

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

Dick Brady said due to equipment malfunction, there are no electronics or microphones for tonight's meeting. The meeting is, however, being livestreamed.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray.

City staff present: Eric Wobser - City Manager, John Orzech – Assistant City Manager, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, Don Rumbutis – IT Technician, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Brendan Heil – Law Director, Michelle Reeder– Finance Director, Jonathan Holody – Development Director, Jim Green – Acting Fire Chief and Kelly Kresser – Interim Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 9 regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dick Brady said he knows there are numerous **residents of the Cold Creek subdivision** present and will deviate from the normal procedures to let these citizens speak first.

Jim Jackson, 519 Cold Creek Boulevard, said the reason all of these individuals are here is because they do not have a true understanding of what the city is planning for their neighborhood. They have heard rumors of multi-family housing going in and they have invested lots of money into their residences and would like some say in what goes on here. There is a tentative meeting scheduled but hopes it can be held before September 25. He would like the City Commissioners and the City Manager to attend. One of the residents recently bought a lot and told him (Jim) if they are planning to build multi-family homes, he will not be building. He does not have answers to all of these questions and would like to hear what they are. Jim Jackson said he has spoken to a majority of those who lived in Cold Creek and found one person who performed a survey and is the only one who actually knew multi-family was part of the plan. This was all kept from them by Joe Yost and is why they are so upset.

Dick Brady said there was discussion prior to this meeting today and asked Jonathan Holody and Eric Wobser to share the city's thoughts and hopefully alleviate some of the fears of the residents about what is going on and suspend some of the unfounded rumors.

Jonathan Holody said the City Commission provided authorization to market these lots for sale but have not received any written offers to date. Before any commitments are made, there will be a public process with the residents to review plans, hear from any developers who are interested in purchasing the lots and let them weigh in about the plans. The city is not fixated on multi-family development and hopes to receive other proposals. When the Cold Creek subdivision was proposed and went through the platting process, a number of lots were designated and zoned for multi-family construction. When brought to market with Hoty Enterprises, the city indicated these lots were zoned as such and they are priced accordingly. Nothing has been finalized or agreed upon and the city is very much open to listening to the residents and coordinate a meeting to gather further input.

Dick Brady asked Eric Wobser to provide some background about this property and to give some assurance the city is not promoting multi-family housing in this development. Eric Wobser said when the city took this property back, no changes were made to what had originally been planned by Joe Yost (the original developer). The city does not have a strong opinion about whether this existing plan and/or zoning should stay in place or not. We are looking forward to meeting with the residents in September and knows some have asked about purchasing these lots for use as side yards.

Dexter Alexander, 712 Cold Creek Boulevard, asked if the original plan or zoning was for multi-family use and Eric Wobser said the developer of the property intended for this. Dexter Alexander said although it is zoned for this use, the residents are saying they do not want it. This is a nice development and asked what will happen if multi-family use is permitted. Eric Wobser said this is a decision which can be considered and the Planning Commission can make a decision about the zoning.

Dick Brady said the city has no intention of turning this neighborhood into a multi-family apartment complex. We have no finger on the scale and simply inherited the project from Joe Yost who had this provision built into the deeds. If residents are asking for the zoning to be changed to single-family use, this can be done. They city is not complicit into turning the neighborhood into an apartment complex and we are hearing the residents voices.

Chris Elder, 806 Old Mill Place, said he understands this has been advertised and is out for bid for multi-family housing. He asked what would happen if someone decides to purchase one of the lots before the meeting in September and if it could happen regardless of what residents want; he asked if these requests can be held until after the meeting. This is no different than when he tells his son he wants to give him something, but he cannot. If Jim Jackson had not told the residents, they would have not even known this and asked who will notify the residents of the meeting. Eric Wobser said Jonathan Holody will be in touch regarding the meeting and understands there was a complication getting the school for this purpose. Jim Jackson said if this meeting would have taken place a few months ago as requested, the residents would not be here tonight and the theories could have been dispelled.

Jonathan Holody said a zoning change would have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and if approved, a recommendation would then be made to be approved by the City Commission. Nothing will happen before the meeting in September. If the city receives any offers to purchase, they can be presented to the residents and input gathered on any proposals. The city is hearing there is no interest for anything like this among the residents. Chris Elder said there is an area behind his property along the fence where the parking lot was proposed and asked what this will do to his property value.

Mike Meinzer said he was aware of this when Jim Jackson brought it up a few months ago. He went out to the subdivision and agrees this is a premiere neighborhood and does not blame the residents for feeling this way. He would not like to see a concrete slab with multi-housing units built but also saw there were some existing condominiums which look pretty nice and asked if the residents would be against more of them. If there were a homeowner association, the residents could control this rather than the city.

Jim Jackson said he asked Eric Wobser how the architectural glow of the community will be controlled if these lots are sold individually for duplexes or condominiums. The existing condos were part of a plan. Eric Wobser said what currently exists has deed restrictions and a homeowners association could control this as this is what they are

designed to do. It was always intended for this association to exist to control development. A similar development would be The Sanctuary in Perkins Township where a homeowner association controls the development.

Naomi Twine said she is hearing tonight the residents would not all be here unless these were serious concerns. The most important thing is everyone who has an interest in attending this meeting should provide input and be part of it. It is unfortunate the city had to take this over because of what Joe Yost did but the city does not want to drive what happens here; the residents should. We will have a meeting to discuss all of the concerns so the city does not do anything which goes against this. Dick Brady said if it is necessary, the city will deliver notifications to each door and will find a way to notify the residents.

Marva Jackson, 519 Cold Creek Boulevard, said it is important because there is distrust for the city and what it says and does. Two months ago, they tried to schedule a meeting but it did not happen and they got bad information. About two hours ago, they were able to schedule the September 25 meeting because they made phone calls about the bad information from the city stating the school was not available to them. She called Dr. Sanders (Superintendent) and he indicated it would be available for anyone who wishes to have a meeting. The city needs to listen to the people; they do not trust them (the city) and do not believe what they (the city) say and information has to be double-checked.

Dave Lombardo, 807 Old Mill Place, said he does not understand the agreement with Hoty Enterprises and asked if they are to market or develop the properties, or both. Jonathan Holody said they have been retained to market the properties as our broker and there is no agreement to develop the properties. Dick Brady said the only way they could become the developer is if they were to purchase the property. Jonathan Holody said they would have to present detailed plans to the city and arrange for neighborhood input prior to this happening. The Planning Commission and City Commission would also have to review this and there are many layers of public process; there is no indication they are considering this at this time. Dave Lombardo said Hoty Enterprises are in business to make money and would not make much off of the sale of property. He would like to see a clause in the agreement preventing them from buying a cluster for multiple lots. They (Hoty's) have more money than everyone put together in this room and if they wanted to, they could buy the rest of the Cold Creek Boulevard lots, take possession and develop whatever they want and there would be no stopping them. The understanding needs to be strengthened between the city and Hoty Enterprises and they need to be limited in what they can develop or purchase. He is not opposed to a mixed neighborhood but there needs to be a balance and the city needs to take the reins. Right now, no government body is trusted by citizens and people are hot under the collar about everything going on in the world. Part of this is the unknown and no one is talking to the residents and there needs to be a better line of communication to build trust. This would alleviate a lot of concerns.

Wes Poole said whoever buys the property can develop it and when he looks at what the Hoty's have done in this community, he does not see them putting their name on anything which is not a quality development. He respects the concerns but said Hoty's have proven themselves to be great developers.

Jonathan Holody said 40 lots are currently listed for single-family zoning while four are listed for multi-family housing. Eric Wobser said these are listed as originally intended by the developer.

Kristie Ruffin, 734 Walnut Ridge, said this is a beautiful neighborhood and enjoys living here but no one in this room would like this changed to be multi-family housing and asked if this can be done tonight. Brendan Heil said the rezoning process requires a public hearing be scheduled and any proposed rezoning recommendations made by the Planning Commission are then sent to the City Commission for approval. Dick Brady said this process is not one which the city can deviate from. It is a legal process according to our Charter. The city is hearing these voices and we are not going to sell a piece of property for multi-housing between now and the September meeting.

Wes Poole asked who would make this recommendation to the Planning Commission and Brendan Heil said the commission can begin the rezoning process. Wes Poole said it has been said multiples times tonight the city took no interest in this and we have waited until these residents stormed our doors to do the right thing. In looking at the plat, there was never a question about what was decided multiple years ago. It was always designed for multi-family use at the back end of the subdivision; these concerns could have been taken up sooner and is what is disappointing. In the future, he encourages people to read things about what is going on so things do not sneak up on them.

Dick Brady said this process will start with the September meeting; the city will invite every resident who owns property to attend. If it is the will of the residents, the city will proceed with a recommendation to the members of the Planning Commission. Jim Jackson wants the city to give them more attention. He said plans were presented to the Land Bank Committee members to purchase a lot to build a home. This is not the house which was actually built on the property and asked who is watching this to make sure it is the same. The owners built a ranch-style home on the land and things like this should not happen.

Bonnie Tolleson, 4215 Ferndale Drive, said she has a rendering which shows townhouses which are cheap to build, do not take up a lot of land and make a lot of profit. This is degrading to the properties and she has seen this over and over again; people do not take care of rentals. Ferndale Drive is a speedway and there are no sidewalks so people have to walk in the street. Children ride bicycles in the street and drivers are going 30 – 40 miles per hour and parking is permitted on both sides of the street. People from Thorpe Drive and Dorn Drive are doing this; they have stop signs and this needs to be addressed before someone is killed.

Jared Oliver, said he lives in the Cold Creek subdivision and said he recognizes Ferndale Drive has issues with speeding and the Police Department tries to patrol this as much as possible. There are speeding issues all over town and unfortunately they cannot be in all places at the same time. Ferndale Drive is being used as a cut through and they will do what they can to slow them down. There are two speed trailers and one is currently being used on another street but he will look into this and get it on the schedule.

Mike Meinzer said city residents make up the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Landmark Commission. These meetings are all open to the public and encourages citizens to come to some of these meetings and suggested a homeowner association could override some of the decisions made by them. Dennis Murray said normally when a homeowner association is established, it is done at the onset of a development being platted. It is almost impossible to get properties which are already disbursed by different owners to agree to an association and they all would have to buy into it to make it work. Jim Jackson said there has been a homeowner association

established and registered by the State of Ohio. He called the Attorney General's office and was given advice as to how it can be reactivated.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW FIRE FIGHTERS

Jeremy Adams and Ashley Howells were sworn in as Fire Fighters with the Sandusky Fire Department and gave their oaths, as follows: "I, **Jeremy Adams/Ashley Howells**, recognizing my fundamental duty as a Fire Fighter of the City of Sandusky Fire Department, do solemnly swear to uphold the standards of my profession by safeguarding the lives and property of our citizens against the threat of fire and disaster. I promise to obey the duly constituted laws of the United States of America, the State of Ohio and the City of Sandusky and to accept the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, leadership and trust to be honored for as long as I remain a Fire Fighter of the City of Sandusky Fire Department. I will continually strive to serve our community and to be an influence for good before my fellow officers and Fire Fighters to the best of my ability, so help me."

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 the commissioners wished to remove any of the items on the Consent Agenda. There were no requests to do so.

ITEM A – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE PAYMENT TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB PROPERTY

Budgetary Information: This submerged lands lease is payable by the City of Sandusky as the lease holder. The annual cost for the period of September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022 is \$18,104.36 and will initially be paid by the city and then reimbursed by the Sandusky Sailing Club pursuant to their lease agreement with the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-127: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to make payment to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management, for rental payment on submerged lands lease file no. SUB-0530-ER for the period of September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM B – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

FIRST & FINAL CHANGE ORDER WITH BURCH HYDRO, INC. FOR THE 2021 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT DIGESTER #1 CLEANOUT PROJECT (DEDUCT)

Budgetary Information: Change Order No. 1 and final is a deduction of \$22,026.20, which will revise the original contract amount from \$43,456.62 to a final of \$21,430.42, and will be a savings to the sewer fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-128: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first & final change order for work performed by Burch Hydro, Inc. of Fredericktown, Ohio, for the 2021 Waste Water Treatment Plant Digester #1 cleanout project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM C – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer**OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) APPLICATION FOR THE PERKINS AVENUE AND 52ND STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The cost of this project, not including the waterline, is estimated to be \$1,155,428 and we are requesting a combination of loan and grant in the total amount of \$487,500, of which \$325,000 would be OPWC grant funds and \$162,500 would be a zero percent OPWC loan. The city's remaining portion of the project (\$667,928) would likely be funded with an Ohio Water Development Authority loan, at ~1.48% interest, to be paid over 30 years, general capital funds and additionally, staff is exploring recently announced "Stimulus" funds instead of using general fund monies. The application will be written to maximize the amount of points received, increasing the possibility of being awarded funding based on the combination of grant/loan money requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 036-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Perkins Avenue and 52nd Street resurfacing project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer**OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR THE WARREN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The cost of this project is estimated to be \$2,381,304.00 and we are requesting a combination of loan and grant in the total amount of \$487,500, of which \$325,000 would be OPWC grant funds and \$162,500 would be a zero percent OPWC loan. The city's total portion of the project, \$1,893,804 would be funded with sewer funds, water funds, stormwater funds, capital projects funds (Issue 8) and we are also seeking various newly announced "Stimulus" funds. The application will be written to maximize the amount of points received, increasing the possibility of being awarded funding based on the combination of grant/loan money requested.

RESOLUTION NO. 037-21R: It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Warren Street reconstruction project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM E – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Interim Commission Clerk**TRANSFER OF LIQUOR PERMIT FOR HORT'S BAR & GRILL, LLC**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for this item.

It is requested the Interim Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a public hearing regarding the transfer of **D2** (*wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.*), **D2X** (*grandfathered permit – beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.*) and **D3** (*spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1 a.m.*) liquor permits for from

Rich's Bar & Tavern, LLC dba Ole Camp Street Tavern, 1040 Camp Street to Hort's Bar & Grill, LLC dba Hort's Bar & Grill.

ITEM F – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Interim Commission Clerk

TREX LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FROM DOYLESTOWN, OHIO, FOR TAMBO ENTERTAINMENT LLC

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for this item.

It is requested the Interim Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city does not request a hearing regarding the Economic Development Transfer (TREX) of **D1** (*Beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.*), **D2** (*Wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original containers for carryout only until 1 a.m.*) and **D3** (*spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1 a.m.*) from Jon Dic Corp. dba Valley Inn, 15004 North Portage Road, Chippewa Township, Doylestown, Ohio, to Tambo Entertainment, LLC dba Clubhouse No. 3 Sport Social, 220 East Water Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

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: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 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 Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

VARIOUS PURPOSE NOTES

APPROVAL OF FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

Budgetary Information: The various purpose note sale includes renewal of the 2020 series various purpose notes of \$8,070,000 that will mature on October 1, 2021. The city will retire \$780,000 of the 2020 note issuance:

- **\$900,000** (retire \$300,000) for Bayfront Urban Revitalization
- **\$575,000** (retire \$250,000) for the Fire Department Ladder Truck
- **\$100,000** (retire \$100,000) for the Street Department Salt Trucks
- **\$375,000** (retire \$50,000) for the City Hall Relocation Project
- **\$1,850,000** for the design of The Landing Project
- **\$780,000** Jackson Street Pier - Owen Sound Agreement
- **\$1,350,000** (retire \$50,000) for Jackson Street Pier- Mylander Trust
- **\$240,000** (retire \$30,000) for Sandusky Bay Pathway – Wightman Wieber Foundation
- **\$1,900,000** Pathway Design

ORDINANCE NO. 21-129: It is requested an ordinance be passed providing for the issuance and sale of \$7,290,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of: (1) revitalizing the bayfront urban revitalization area by acquiring, clearing and improving certain properties in that area, undertaking the environmental clean-up and remediation of certain properties in that area, constructing road improvements and related utility and infrastructure improvements in that area, and otherwise improving that area; (2) acquiring a ladder truck for the Fire Department; (3) paying the costs of various improvements for "The Landing" as more further described and approved in Ordinance No.

18-127; (4) paying costs associated with the relocation of City Hall, including, but not limited to, those projects approved by Ordinance No's. 18-119, 18-128 and 18-129 and Resolution No's. 025-18R; (5) paying costs of various improvements to Jackson Street Pier; and (6) paying costs of the construction of and various improvements to the Sandusky Bay Pathway; and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

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

Discussion: Michelle Reeder said this legislation will authorize the city to advertise for a note sale. Last year the city issued notes for just over \$8.7 million and we will be retiring \$750,000 of the previous amount.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 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 Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

PAY REINSTATEMENT TO CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES FOR LOST WAGES IN 2020

Budgetary Information: The amount requested for this pay to administrative employees is \$120,286. This will be paid from the Coronavirus relief funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-130: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving pay reinstatement to current administrative employees for lost wages in 2020 due to a forced salary reduction caused by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; authorizing the Finance Director to expend the necessary funds; 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 Blake Harris, the Commission voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Wes Poole asked how much money the city has received in total for the Coronavirus relief fund. Michelle Reeder said we have received \$9,045,000 this year and we expect about the same amount next year at this time. Wes Poole asked for a listing of how these monies have been spent to date. Dick Brady said these dollars came back to our non-bargaining unit employees and this is an opportunity for us to put this back into their pockets. Mike Meinzer asked if some employees took a reduction of their work hours and Michelle Reeder said employees making under \$70,000 had the option of taking an additional five percent pay cut and received furlough hours.

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

passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Blake Harris, Naomi Twine, Mike Meinzer and Dennis Murray, 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 Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

CEDAR POINT PARK, LLC DONATION AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY FOR THE LANDING PROJECT AND SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY

Budgetary Information: There will be no impact on the city's general fund. In fact, this will help project costs since the city will not have to pay for acquisition of this property.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-131: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a donation agreement with Cedar Point Park LLC relating to certain real property located in the city; 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 the ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the trail is intended to come through the area where the city's lift station is on the east side of Cedar Point Drive along Pipe Creek. It is intended to go along Heron Creek Drive along Hidden Harbour. The city is acquiring land on three different parcels and this design was originally presented three or four years ago with the plans. There are additional acquisitions for easements and is all of the property necessary to get us over the water. Wes Poole asked what the city's intent is for the bridge and Aaron Klein said although not the final design with the arched handrails, this will be a walled structure on either side of the bridge. It will be high enough to allow all of the boats using this channel to go through and to accommodate them. Wes Poole asked what it will cost to build a bridge to act as a bicycle path across the water. This is nice and it looks pretty, but this is a short span and does not know if \$5 - \$6 million for a bridge is worth the cost; Aaron Klein said these numbers were presented a couple of years ago and the bridge on Cleveland Road is not bicycle width and cannot be used unless it were torn down and reconstructed.

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

- Eric Wobser asked the Commission President to establish a **Fire Chief Search Committee** which is mandated by our Charter. The search committee will be comprised of the Commission President or his designee, the Civil Service Chairman or designee and three citizens. It is requested the Commission President announce the committee members at the September 13 regular meeting so the search process can begin.
- Eric Wobser **welcomed Kevin Youskievicz** back to the city. Kevin retired from the Police Department as a Sergeant and is joining Code Compliance on a part-time basis. His experience with living in the community his entire life, having served a

distinguished career in law enforcement, and knowledge of the laws and ordinances will be utilized in his new role.

- Eric Wobser **welcomed Sarah Chiappone** to the city's Law Department. Sarah joined the city on August 18 as Assistant Law Director.
- Eric Wobser **congratulated Philip Barone** who has achieved his Class III Waste Water certification.
- Eric Wobser **welcomed Kenneth Trimarche** who joined Public Works in a Maintenance II position.
- Staff work hard investigating each and every **phone call received due to flooding** to determine if there is an issue within the public sewer system itself or as a result of an ongoing capital project. Those who have experienced a backup or flooding problem should call: 419.627.5829 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. or 419.627.5907 after hours, Monday through Friday and on weekends and holidays. Wes Poole asked for a listing of all calls received about flooding including the areas in question.
- Residents are notified to mark their calendars for the city's next **Dump Day** scheduled for Saturday, September 25 and **Yard Waste Drop-Off Days** are scheduled for Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10. We will share further details as the dates draw near.
- Safety funds were not awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the **Meigs Street reconstruction project** because the reviewers felt the project was more of a maintenance project than a safety project. This will not delay the project as other funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization had previously been secured.
- **Jobs Ohio has announced a grant award of \$1 million to the Hogrefe/Cooke Building project through the Vibrant Communities Initiative.** The Hogrefe/Cooke building was one of four projects selected for funding from over 40 applications. The city's investment in the project was critical in demonstrating our support and attracting the state award. Eric Wobser thanked Jobs Ohio for recognizing the importance of this transformative project.
- **Nicole Grohe started today as the city's new Community Development Programs Administrator.** Nicole is a Sandusky resident and former staff member of the Erie County Regional Planning Commission.
- For six weeks starting September 1, the Planning Division will be hosting a **Neighborhood Ice Cream Social** every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. These events will give staff a chance to build community relationships, celebrate the projects completed over the past five years, and gather feedback on what residents would like to see in their neighborhood over the next five years. In addition to the Wednesday evening time, there will be a 10 a.m. gathering every Thursday, including refreshments, for folks who were not able to attend the previous evening. All event dates, locations and details can be found on the city's website: www.cityofsandusky.com/neighborhoods.

- Two informal public meetings have been scheduled to discuss and gather public feedback on the potential addition of **Transient Occupancy Overlay Districts** in two neighborhoods. All are welcome to attend one or both events, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Station classroom at 600 West Market Street. Both meetings will discuss transient rental regulation, in general, in the city. In addition, the September 20 meeting will discuss a potential overlay near Lions Park. The October 4 meeting will discuss a potential overlay near McDonough Street on the west side of downtown.
- The next **Public Arts & Culture Commission meeting** is September 21 at 5:15 p.m.
- The next **Landmark Commission meeting** is September 15 at 5 p.m.
- The next **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is September 16 at 4:30 p.m.
- The next **Planning Commission meeting** is August 25 at 5 p.m.
- On August 16, Sandusky Recreation hosted its inaugural **Kids Cruise on the Goodtime I**. The recreation program participants who were able to attend the event were treated to a great evening on Sandusky Bay. Eric Wobser thanked Joe Lamb and the entire crew of the Goodtime for hosting the event as well as Commissioners Blake Harris and Dave Waddington for stopping by and sharing some words of encouragement with these important young people.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Dennis Murray, the commission voted to provide \$10,000 (each) to OHGo, Victory Kitchen and Care & Share.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said he spoke to most of the commissioners about this in the last few days. We have some folks who have helped out the community during the COVID pandemic and they have had some setbacks. This money can be allocated through the coronavirus funding provided to the city. We do a lot of things downtown and it is good to show the residents we do care. Some people cannot work and these are the folks who can stretch one dollar into three or four dollars. Dennis Murray said there are a lot of different circumstances and some people are unable to work. Dick Brady said oftentimes at Christmas, the only gift they may get is what is generated by some of these organizations. He is thankful this commission has the will to support saving the Goodtime boat, but this is the kind of goodwill we need (with this motion).

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, received via email: “I understand that the city is going to hire a Communications Manager at \$70,000 a year, plus, HR has another creative position opening for a Diversity & Economic Opportunity Manager. Where is all the money coming from to support these creative positions? Is it coming out of the \$8 million grant that was just given to the city?”

Eric Wobser said these are positions which were in the city's budget and include duties previously performed by McKenzie Spriggs and Talon Flohr, respectively. These are not new positions. Wes Poole said he sees little value in an economic development diversity officer. There are plenty competent minorities available and it is a matter of the city providing an environment in which they may wish to work for and he does not support this. Likewise, paying someone \$70,000 per year to maintain our community page is not money well spent. He is not interested in makeshift positions. Naomi Twine said she supports these positions.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.



Kelly L. Kresser
Interim Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission