their peers. This will primarily be an opportunity in which to spotlight the successes in the City of Sandusky and also showcase us as a GIS pioneer and leader in Erie County. This is an impressive



achievement given her short tenure, and shows her agility and understanding of a very complex technology.

- **EcoTree Services, the contractor for the 2018 tree program, has begun to mobilize for tree and stump removals** and affected property owners will be notified as a schedule is established.
- The Friends of the Greenhouse will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$2,231.67 from the Erie County Community Foundation to be applied toward the purchase of a steel and limestone **sign for the city greenhouse lawn**. Funds would be used to supplement any additional costs that would otherwise be covered directly by the Friends of the Greenhouse and the City of Sandusky.
- The **Planning Commission** meeting is scheduled for August 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals** meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- A **Landmark Commission** meeting is scheduled for August 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- A **Historic Tax Credit Workshop** will be given by Designing Local for property owners with buildings that are historically listed. This is open to the public and will be held at Boomtown Coffee on August 28 from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- There will be a **city cleanup** on August 18 at 9 a.m. in the Churchwell Park/South side neighborhood and thanked everyone who has been involved in organizing this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington **thanked Chief Wilcox and Chief Orzech for being out in the public at events** throughout the community.

Dennis Murray said recently, the City of Toledo joined a lawsuit regarding **the Ohio EPA pressing the State of Ohio to protect Lake Erie** and asked if Sandusky can take a look at our ability to intervene and express our voice as this is a big part of our local economy. Trevor Hayberger said he was already asked to reach out by Eric Wobser and this is taking place.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to schedule a Public Hearing regarding a proposed zone map amendment for a parcel owned by Larry and Angel Cunningham located on Putnam Street on September 24 at 5 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked if Wightman Wieber Park is included with the grant request (Item D) and Dennis Murray said this does include the entire park area (Jaycee and Wightman Wieber). Tim Schwanger said the former American Crayon property is designated as “commercially standard” ready and asked if the justice center would be permissible here (Item #2). Dennis Murray said it is his understanding this would be eligible given this level of cleanup. Tim Schwanger asked if there are plans for a privacy fence between residences on either side of Arthur Street to control bus noise (Item #7). Angela Byington said there will be privacy fencing erected by the schools on the property to the left of Arthur Street and can look at the plans to see if there is any more planned.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said the \$500,000 TIF grant was given to a developer at the last commission meeting and this was a letter of intention. She looked to see what this money was going to cover but could not find anything except one line which stated: “an incentive grant program for tenants looking to rent” but no description. The city gave this money without a description for the public. A reliable online source told her what was going to happen with this and the plan is to spend \$450,000 on discounted rent for the developer’s tenants. In the first year, three fourths of tenant rent will be discounted; in the second year, half will be discounted and in the third year, one fourth of the rent will be discounted. This is a three-year plan and there are five agencies which will review the lucky applicants who will receive a heavy discount. The remaining \$50,000 will go to the developer’s charity and does not know if this is legal. Dennis Murray said there was a lengthy discussion about this at the last meeting and does not recall the source or monies going to a charity and has never heard any such thing. Sharon Johnson said the city is giving out \$500,000 without a description other than incentive grants for tenants looking to rent space and this should have been made public; this is not transparency.

Shameka Owens, 1126 Sycamore Line, said there are 16 concerns she and her family have which they have been dealing with for 2½ years and distributed information about them. In January, 2017, she reached out to the commissioners about issues they had and the first issue is harassment and unfair treatment to her husband and son. Her husband, Jamar, filled out a contractor registration form and was licensed by the city but has been removed from the list. He has a contractor’s license, is a lead and asbestos worker through the State of Ohio and through WSOS. They put in a registration form for sidewalk and for house moving licenses with their insurance policy and received a letter on July 5 denying a license. Shameka Owens said she spoke with Matt Lasko about this and voiced her concerns. A “Stop Work Order” was placed at 937 West Washington Street on June 26 and the Building Official stated this is why his license was denied (he did work on it after this date); this is not true. For some reason, she knew this would happen and took pictures before. After voicing her concerns to the Building Official this was untrue, he stopped contacting her and she then reached out to Matt Lasko who stated he stood behind Scott Thom’s decision. Shameka Owens asked Matt Lasko if she could present documentation to prove this was untrue and unfortunately, she did not get a return on this. She asked for a meeting with all of the commissioners to show no rules, laws or ordinances have been broken so Jamar Owens can retain his registration and license which he deserves. Dennis Murray said he is sorry for the obvious frustration but said the commission is not an adjunctive body and does not pass judgement on these things but can assure her the commissions’ attention has been secured. They will have discussions with the staff to get a better understanding of these issues. Dennis Murray asked for time to get the staff perspective on these issues and said their interests are to protect the residents and also to support the staff. Greg Lockhart asked if they have a surety bond and Shameka Owens said they do. Greg Lockhart said if the purpose is to restore or repair items at these properties. Shameka Owens said she wishes to show the proof on her phone the rules were not broken. Dennis Murray said it would be helpful to see everything rather than piece-mealing this over the course of the next couple of meetings and they are welcome to send this via email if possible. Shameka Owens said she was charged with two felonies and was able to get these dismissed with the help of Jim Murray; Dennis Murray said he did not realize one of his partners represented her and will have to back off on this issue. Dick Brady said he can respond to this. Shameka Owens said her son was involved in an auto accident at the age of 16 when he hit two gentlemen from the rear and was assaulted by them but no charges were brought against them. She was told if they charged the two gentlemen, her son would also be charged and this got pushed under the rug.

Joan Chaney-Burton, 2024 Foxborough Circle, said she is here to talk about gang stalking where certain people and their assets are targeted. She would like to put a stop to this in case it is happening in this community. She is a disabled nurse and when getting ready to go back to work, found out there are people working under her nursing license without credentials and this comes back on her. She went to HR and asked for her W2 form and learned false information had been given from other states. There are other people who are using her nursing license. Providence School of Nursing was very good to her and helped her to be the best nurse she could and even

though on academic probation, they helped her to get into EHOVE where she graduated as an LPN. Her credentials mean a lot to her and she has taken care of prominent people in this area; a nurse without credentials should not be taking care of someone and we need to get to the bottom of establishments checking these licenses. Dennis Murray said this situation is very concerning because it hurts her (Joan) reputation and ability to earn a living. This also puts patients at risk and asked if this has been reported. She has contacted the labor department. Naomi Twine asked if she has contacted the Ohio Department of Health or the Board of Nursing and she (Joan) said she has, and her license is on an alarm or alert system. John Orzech said the way this is being described, the criminal activity is taking place in other states. Greg Lockhart said there is another scam going around town targeting businesses posing as utility providers. Callers tell businesses their utility will be shut off if they do not pay within a certain amount of hours and attempt to collect on a bill; he asked if this might be placed on our water bills. Hank Solowiej said this might be better in the form of a press release and no one from a city office would ever call to collect money. Kelly Kresser said the city's new website has a new feature for alerts and said this might be a place to test it.

**At 6:35 p.m., upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Commission Clerk

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