

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

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

City staff present: John Orzech – Police Chief, Rick Wilcox – Fire 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, Justin Harris - Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 14 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Dennis Murray said many are here this evening to honor the late former **State Representative Fred Deering** and read a few lines from a city Proclamation which was presented to the family: “We do hereby ask all citizens to join with me in celebrating and recognizing the lifetime achievements of Frederick H. Deering and to remember him while traversing the very roadways he had such a passion for maintaining, even if this means our pocketbooks feel a little lighter; and further resolve, as an altogether fitting tribute to “Freeway Fred”, that we collectively commend to our state legislators at least a 25% increase in the gas tax which has remained unchanged since 2005, even as inflation has eaten away more than 25% of its purchasing power.” Dennis Murray said State Route 4 between Crawford County and its terminal point in Sandusky is now officially named “State Representative Fred Deering Memorial Highway” and will be placed in Perkins Township as it is the closest local jurisdictional tie and is indeed fitting.

Daryl Deering introduced his family and thanked the City of Sandusky for hosting them this evening.

Senator Randy Gardner said it is an honor to have worked with S.R. Deering in the Ohio House and said he (Fred) was one of the most productive and effective leaders in Ohio’s history and spent 51 years in public service.

State Representative Steve Arndt said S.R. Deering was truly a statesman and a leader and knew how to reach across party lines. He realized the importance of certain legislation for his district and for the State of Ohio, and said he was probably responsible for more taxes on Ohio citizens which has driven its economy for the past several decades. S.R. Arndt said after having coffee with former legislator Betty Montgomery, they determined something needed to be done to recognize S.R. Deering.

State Representative Michael Sheehy said S.R. Deering had a wonderful spirit which showed on the outside and there were many great results of this characteristic. S.R. Deering had a different take on the Ohio Turnpike although this did not go the way he (Fred) wanted, but perhaps this was for the best. S.R. Deering worked to expand State Route 2 from Oregon to Port Clinton and by adding four lanes between Oregon and Toledo.

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur said she met S.R. Deering in Bono, Ohio, as a young legislator and later while testifying in Washington, D.C. and stated he would be so honored for all of these persons to be here in his memory. Fred would have shook things up on the Ohio Turnpike Commission and she always wished he would have been appointed and stated he looked to public leadership to make a difference for our country. She would like to have a tree planted along this highway in S.R. Deering’s memory.

Perkins Township Trustee Tim Coleman said S.R. Deering was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and presented a Proclamation to the family. There was always friendly conversation with S.R. Deering and he was helpful with certain infrastructure projects still in place today.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Tami, Michelle and Gabriel Murray, Michael T. Murray Legacy Fund, said they would like to present a donation to the City of Sandusky. Michelle Murray said this fund was created in 2011 after Michael's death to carry on his legacy of contribution and commitment to the community. This money will be distributed for the benefit of a bike path study in Sandusky. The family was very excited when they learned about the city's interest in building a bicycle path and thought this would be the perfect opportunity to honor Michael's legacy. Michelle said her parents trained for marathons together and often pushed them in running strollers. After graduating from college and moving back home for a year, Michelle said her dad ran every morning before work and biked after work. They also participated in the Kelley's Island race each year. They traveled around the world and their vacations were always very active and one of the most important things learned was the value of experiences over things. The family hopes to get the Sandusky Bike Path off the ground and to help encourage people to value fitness and spend quality time outdoors. They would like to build upon Sandusky's momentum to help further connect the city. This is not an inexpensive endeavor but they are confident the development is a very worthy cause for the city and will be of benefit. Dennis Murray said Michael grew up and lived in Sandusky and it is altogether fitting this gift is being made in his honor to further increase activity and experiences in Sandusky from the east to the west end. Dick Brady said it is fitting this donation is being made for a cause which was so important to Michael Murray.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$38,376.52 from the Michael T. Murray Legacy Fund to utilize toward the Sandusky Bay Pathway project. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the motion passed.**

Richard Koonce, College & Career Readiness Advisor for the Sandusky City Schools Blue Streak University, said as way of introduction, he grew up in Sandusky in a low-income, working class family and education has made a world of difference in his life. He also served in the military and part of his job is to prepare students for the workforce, for further education or for the military. After finishing active duty in the U.S. Air Force, Richard Koonce attended classes while trying to decide what to do and eventually pursued an undergraduate degree at the age of 27, then obtained a Master's Degree at Michigan State University. Richard Koonce then relocated to Norfolk University in Virginia but came back to Sandusky because of family illness. He then went to BGSU and pursued a doctorate degree. He came from a low income, working class family with parents who valued education. Blue Streak University allows students from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to high school to test and qualify to take college courses. The Blue Streak University initiative is to implement the State of Ohio's College Credit Plus program which is significant. This program has made it possible for families to save a ton of money on college education. There are about 150 students each semester who take advantage of the program and two individuals will be close to earning an Associate degree at the same time they will graduate from high school. This will save parents a significant amount of money.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Dennis Murray said no items will be presented under the "Consent Agenda" due to some abstentions and procedural issues.**

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

**ITEM #1 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej****AMENDMENT #4 TO 2017 BUDGET**

**Budgetary Information:** Appropriation amendments are required to update the budget for previous actions of the city. Examples include, but are not limited to: 1) paratransit agreement with First Transit; 2) home repair projects using program income related to CHIP grant; 3) Sandusky Bay Strategic Restoration initiative through ODNR; 4) city's share of Justice Center project; 5) rental registration and inspection program; and 6) Police Department drug enforcement.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-161:** It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting Amendment #4 to Ordinance No. 17-064 passed by this City Commission on March 27, 2017, making general appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2017; 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

**ITEM #2 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej****ISSUANCE & SALE OF VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENTS NOTES****MOTION TO ACCEPT FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

**Budgetary Information:** This various purpose improvement note sale includes renewal issues only. \$3,450,000 in notes will mature on October 5, 2017. The new various purpose improvement notes are in an amount of:

\$1,350,000.00 (retire \$1,500,000) for Bayfront Urban Revitalization  
300,000.00 (retire \$375,000) for Venice Road grade separation  
1,000,000.00 (retire \$1,200,000) for the Fire Department ladder truck  
250,000.00 (retire \$300,000) for the Street Department salt trucks

The prior issue contained \$75,000.00 for fire trucks and will be completely paid off.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-162:** It is requested an ordinance be passed providing for the issuance and sale of \$2,900,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of: 1) revitalizing a portion of 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) paying a portion of the cost of eliminating grade crossings by constructing the Venice Road grade separation project in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation; 3) acquiring a ladder truck for the Fire Department; and 4) acquiring salt trucks for the Street Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

*Discussion:* Hank Solowiej said this year we have not had any note issues but last year we purchased a fire truck and two salt trucks. This is a pay-down for all of the current notes.

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

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

**ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR 305 EAST WATER STREET (EXISTING HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMP)**

**Budgetary Information:** There are no budgetary impacts to the city resulting from this legislation and the licensee must maintain liability insurance for this use. The property owner is responsible for recording fees to the Erie County Recorder's Office.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-163:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with East Water Project, LLC, to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city's rights-of-way, as described in the grant of a license for encroachment, for purposes of retaining an existing handicap accessible ramp; 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 one of these encroachments already exists (Item #5) for an ADA accessible ramp while Item #4 is for a stairway and concrete pad along Shoreline Drive. This property is currently under construction and is next to Facer Park at Hancock Street.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. 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 Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**

**ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR 305 EAST WATER STREET (NEW STAIRS & CONCRETE PAD)**

**Budgetary Information:** There are no budgetary impacts to the city resulting from this legislation and the licensee must maintain liability insurance for this use. The property owner is responsible for recording fees to the Erie County Recorder's Office.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-164:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with the East Water Project, LLC, to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city's rights-of-way as described in the grant of a license for encroachment, for purposes of installing basement stairs and a concrete dumpster pad; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. 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 Angela Byington, Planning Director****AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR SANDUSKY BAY PATHWAY PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the professional services will not exceed \$69,862.96. The expenditure will be paid from the capital projects fund, which includes a donation of \$38,376.52 from the Michael T. Murray Legacy Fund that was given to the city, in honor of Michael Murray, to be utilized for the Sandusky Bay Pathway.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-165:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with Environmental Design Group, LLC, of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Sandusky Bay Pathway update project; 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 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:* Angela Byington said the city amended the Bayfront Corridor Plan in 2005 to include the Sandusky Bay Pathway which is a continuous pedestrian/bicycle access path along the city's entire waterfront. The Bicentennial vision set the implementation of this pathway as a priority and Requests for Qualifications were accepted to update the existing plan. This study will determine the existing conditions, review the originally suggested routes to see if they are still viable or if they should be changed based on today's conditions. The update will also provide branding, signage and an updated estimate on the cost for sections of the Pathway. Four firms have submitted qualifications and Environmental Design Group is being recommended for the contract award. The cost of the project will be paid partially with the generous donation from the Michael T. Murray Legacy Fund and the remainder will come from the capital projects account.

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

**ITEM #6 - Submitted by Casey Sparks, Chief Planner****APPROVAL OF THE CREATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT WITHIN THE CENTRAL DOWNTOWN AREA**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 043-17R:** It is requested a resolution be passed recommending the downtown Sandusky commercial historic district for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and declaring that this resolution 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 resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Wes Poole said this is a very good thing we are doing and believes maintaining the historic look of our downtown is very important for the community in the long term. There are towns along the lakes and waterways and whatever we can do to maintain the historic look of downtown Sandusky will give us a leg up on getting people to visit. This is one of the more important pieces of legislation we have done. Casey Sparks said we entered into contract with Marous Brothers in July, 2016, to work on the commercial historic district. A hearing took place in July and property owners came to provide support for creation of this district. Last Wednesday, the Landmarks Commission unanimously approved this as well. This new historic district will encompass the existing Columbus Avenue historic district as well as the Water Street district and individually-listed properties. The boundary concentrates on development, commerce,

transportation, social history, architectural awareness as well as an expanded period of construction. Listings on National Registers give the city and property owners the ability to apply for tax credits for rehabilitation and the downtown commercial historic district encompasses a smaller area than the existing design review area. Property owners will not have any additional processes to go through. There is a meeting scheduled in Columbus which property owners have been invited to attend and recommends voting to create this district.

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

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Maria Muratori, Development Specialist**

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH HALO 1848, LLP**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing a total of \$15,000 in grant proceeds from the economic development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-166:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$15,000 through the small business assistance grant program to Halo 1848, LLP, in relation to the property located at 805 Wayne Street; 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:* Maria Muratori said this project was approved at the August 8 meeting of the Economic Development Incentive Committee. The partners are Dr. John Davenport and Shawn Daley who are both United States Veterans. Halo 1848 is an umbrella company housing multiple businesses including Mohawk Recording Studio which will be relocating from Huron, Ohio. The studio will be a place to record, do sound production, audio book production and other music and sound advisory services. Halo will be a live music venue and eventually will provide a hall rental, commercial kitchen and meeting space at 805 Wayne Street. Interior and exterior photos were shown and in order to be transformed into a space suitable to these businesses, ADA accessibility will have to be made inside and outside along with ceiling repairs, electrical upgrades, installation of air conditioning and aesthetic improvements. Dr. Davenport said this church was founded in 1848 and loves its historic aspect. The existing steps do not provide good accessibility for handicapped individuals and there are no bathrooms on the first floor. The fire escape was cut off at some point in time and Mack Iron has provided a proposal for replacement. The decorative fencing will be replaced with 130 linear feet of antique raw iron fencing and will fit in with other similar fencing in the area. An awning will be constructed at a future date and as funding is available. Maria Muratori said the total project costs are just over \$100,000 and includes both interior and exterior improvements and costs related to accessibility. The project will be funded with owner equity, a private loan and if granted, the small business assistance grant in the amount of \$15,000 (15% of the total costs). This grant will specifically be used for the ADA issues to make it more accessible. This phase is expected to be complete by September 30, 2018 and this project will create a unique new businesses in Sandusky which can be a unique attraction for residents, businesses and visitors. Nikki Lloyd said she wishes this new business much success and said she had the pleasure of speaking with Dr. Davenport and Mr. Daley and they spoke of relocating for about two years now and is excited about this opportunity for our city. Dennis Murray thanked both owners for making this investment and said this will be a rich contribution to the unique fabric of the city.

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

**ITEM #8 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**

**PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR MCCARTNEY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The not to exceed cost for professional design services is \$49,850 and will be paid with Issue 8 funds from the capital projects fund in the amount of \$22,675, and with storm sewer funds in the amount of \$27,175.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-167:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with CT Consultants, Inc. of Mentor, Ohio, for the McCartney Road reconstruction, storm sewer and storm pump station design 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 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:* Aaron Klein said several months ago, the City Commission voted for a project at the Venice Road lift station which included inflow and infiltration for storm water which gets into the sanitary lift station. A large portion of this storm water is coming from the McCartney Road properties and from the laterals tied into the system because of its older infrastructure. During the evaluation, we realized we needed to do some work in the area. There is an existing storm sewer, but if we take the flow into the storm sewer, it would be beyond capacity and would back up basements. We are looking to put in a new storm sewer and lift station. The storm sewer discharges into a ditch, runs north along Barrett Road under the railroad tracks and discharges into Sandusky Bay. With the levels of Sandusky Bay two to three feet higher than normal, this is backing up and there is nowhere for it to discharge. This road is in poor condition and we did not want to recondition the roadway before putting in a storm sewer. Dave Waddington said he knows residents in this area will be thrilled and appreciates going this route rather than using chip and seal. Wes Poole said these kinds of projects are always supported and will have a direct impact on the quality of life for our citizens and agrees with spending money on sewer or infrastructure.

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

**ITEM #9 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Project Engineer**

**GRANT APPLICATION TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE MCCARTNEY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to submit the application. Notification of award would be in December, 2017, giving sufficient time to plan resurfacing dollars by the city's CY 2018 budget process. If awarded, any matching funds required would be incorporated into the 2018 budget. The cost of this project is estimated to be around \$350,000 and we are requesting a 50/50 split; the cost to the city would be \$175,000. The application will be written to maximize the amount of points received increasing the possibility of award based on grant money requested versus available capital funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 044-17R:** 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 McCartney Road, Church Street (South) and Ward Street, and portions of Niagara Street (North) and Church Street (North) reconstruction project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this is for application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the McCartney Road reconstruction and is due next week. When evaluating which roads would be the most likely to be funded through the OPWC, we compared the roadway list to the five-year capital plan so these projects could be completed. The lift station will be added to supplement the resurfacing of McCartney Road.

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

**ITEM #10 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**PURCHASE OF CHANNEL GRINDER FOR VENICE ROAD PUMP STATION**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for the purchase of a CMD2410-XDS2 upgrade Muffin Monster channel grinder from JWC Environmental is \$21,783 and will be paid with sewer funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-168:** 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 Muffin Monster channel grinder for the Venice Road pump station from JWC Environmental of Santa Ana, California, in the amount of \$21,783; 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:* Dick Brady said Muffin Monster parts are not interchangeable with other grinder parts and we have only one direction in which to go.

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

**FIRST READING**

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

**REPEAL OF SECTION OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES & CREATION OF NEW CHAPTER PERTAINING TO BACKFLOW**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact. Any fees collected will be deposited to the city water account. Invoices will be sent to each affected customer by the Customer Accounting/Finance Department.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Nine (Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), by the repeal of Section 939.50 (Backflow Prevention Devices) and the addition of Chapter 943 (Backflow Prevention and Cross-

connection Control) of the Codified Ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

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

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said in the past, we have not been in compliance with state laws. This will be a two-step approach so there are two sets of controls by evaluating and inspecting the backflow devices at each property while requiring the property owners to provide documentation showing their equipment is in working order on an annual basis. This will allow the city to obtain a small fee from each property owner who has a backflow device to pay for the employees' time to perform the inspections. For commercial industries with more than one device, it was originally \$25 for the first inspection and \$10 for each additional; this has been changed to a fee of \$10 per device. Any business with the potential to create backflow within the system is required to have backflow devices and it is important for any industry with a direct connection to our water system. On the residential side, these would be required mostly for sprinkler systems or for those who fill a swimming pool or have a direct connection to a swimming pool. On construction projects, contractors are required to have a backflow device installed.

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

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Eric Wobser welcomed our **new Fire Chief, Rick Wilcox**, to Sandusky.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$96.16 for the Recreation Department from Sandusky Segwave in recognition of National Parks and Recreation month.**
- The Bicentennial Commission and the Sandusky State Theatre have been working in partnership to bring a **public art project to fruition. A "Greetings from Sandusky" mural** has been unanimously approved by both boards and is currently in the design phase. It was recently approved at the Landmarks Commission as well. This mural will be reminiscent of a "Greetings from Sandusky" postcard and highlight many of the city's one-of-a-kind and historic assets. The mural is slated to be painted on the west facing wall of the State Theatre, toward the newly redone Jackson Street parking lot. The section is currently a gravel pit and painted wall. The hope is this will become a source of pride for the downtown highlighting many of the landscapes unique to Sandusky and a destination of itself for visitors and residents to take photos on their way to our downtown waterfront amenities.
- Lt. Dahlgren, Sgt. Susana, Officers Rankins, Martin and Lillo participated in the **Back to School Rally and Stuff the Bus events**. They received a letter of thanks from the Stuff the Bus Committee for their participation in passing out backpacks with school supplies.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to reduce the amount of a 2006 CHIP loan for Tosha Johnson which was provided to her mother, Delores Evans.**

*Discussion:* Tosha Johnson is requesting a reduction to the amount owed to the city for her mother's 2006 CHIP loan. Ms. Johnson's mother passed away and she

would like to transfer the property into her name in order to reside in the home with her family. Delores Evans received a \$28,312 loan in 2006 through the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program. The current amount owed to the city is \$14,156. Ms. Johnson is requesting a payoff amount of 50% of the balance owed which totals \$7,078. City staff recommends approval of the reduction because the property will be transferring to a relative of the original property owner. Additionally, the city will receive money which will be used on future CHIP projects. Dennis Murray said he is satisfied this is an appropriate proposal and supports it.

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

- **Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to extend the transportation agreement for the Sandusky Transit System with Erie County Job & Family Services through September, 2017.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said this request was made by Erie County Job & Family Services as they are currently reviewing transportation service bids and will not be able to make an award prior to the end of September. A communication for ratification will be brought before Commission at the September 11 meeting.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- The regularly scheduled **Planning Commission meeting** for September has been changed to Wednesday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is scheduled for September 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to allow an extension of six additional days for a temporary sign display for the annual Alzheimer's Association event.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said this request was made by the Alzheimer's Association for the length of time a temporary sign may be placed in our city parks. They are asking for an extension from seven to thirteen days and staff does not have an issue allowing this for the 2017 Erie Shore Walk Event.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

- The **Central Park playground/neighborhood meeting** was held on August 21 and Eric Wobser thanked all who attended and said we will be bringing back the results of the meeting in the coming weeks. We received positive feedback from the neighborhood which will be used for the final rendering that will be presented to the commission.
- **Drive Thru Drop-off day** has been scheduled for Saturday, September 30. For questions about the event, call 419.627.5884.
- The city hosted a very nice **grand opening ceremony last week for the new play equipment installed at the Wilbert Street Park**. There was a heartfelt thanks from those in the neighborhood who see what a big difference these changes will make. Dennis Murray said there was a big turnout of neighbors, including children, and

appreciates all the work done by city staff for this neighborhood park which is visible from all sides.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Greg Lockhart said there was a recent **meeting for residents in the Hancock Street corridor** and a lot of help was provided by the greenhouse crew.

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to modify its current legislation regarding the use of golf carts on city streets to mirror the City of Huron and the State of Ohio.**

*Discussion:* Greg Lockhart said the Law Department was asked to explore amendments to our current legislation pertaining to golf carts. They have reached some conclusions about mirroring legislation approved by the City of Huron and the State of Ohio to include other similar vehicles. Justin Harris said this legislation can be brought back for commission consideration to allow ATV's and other similar devices on roadways with posted speed limits of 35 MPH or less. Concerns have been expressed, but it is within the commission's purview to vote on this. Dennis Murray said anyone who wants to take a Gator or a golf cart on Cedar Point Road or Cedar Point Causeway is out of their mind, but supposes we should reserve the right for those who wish to do so.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing on October 2 at 5 p.m. regarding the CY 2018 Rural Transit grant. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Dennis Murray said there will be a public meeting on September 22 at 1 p.m. at the Central Fire Station regarding the CY2018 Rural Transit grant.**

Dennis Murray said City Manager **Eric Wobser was recently awarded a Visionary Leader recognition by the Erie County Economic Development Corporation.** This award recognizes outstanding efforts in economic development and is presented to a leader whose visionary contributions have broken social, political or economic barriers, thereby opening doors and setting a new course for Erie County. Three years ago, the City of Sandusky took a big step forward with the hiring of Eric Wobser. With the support of staff, commission and community members, Eric has systematically identified and addressed infrastructure and opportunities that will service the businesses and residents of the city. Progress has included aggressive economic development support with the creation of a unique program that leverages and encourages private investment, visionary place-making with investments in parks, neighborhoods and commercial beautification and active partnerships with regional business, philanthropic and civic institutions. Eric's work is contagious and has brought an energy and optimism to the area that extends far beyond city hall. Eric Wobser thanked the Commission and said we are getting a lot of positive feedback lately and knows this is an award for the hard work done by staff and the investments being made in the private community and is excited to be a part of this team and to

serve this commission which is dedicated to moving Sandusky forward at a rapid pace and looks forward to several more years of progress.

Wes Poole said he walked with Rev. Herman Robinson and some young adults from Acorn Ministries **during a cleanup of Shoreline Park**. There are many different organizations stepping up to do things to clean the city and thanked Rick and Meghan Hogrefe for providing cleaning supplies.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kathryn Carter, 5309 Columbus Avenue, said there have been a lot of letters written in the newspaper and people have spoken at this podium with their thoughts about the Jackson Street Pier project. The Jackson Street Pier is already a park and this is why people are so passionate about it. There are businesses which need access and this Pier is full of customer service for seven businesses and we need to keep as much parking as possible. A lot of people utilize the Jackson Street Pier in or near their cars and do not want to be at Shoreline Park. There is probably a design on a table somewhere waiting for signature but Kathryn Carter said she prepared her own design and would like the city to take a look at it.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked how the mural on the State Theatre will be paid for. Eric Wobser said the way this is structured, one third of the cost will be paid by the State Theatre, one third by the Bicentennial Commission's privately-raised dollars and one third by the city's pilot marketing program. Sharon Johnson said the Brownfields assessments are being done and asked why a couple of the properties are on the list which she does not believe the city owns. Dennis Murray said he does not believe the city owns any of these and this is what the Clean Ohio EPA fund is designed for. This money was granted to the city to have environmental inspections performed to determine whether there are issues so the next step can be taken to put them into active use and/or clean them up. Sharon Johnson said she read there will be a program called the Sandusky Arts & Culture Commission and one percent of the admissions tax is being proposed to be used for public art and asked why we would do something like this. Two years ago, Sharon Johnson said the city was given a one percent raise in admissions tax and now this is going to be taken back and spent on art. Dennis Murray said this is one percent of what is raised, not one of the four percentage points. Eric Wobser said the city's five-year strategic bicentennial vision identifies setting aside income for a public art program but this is still a work in progress. The proposal is to look at one percent of the total (appx. \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year); while one percent of the admissions tax is about \$1.2 million per year. This is a much more modest portion and one percent is a common legislative tactic which commissions can do to support art. There has not been any lack of transparency about the possibility of creating this program, but there is still an entire process which has to take place to determine what and how it will be set up in the future.

Sharon Geffert, owner of Smokin' Heifer, 233 East Shoreline Drive, thanked the city for allowing them to operate on the Jackson Street Pier for the past two seasons and thanked the citizens of Sandusky for supporting them. The business is flourishing and exceeding expectations and they would like to know the plans for the future on the Jackson Street Pier. After attending public meetings, it sounds like the business will no longer be welcome and the city is looking for more transient food trucks. Smokin' Heifer provides quick, fast meals for businesses downtown that are reasonably-priced and brings more traffic downtown. In planning for their next season, Sharon Geffert would like to know if they will be welcome back. Dennis Murray said he has not heard anyone say this business is not welcome. The commission has not yet voted and there is not any proposal and conversations are continuing with interested parties trying to find common ground; we want to get it right and this is all part of the process. Wes Poole said two businesses which operate on the Jackson Street Pier have indicated what is being proposed will not work for them and at some point, they need to plan how to feed their families next year and we cannot run this out until the middle of February and then say this will not work. What we do on the Pier is and should be driven by what activities we want there. Wes Poole encouraged the commission to expedite the process and come to a conclusion to improve the Pier. What we do to it has an

impact on these businesses and we need to come to a conclusion about keeping them, or not, and giving them plenty of time to do whatever is necessary.

**At 6:52 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. The Commission went into Executive Session at 7 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wes Poole, 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