

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, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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 – Acting Law Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser–Commission Clerk.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 27 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said she understands the emergency generator purchase, but said the property owner should have to pay for the handicapped, automatic doors (Item #3).

Tim Schwanger, 3625 Sheffield Way, asked if the generator will function only for the City Hall portion of this project (Item #3). The city should not be responsible for the entire project. It is not clear whether the automatic doors for the interior of City Hall or for the exterior doors. If they are for the outside and provide access to the entire project, the city should not incur one hundred percent of the cost. Dennis Murray said the generator will service the city's portion of the building.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

Dennis Murray said Item #3 will be pulled from tonight's Agenda as additional information is needed prior to considering it.

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**

The President asked if anyone wished to remove any of the Consent Agenda items. There were no requests to do so.

#### **SECOND READING**

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

##### **CONTRACT WITH THE ASHLEY GROUP FOR CONSULTING & BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost will be \$4,000 per month for 2019, 2020 and 2021 and will be paid from the health insurance fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-178:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a consulting and brokerage agreement with The Ashley Group of Sandusky, Ohio, for the administration of the city's health insurance program for the period of November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021.

**B. Submitted by Trevor Hayberger, Acting Law Director**

##### **AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-179:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Ordinance No. 18-004 passed on January 8, 2018, to correct a scrivener's error; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**C. Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director****AUTHORIZING TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFICATION TO ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR**

**Budgetary Information:** The city is required to accept the tax rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission before October 1, 2018. This approval establishes funding for 2019. The prior year resolution was passed by City Commission on September 11, 2017 (Resolution #045-17R).

**RESOLUTION NO. 036-18R:** It is requested a resolution be passed accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Erie County Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**D. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works****MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROUTE 2 IN SANDUSKY CITY LIMITS**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for the State Route 2 maintenance services for the dates of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 is \$28,193.14 and will be paid with the City of Sandusky State Highway fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-180:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing payment to the Treasurer of State, Ohio Department of Transportation for the maintenance of State Route 2 in the City of Sandusky by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to 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: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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 ITEMS****ITEM #1 - Submitted by John Orzech, Chief of Police****PURCHASE OF TWO 2019 SUV'S FROM LEBANON FORD**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the vehicles will be purchased with \$55,410 from the capital funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-181:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two 2019 Ford Explorer police interceptor SUV's through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing program from Lebanon Ford of Lebanon, Ohio, for the Police Department; 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:* Dave Waddington said he wishes the Police Department had all SUV's as space in the cruisers is very tight. Wes Poole asked where the existing vehicles are being transferred to and John Orzech said these are transferred to different city departments based on need. Most of the cruisers being replaced have over 140,000 miles. When we switched from the Chevy Impala's to Fords, we purchased a number of Impalas at the end of the year to get the cost savings. The 2020 models are being changed out and in order to get them with the correlating equipment, we will need to replace them later in 2019. The older ones then go to different city departments depending on their need(s).

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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 Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager  
REBID FOR CITY-OWNED FIBER EXTENSION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project including advertisement and miscellaneous expenses is \$125,000 to be paid out of the capital projects fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 037-18R:** It is requested a resolution be passed repealing Resolution #025-18R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed city-owned fiber extension project; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; 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 Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

*Discussion:* Stuart Hamilton said we ran into bedrock a 16" to 18" depth and the original estimate did not include boring to this depth.

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

~~ITEM #3 - Submitted by Stuart Hamilton, IT Manager and Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer~~

~~NEW CITY HALL EMERGENCY GENERATOR & AUTOMATIC DOORS~~

~~**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the project is \$108,897 and will be expensed from the capital projects fund.~~

~~**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to make payment to SandCity, LLC, of Willoughby, Ohio, for the reimbursement of an emergency generator and three automatic door openers for the new City Hall administrative facility; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.~~

**ITEM #4 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**

**CONTRACT TO CASH SERVICES, LLC FOR CEDAR POINT WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project based on bids including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$443,418 and will be paid with water funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-183:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cash Services, LLC of Millbury, Ohio, for the Cedar Point water main improvement 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 we are trying to manage the water and sewer systems throughout the city and the highest priorities are locations with frequent breaks. A couple of years ago we replaced or added a parallel section of water line just north of the ticket booths at Cedar Point

which was a problem area. Other areas along the Cedar Point main are just north of First Street and near the high bridge. A couple of years ago, we looked at options and ideas for the entire system. The most cost effective and best option is to focus on areas where there are frequent breaks instead of replacing the entire main. After internal discussions and discussion with employees at Cedar Fair, the best option to improve the service for Cedar Point and residents of Cedar Point Roadway is to replace these problematic sections. Timing is critical to get under contract immediately as there is a limited time to perform construction.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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  
AGREEMENT WITH ODNR TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no impact to the city budget as the full extent of the project will be paid for with the grant funding from ODNR.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-183:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to accept grant funds in the amount of \$140,500 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Sandusky Bay Causeway wetland restoration project and the related Sandusky Bay Initiative; authorizing the City Manager to execute any grant agreements and to expend the funds consistent with the grant agreement; 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:* Aaron Klein said this project piggybacks on work the city had done with the ODNR grant over one year ago. Under that grant, we had several preliminary design projects for three locations in the city. One of the locations was along Cedar Point Drive on the western side of the entire causeway which was broken up into four different phases. Because of the work we had done and because of the commitment to Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay by the ODNR to make these projects successful, it has become a wonderful partnership. ODNR asked the city if it would be willing to accept another \$140,500 to take Phase I of Project Area #2 to final design and permitting. This legislation is to accept this money and proceed with this project. Item #6 is an amendment to the agreement with Foth to allow them to proceed with the actual final design work and the permitting phase of the contract all the way through bidding. We have worked with Cedar Fair during preliminary design and they are onboard with this project to improve the habitat, the ecosystem, nutrient reductions and any issues with phosphorus and nitrogen throughout Sandusky Bay. It also needs to coincide with the State's ban on openly disposing of dredging materials for the shipping channel. Aaron Klein said the ODNR is pursuing other state and federal organizations and opportunities through grant funding for the construction.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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 Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works  
SECOND AMENDMENT TO SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT, LLC FOR SANDUSKY BAY CAUSEWAY WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The original agreement plus Amendment #1 totaled \$670,000. This amendment will increase the cost by \$140,500 for a revised total project cost of \$810,500, but

there is no financial impact to the city budget as all additional costs associated with this amendment will be provided by the State of Ohio via a grant agreement with ODNR under separate legislation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-184:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a second amendment to the professional services agreement subgrant agreement with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, of De Pere, Wisconsin, for the Sandusky Bay Causeway wetland restoration project, Phase I and the related Sandusky Bay initiative; 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington and Greg Lockhart, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington 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**

- Dennis Murray said he and the other commissioners had an opportunity to look at the **new City Hall space** last week and although there has been a delay, he understands why this is happening. The developer ran into a number of situations which were not anticipated and to their credit and the city's savings, they did the right things. When working with State historic tax credits, the state organization wants to make sure as much of the old buildings are preserved as possible. The developer had to wait for approval because of these issues; this is not to discredit either entity, it is just the way it is sometimes. Based on the last construction meeting held between SandCity, LLC, and the City of Sandusky, the **new estimated completion timeframe for City Hall** has been moved to the Spring of 2019. It is not uncommon for there to be delays with renovation projects, especially those involving state and federal historic tax credits. All substantive changes to scope and materials must be first reviewed and approved by state and federal agencies. Since the current City Hall was to remain occupied with police and court functions until the completion of the new Justice Center, this change in schedule will have no negative impact on city functions and/or services. City staff will present a lease amendment proposal to the commission regarding alterations to occupancy for consideration in the upcoming weeks.
- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept three donations to purchase two new banners to promote the bi-annual Drive-Thru Drop-off day event: 1) \$100 from Barnes Nursery; 2) \$60 from Cyclone Services; and 3) \$100 from Goodwill Industries. The President declared the motion passed.**
- Toft's Dairy and Ice Cream will be hosting the annual **"Sub Zero with a Hero" event** on September 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Sandusky Police and Fire Departments will join together for this family-friendly event.
- The Fire Department will begin **flow testing** and residents are encouraged to run their water faucets if there is discolored water resulting from agitated sediment in lines.
- The next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is September 14, 2018 at 7:45 a.m.

- **Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to make emergency repairs to the hypochlorite tank at Big Island Water Works.**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said on September 7, one of the two **plastic hypochlorite tanks at Big Island Water Works** experienced an elastic deformation and crack near the bottom. The interior bladder is currently holding and straps have been placed around the tank to reduce potential catastrophic failure of the tank wall. Material is being pumped to the other tank throughout the treatment process while staff is obtaining pricing for an emergency replacement. Eric Wobser said the repair/replacement costs may be around \$100,000 and said the appropriate legislation will be requested once final costs are known. Aaron Klein said we feed hypochlorite into the raw water system and these tanks were installed in the late 2000's. We do not have a good means to remove these tanks from the building when they reach their useful life (8 – 12 years). There is a large bulge in the side of the tank which expanded and cracked but there is a bladder still holding the water in. Staff has put a strap around it to ensure it holds while procuring an additional tank; unfortunately, it takes quite a bit of time to get a new tank and open the wall to install it.

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

- **The splash pads at Huron Park and Lions Park** are officially closed for the winter as of September 10.
- Construction of the **Campbell Street project** including resurfacing, sidewalks, curbs, safety improvements, replacing sewers and upgrading water lines is officially complete and awaiting a final change order. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is forthcoming.
- Eric Wobser welcomed **Scott Bittner as a full-time Maintenance II employee who joined the Division of Streets & Traffic**. Scott previously worked as a seasonal employee in this division.
- The Lange Trust has graciously sponsored a **year-long temporary sculpture on loan program** in partnership with the Midwest Sculpture Initiative and the City of Sandusky. The Lange Trust has worked with the Sandusky Public Arts & Culture Commission and the Midwest Sculpture Initiative to select eight sites throughout the Kilbourne Plat area. These sites will host sculptures temporarily for one year. The sculptures are scheduled to be selected by a committee formed by the Lange Trust within the next week and installation is scheduled to occur by the end of September. More information on the Midwest Sculpture Initiative can be found at [www.msisculpture.com](http://www.msisculpture.com). Wes Poole asked what the locations are for the sculptures and Eric Wobser said the city's planning staff and members of the Public Art & Culture Commission met with The Lange Trust to select the locations. They started with 24 sites and narrowed these down to a one-mile radius so people can walk them. They are trying to find eight locations which would connect the masonic parks in the city and all are on public property. Wes Poole said he does not want to weigh in on placement or how it is determined, but said it sounds like The Lange Trust and a subcommittee is going to dictate where things are placed on public property, not the City Commission. Wes Poole suggested the City Commission should approve placement if using public property as a matter of process. If city dollars are being used to paint something on a private building, it should also be approved by the City Commission, especially if over \$10,000.

Dennis Murray said there is nothing inappropriate about this although he does not want to get involved as to where these sculptures are placed. When it comes to public art, if ten people in a room are choosing where to place something, there will be 100 opinions. The Lange Trust is funding this project, the sculptures will be placed on city property and he does not feel a need to be personally involved with these decisions. Eric Wobser said the current initiative was brought to the city by The Lange Trust and vetted through members of the Public Art & Culture Commission. We will look at what is the most appropriate process and thinks most of the sculptures will be on public property; there are no murals as part of this piece and Eric Wobser assured the commissioners no project funded by public art dollars will go forward without being vetted by both Commissions. Anything which rises to the level of requiring legislation will not be circumvented and we want to make sure there is a lot of public process and input into what happens. We will have to see if legislation is required for the sculptures and specifically for placement and value input and feedback of the City Commission with this process. Wes Poole said he is not interested in personally dictating where these are placed; if using city property, the taxpayers should have an opportunity to say something about it and this is done through the City Commission. Just like granting easements, the commission should have a say similar to placement of monuments in Veteran's Park or anywhere else. Taxpayers are allowed to know about these in advance and perhaps a presentation from the Public Arts & Culture Commission would be appropriate. This may be asking a lot, but is a process which is best for the community in the long term. The Lange Trust should not be deciding where we are placing sculptures; this should be vetted using the same process. Dennis Murray said his understanding is it is well within the City Manager's authority to decide where a particular piece of artwork goes based upon a recommendation and is leery of establishing a precedent by having the commission vote on something to be placed on city property. Dennis Murray said he and Wes Poole are not interested in micromanaging, but when doing something larger like this, he (Wes) would like the City Commission to have an opportunity to provide input. When these locations are selected, Dennis Murray suggested they be included in the City Manager's report to get permission from the City Commission. Wes Poole said he would like to know where the City Manager gets the authority to do what Dennis Murray just described as he does not believe this is accurate.

- Commissioner Dave Waddington and Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator Talon Flohr will be conducting **neighborhood update meetings** starting in October and going through March to review projects and progress within each of the six Sandusky neighborhood initiative areas. Meetings dates, times and locations are in the process of being set and will be communicated with the public once finalized.
- The regular **Planning Commission** meeting is scheduled for September 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- Eric Wobser introduced **Tom Horsman who is new to the Planning Department**. Tom is a Planner who recently relocated to Sandusky from the Cleveland area; he was most recently employed by Cleveland State University (CSU). He has a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from CSU as well as an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Tom came across as a very thoughtful person in his interviews and adds great value to the department.
- The **Friends of the Greenhouse will be applying for a grant to bring back a giant checkerboard located in Washington Park** in the 1930's and 1940's. The Friends of the Sandusky Greenhouse and the Recreation Department would like to bring

back the checkerboard during the city's Bicentennial to pay homage to the history of Washington Park. This specific area in Washington Park is an area where it is difficult to grow grass and this project would also enhance the park landscape. The game pieces (chess/checkers) will be stored in a nearby building to be used during public events. Without grant funding, bringing back a historic attraction and creating an interactive activity in Washington Park would not be possible. If funded, this donation will be placed back on a future City Manager's report for the City Commission to accept.

- There will be a **Pier Pressure** workout activity on September 15 at 8 a.m. with Nexxt Level Fitness at Schade-Mylander Plaza. A downtown gym crawl is being organized for the last event of the season on September 29.
- The **Dragons & Bacon Festival** will take place on September 15 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with more teams than last year. This event is a partnership between Sandusky Recreation, Lake Erie Shores & Islands, Adaptive Adventures and the Encore Shop. The public is welcome to watch from the Paper District Marina or at the Jackson Street Pier and food trucks (with a focus on bacon) will be available throughout the day.
- The Sandusky Bicentennial Commission kicked off a **BeardCentennial contest** last week paying homage to a similar contest held during the city's Sesquicentennial in 1968. One added feature is the end of year growth category where contestants take before and after pictures for the Sandusky Register ending at the contest finale on November 23 at the State Theatre. Categories include best beard, longest beard, best moustache, worst facial hair and crowd favorite.
- Dave Waddington asked if we are going to put up padding on the **basketball hoops at Orlando Pace Park** and Eric Wobser said we are investigating different treatments for these. Wes Poole asked if this will be done at all of our basketball courts.
- Dave Waddington asked if crews can do one more sweep through the **canoe launch area** as it is very dense with grass and weeds.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked where the city is with hiring a new Law Director. Dennis Murray said he spoke with Eric Wobser about this today and applications are being accepted for another couple of weeks so this is moving along, but not yet completed. Sharon Johnson asked how much the city put in to purchase the fish hook on Meigs Street. Angie Byington said this cost \$9,950 from the Neighborhood Initiative fund. Eric Wobser said this was funded with city dollars; this money comes from a fifty percent match with the Dorn Foundation donation and noted fifty percent of all beautification dollars are privately funded. Sharon Johnson asked if this came from Issue 8 funding and Hank Solowiej said it was neighborhood initiative funding. Eric Wobser said last year the city had an insurance settlement of around \$900,000; \$600,000 of this was dedicated to housing for the neighborhood initiative and \$300,000 was a match for the Dorn Foundation's donation for a total of \$1.2 million. These were one-time donations, not Issue 8 funds. Sharon Johnson said there seems to be a problem with Monroe Street falling apart near the Sail In. It looks like the patch is sinking in and needs to be repaired. Sharon Johnson said she did not think the City Hall project would be completed by the end of this year and this has come



true; it looked like they were on strike sometimes and it is only fifty percent complete which is pitiful. Sharon Johnson asked what kinds of problems they had which made the project delayed by six more months. Dennis Murray said some of the issues were defined earlier including the sub floor area and in the first floor where the commission chambers and public offices will be. This was unanticipated and a very expensive process along with the back wall. On both of these occasions, it was explained they had to redesign this and await approval from the State Historic Preservation Office. Sharon Johnson asked if the city inspectors or designers could not spot this and Dennis Murray said once a building is opened up they actually know what they are getting into. They could have simply patched it together but they redid the whole thing and is appreciative of the fact they did it this way. Sharon Johnson said she is disappointed we are giving them about six more months and we will be back here in six more to give them another six months as it is not coming along as it should.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said boaters are coming in close to the Washington Street Pier at a high rate of speed while people are trying to fish. There used to be no wake signage which has been replaced by a private advertisement for a business in the cove and wants to know if this sign can be removed and replaced with the original sign. If the city wants to allow the business owner to keep it up, the no wake sign should be installed below it and notice to stay a certain distance from the pier. Some boaters think there is a channel running parallel to the pier but it is no deeper along the pier than it is 200' offshore. There have been incidents where boaters come so close they grab ahold of fishermen's gear which can be expensive. When 4' waves are thrown against the pier with the high water, we are seeing additional stalling of the concrete because of the wave action. Dennis Murray said he boats through this area quite frequently and anything other than idling is discourteous to other boaters and to those fishing on the pier. If the sign came down or was replaced he has not noticed, but we do need one indicating no wake although he does not know about the distance. Tim Schwanger said he used to dock inside the cove and it is no deeper up close to the Pier than it is 200' offshore. He understands government works at a snail's pace but asked if it is allowable for a private business to advertise on city property; this must have been put up in the middle of the night. Wes Poole asked if the business sign requires approval of the Planning Commission and Angie Byington said this did not go through the Planning Commission and the sign is not permitted. Wes Poole asked how soon we can take care of its removal and Dennis Murray asked if we are talking about the Cove Carryout sign. Tim Schwanger said it is for Cove Carryout - Key West of Sandusky - although he has nothing against Shawn Bickley (the owner). Dennis Murray said we will give some direction to this in the next couple of days.

**At 5:58 p.m., upon motion of Dave Waddington 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