

President Dan Kaman opened the meeting at 5 p.m. after the **Invocation**, given by John Hamilton, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The Clerk **called the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the Commission voted to excuse Brett Fuqua. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010, meeting and dispensed with the oral reading. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

A presentation was made by Bryan Rathbun from SUREnergy regarding the design and implementation of a 1.5 megawatt system composed of two utility scale wind turbines for the City of Sandusky's Waste Water Treatment facility. Bryan Rathbun said this project will provide approximately 50% – 60% of the electric usage for this facility with an estimated completion date of April, 2011 (if started by August, 2010). He said most of these turbines are currently located in Europe and use variable pitch blades, direct drive technology and offer a lightning protection system. He said the system being proposed does not use gears which can become a maintenance problem in the future. The overall height is 246' and the turbines begin generating power at wind speeds of 6.7 mph; at this height, there is a pretty constant wind stream and a runtime of about 78% on an annual basis. Bryan Rathbun said his company is looking at stabilizing electrical costs for the next 15 years with both short and long term savings. This will protect the city against unstable and uncertain electrical costs as well as annual cost inflation. He said the Waste Water Treatment facility has seen a rate increase from 7.5 cents to 8.1 cents since the last fiscal year, equating to a 7.7% increase. Bryan Rathbun said the kilowatt hour costs are the vast majority of overall cost and can be removed while demand costs can be reduced during times of peak load. The system proposed is an overall leasing program; he said entering into a purchase agreement could cause a deficit if the city fails to offset the demand costs. Additionally, he said purchase agreements normally retain grant incentives and Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). The lease agreement will allow for payments of one flat rate for the term based upon the project cost and the city's bond rating. He said any grants obtained will lower the payments for the length of the term and the value of the RECs will also be used to lower the city's payments. Bryan Rathbun said based on a savings of 6 cents out of 8.1 cents - and 5% inflation factor the city will have a positive cash savings impact in year 1 with a 15-year net savings of \$863,000, and a 20-year net savings of \$3,031,000. Bryan Rathbun said if wind production were to fall below projections, tax exempt loans are available to cover the difference(s). He said the city is given a residual purchase price to take ownership of both wind turbines with the leasing arrangement.

Dan Kaman asked about the maintenance costs since this is a lease. Bryan Rathbun said SUREnergy will cover these costs for the first five years. The lender will bill the maintenance costs through the city's lease payments and SUREnergy will maintain the turbines after the city has built up a savings to cover these costs. Dave Waddington said approval has been received from Ohio Aviation and we are currently waiting for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval. He said this will be the city's last obstacle for the Waste Water Treatment facility and that the Water Treatment facility is now out of the question. Dan Kaman asked about the cash flow in year 5 which appears to go from \$31,000 (Year 4) down to \$8,000 and Bryan Rathbun said this is when the maintenance cost gets factored back in and there is a temporary shortfall in year 5.

Tim Rathbun, CEO of SUREnergy, spoke about what would happen if there is any shortfall with the finances. He said the quality of the proposal depends upon the quality of the estimate for production from the unit. A shortfall will immediately affect the cash flow. He said the estimated output is conservative and attainable and should be exceeded. He said the company would stand behind this and offers to contribute or reimburse the city for a set amount each year if there is a shortfall (up to \$10,000/yr. for each year of the lease term). Dave Waddington asked if the representative from Chevron was still interested in working with the city and Bryan Rathbun said Chevron has structured this 15-year lease for municipalities. He said the RECs have a value of about \$120,000 in the current market. Kim Nuesse asked what it would cost for an outright purchase and Bryan Rathbun said this is a \$5 million project for two turbines. Kim Nuesse asked about the flight path and Bryan Rathbun said they are still waiting for approval from the FAA. Kim Nuesse asked if SUREnergy has done any municipal projects and Bryan Rathbun said this would be the first, although they have done a project for both Huron and Margaretta Schools. Dave Waddington said there has been concern expressed about the noise made by

turbines and these particular turbines are not gear driven, rather they act as a huge magnet for wind. Dan Kaman asked for a comparison to the turbines located at Toft Dairy and Bryan Rathbun said they are not quite twice the size and are downwind machines (the blades face away from the wind). Don Icsman said the next step would be for the City Commission to vote upon entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SUREnergy, for an amount not to exceed \$24,000, to allow confirmation of the aspects of the project to be implemented. Dave Waddington said the last time the city met with SUREnergy, George Poulos and Hank Solowiej were present and ran the numbers for this proposal and said they look sound. Julie Farrar said she is glad the city is looking toward green energy.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission voted to order in legislation for the next meeting to allow the city to enter into a MOA with SUREnergy, for an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Under **Audience Participation**, the following persons offered their comments:

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, requested the City Commission consider not passing the proposed legislation allowing for raises for the City Commissioners on the November ballot (Item #1). She said the City Commission could place this on the ballot at later time when the budget is more stable.

Dennis Timple, 553 Bimini Drive, requested the City Commission pass the proposed legislation allowing for raises for the City Commissioners on the November ballot (Item #1) because currently, City Commissioners make 'zero' pay once expenses are removed. He said the second piece of legislation outlined in Item #1 should be passed as it could save the city up to \$20,000 each year which is more than the raises being proposed for the City Commissioners. He said major newspapers across the country are terminating the use of print newspapers and going totally internet.

Darlene Armour, 1007 Wayne Street, said the key words used in Item #1 are "to serve" which also means "to give". She said this should be looked at as a position of giving rather than of being employed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to accept all communications. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #1 – Submitted by 2010 Charter Review Committee Members

It is requested an Ordinance be approved **providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Sandusky of a proposed Amendment to update Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Sandusky in order to provide that, commencing January 1, 2011, the salary of each City Commissioner shall be \$150.00 per week and the amount received by the President of the City Commission in addition to that salary shall be \$30.00 per week;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse thanked those who served on the Charter Review Committee. She said these citizens spent time looking at all of the Sections of the Charter and since they have been brought forward as recommendations, they should be good enough for public debate. Dave Waddington said if the raises are approved, he will not accept his, although he does support placing this issue on the ballot. Julie Farrar said she appreciates the time spent by the members of the Charter Review Committee and although she feels the City Commissioners should be paid more, she personally did not run for the position because of the pay; rather, she cares about moving the city forward. She said if more politicians "served" instead of being politicians, this country would be a better place.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Kim Nuesse, Dave Waddington and Pervis Brown, 3. Nays: John Hamilton, Julie Farrar, Dan Kaman, 3. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Kim Nuesse, Dave Waddington and Pervis Brown, 3. Nays: John Hamilton, Julie Farrar, Dan Kaman, 3. The President declared the Ordinance fails due to a tie vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-059: It is requested an Ordinance be approved providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Sandusky of a proposed amendment to update Section 15 of the Charter of the City of Sandusky by revising the first paragraph thereof to require, within ten (10) days of final passage, that every Ordinance or Resolution of a general or permanent nature be published once by title only and

that every Ordinance or Resolution be made available in length to the public at various locations; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said the members of the Charter Review Committee felt this should be brought forward and therefore the issue should go to the voters for public debate. Julie Farrar said the City of Sandusky spent \$31,980.11 in 2005, \$30,600.55 in 2006, \$31,098.46 in 2007, \$31,710.39 in 2008 and \$23,995.99 in 2009 for a grand total of \$149,385 during this five-year period to advertise in the Sandusky Register. She said Ordinances and Resolutions could be made available on the internet or at City Hall and the Sandusky Library rather than spending this amount of money at a time when we do not have it to spend.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Kathryn K. McKillips, Engineer

Budgetary Information: \$86,750.00 will be paid with Sewer Funds. Erie County has paid ADS 100% of the cost of the services to date. The city will be reimbursing Erie County for the city's share.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-060: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing payment to the Erie County Department of Environmental Services for sewer metering services for the period of February, 2007 through May, 2010**; 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 Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said this is being requested for passage under Section 14 of the City Charter so that timely payment can be made.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, E.I.T.

Budgetary Information: The original contract price was \$1,327,547.68. The final contract cost including the deduct change order in the amount of \$112,465.14 is \$1,215,082.54. Federal Funds provided through the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will fund \$690,691.12 (80% of eligible costs), with the city's Sewer Fund to fund \$237,400.81 and the city's Water Fund to fund \$286,990.61.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-061: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first and final change order for work being performed by Erie Blacktop, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Mills Street Reconstruction project and to deduct the contract amount by \$112,465.14 in relation thereto**; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said this is being requested for passage under Section 14 of the City Charter to meet the timeline to close out the program. She also noted this project is under budget.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Kathryn K. McKillips, Engineer

Budgetary Information: The cost for the work to be performed by Jones & Henry Engineers is \$36,360.00 with \$16,680.00 to be paid with Water Funds and \$19,680.00 with Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-062: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Professional Design Services with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. for a Water and Wastewater Rate Study;** 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 Pervis Brown, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse asked the reason for requesting passage under Section 14 of the City Charter and Kathy McKillips said this is to allow for the study to be completed so that the new rates can be placed into effect sooner rather than later. Kathy McKillips said she is more concerned about connection fees, permit fees and tap-in fees which have not been updated since 1998; the rates have not been increased since 2003. She said Jones & Henry has background information to assist in making application for OWDA loans and also has a background of the city's financial information. Kim Nuesse asked about the bid process and Don Icsman said the award of the contract is because of the particular knowledge and expertise of Jones & Henry and is exempt from competitive bidder.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Kathryn K. McKillips, Engineer

Budgetary Information: The total project cost including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$7,307,350.00. The city will apply for an Ohio Water Development Authority loan to be paid back with Water Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 022-10R: It is requested a Resolution be passed **repealing Resolution 018-09R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed Big Island Water Works Chemical Improvement project; approving the revised specifications and Engineer's estimate of cost thereof;** 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 Dave Waddington and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve this Resolution under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said the reason for requesting passage under Section 14 of the City Charter is to meet the timeline established for the work to be performed during the winter months, an optimal time for this type of project. Kathy McKillips said part of the work is sensitive to the amount of water being produced and wintertime is a less water producing period of time.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Resolution: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the vehicles will be covered by the city's transit capital American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. There will be no budgetary impact on the city's general fund. No local match was required for this grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-063: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing payment to Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation (TESCO) of Oregon, Ohio for the purchase of eight (8) light transit vehicles for the Sandusky Transit System;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

Budgetary Information: The total cost for the annual support fee is \$13,250.00 and will be paid with funds from the Sandusky Transit System budget. There will be no impact on the city's General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-064: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing payment to Trapeze Software Group, Inc., of Dallas, Texas for the annual software support and maintenance fee for the period 7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said a lot of citizens have been asking why items are being passed under Section 14 and is the reason she was bring this forward tonight. She said this Ordinance is being requested for passage under Section 14 of the City Charter so that timely payment can be made as it was due on July 1.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Hank Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director & George J. Poulos, AIA, Chief Building Official

Budgetary Information: The City Commission authorized the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$625,000 for the repairs to homes involved in the city's 2004, 2005 and 2006 Housing Rehabilitation Program by Ordinance No. 08-143, passed on December 22, 2008. Another \$425,000 was authorized by Ordinance No. 09-008, passed on February 23, 2009. An additional \$350,000 is being requested to finish up the completion of the repairs through the process of pre-funding the cost of the repairs using existing balances from State and Federal grant funds. It is anticipated the City of Sandusky General Fund may possibly assume the long term financial responsibility for these repairs as these grant funds will need to be repaired once insurance, criminal investigations and legal matters are resolved. This authorization does not include amounts, if any, that would need to be returned to the Ohio Department of Development as a result of their audit report of the 2004, 2005 and 2006 grant years.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-065: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **appropriating funds and ratifying the payments made to various contractors and approving payments to be made to contractors for additional services for the repairs to the homes involved in the City of Sandusky's 2004, 2005 and 2006 Housing Rehabilitation Programs in CY 2010;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Kim Nuesse and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission voted to approve this Ordinance under immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse said this is being requested for passage under Section 14 of the City Charter so that payment and repairs can be made in a timely manner. Dave Waddington said he recently asked if this was the end of this matter and he is happy to say that we are at the end with the additional \$350,000 to complete the work. He said just last week he received the 2004 Audit Report from the State of Ohio and there could be some extra. He said he was concerned about the work being bid out properly in the beginning and claims made by persons and/or companies about low-balling their bids. Don Icsman said this is one issue that is a subject in the investigation by the Office of the Inspector General. He said a recent case concluded bidders looking to recover bid costs must have gone to court and sought an injunction previously. He said none of the local contractors have done this to date and the time period to seek damages has passed. Don Icsman said since Ohio Regional Development Corporation (ORDC) has been involved with the city's program, procedural flaws have been addressed. Dave Waddington said he is concerned about the General Fund assuming this long-term financial responsibility and Hank Solowiej said the figure is currently at \$1.4 million. Dave Waddington said he hopes it ends here because of its effect on the General Fund. Hank Solowiej said there are ways to address this and spread it out. Dan Kaman said this is a big ugly cloud hanging over the city and he is glad to see the city is making it right. He said it is sickening to have this happen in a small community like Sandusky. Don Icsman said it is commendable the City Commission has taken this position and feels it will bode well for the city's reputation. He said the city has no legal obligation to offer these types of services and because of this, there is immunity for the city.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Kelly L. Kresser, Clerk of the City Commission

A notice has been submitted to the City of Sandusky from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, requesting a stock transfer request of a D5 Liquor Permit to El Pino Ltd., dba Casa Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 1007 West Perkins Avenue & Patio, Sandusky. It is requested the Clerk notify the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that the city has no objections to this request.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted for the City Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that the city has no objections to this request. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #10

ORDINANCE NO. 10-066: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **ratifying, accepting and approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Sandusky, an Ohio Charter Municipal Corporation, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #1519, the collective bargaining unit for certain employees of the City of Sandusky, for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2012, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Kim Nuesse second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to adopt this Ordinance to take immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Julie Farrar said she is glad to finally be in agreement with the city's last union so that we can move on with running the city.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the Sandusky Fire Department Trust Fund. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the Sandusky Police Department Trust Fund. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman said the city recently received a **letter from the Museum of Carousel Art and History thanking employees in the Parks Division and certain City Commissioners for their efforts and assistance during the Museum's recent birthday celebration.**

Don Icsman said **Paul Ricci was recently elected as the North Central Director of the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association.**

Don Icsman said the City of Sandusky has a priority use agreement with Sandusky Central Catholic Schools (SCCS) for use of a ball field at Dorn Community Park. He said **this agreement allows for SCCS to have priority use of certain fields at Dorn Community Park and the residents benefit from the improvements made by SCCS while not being used by the school. Recently, SCCS requested the city approve the installation of a scoreboard at Field #5. Don Icsman said an agreement will be entered into for this installation.**

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to support entering into an agreement with SCCS for this park improvement. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman said **the Sandusky Main Street Association will host a Block Watch Block Party on Thursday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Cabana Jacks. He said the block watch includes the area from Adams to Water Streets and from Decatur to Franklin Streets.** He said flyers are being distributed to local businesses and residents in this area to gather support and interest and all are invited to the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Waddington **thanked those who were at Victory Kitchen last Saturday including John Hamilton, Don Icsman, State Representative Dennis Murray and representatives from Hermes Farms; he said over \$1,000 was raised for Victory Kitchen.**

Don Icsman asked Acting Police Chief Max Jarrett to **provide public reassurance concerning actions being taken by members of the Sandusky Police Department since the recent shootings in the community.** Max Jarrett said the first of these incidents was on April 11 and since that time, 11 calls have been confirmed where actual shots were fired. He said he looked at the progress made this week by the Detectives in these investigations and persons have been arrested as the result of two of the calls; five were in the Hancock Street area. He said there are probably six or seven shootings related to the same group while there are two to four that we are not sure are related. He is comfortable with the actions being taken by the Detectives and said information about the shootings is still welcome and calls can be made anonymously. He said having Officers available who were previously laid off has helped to reallocate resources for the investigations and said this will pay off in the long run.

Julie Farrar said **the signage for State Champions has been posted** at the corporate limits and three of the State Champions met for a photograph this afternoon in front of the sign on S.R. 6. She said each of the four State Champions were given their own sign and thanked the boosters from SHS and SCCS, as well as Mike Youskievicz from the Traffic Division, for their assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Waddington asked about the **speed enforcement cameras** and Don Icsman said a presentation will be made at the next City Commission meeting by Red Flex Traffic Systems. Don Icsman said this is a safety program which targets high accident areas, school zones and train crossings. Dave Waddington said his problem with the cameras is that the owner of the car gets the ticket rather than the driver of the car. Don Icsman said there is a means to resolve differences through a procedure whereby the owner signs an Affidavit; he said a hearing officer is appointed by the city for this purpose. Julie Farrar said cameras have been used successfully in Cleveland. She said recently, as the owner of a vehicle, she was cited rather than the driver (her son), but she made sure her son paid the ticket. Dan Kaman said he had a similar incident after selling a vehicle to someone in the Lakewood area who did not transfer the tags. He said he contacted the department issuing the ticket and the matter was handled. Kim Nuesse said she is looking forward to a spirited discussion about this and she is in dead opposition to traffic cameras. She said this will take away job duties from Police Officers and will supplement them with cameras. She said this will take away on-site discretion and the opportunity for persons to tell their side of the story. Dan Kaman said he looks at the installation of five cameras as providing five more sets of eyes.

Kim Nuesse asked where the city is regarding **the placement of cameras in Peddler's Alley** and Dan Kaman said his understanding is the Sandusky Main Street Association was going to handle this. Max Jarrett said there have not been any other incidents, to his knowledge, and he believes the previous incident was related to a couple of disgruntled employees.

Dave Waddington asked if anything was going to be done to **create paid parking in the Jackson Street parking lot. He asked what money is generated through the parking meters on the Jackson Street Pier.** He said it may be better for the city to have a high school student collect \$5 from each vehicle. Dan Kaman said there are ongoing discussions about creating paid parking for the Jackson Street lot. Hank Solowiej said the city collects a good amount of money (perhaps \$17,000 - \$18,000/year) and the meters do occasionally break down. He said when this occurs, the Police Department is notified for enforcement purposes as it is not fair to enforce the fees when the meters are not taking money.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to appoint Matt Leser to the Oakland Cemetery Board, to replace Pauline Mackey, for a term ending January 31, 2012. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed. Dave Waddington asked the Clerk of the City Commission to notify Matt Leser of his appointment and of the Cemetery Board meeting on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Upon motion of John Hamilton and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to have an Executive Session regarding Land Acquisition. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of John Hamilton and second of Pervis Brown, the Commission voted to have an Executive Session regarding Collective Bargaining, AFSCME. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of John Hamilton and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to have an Executive Session regarding Pending Litigation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Dave Waddington asked the Clerk to provide information about the Ribbon Cutting on Friday. Kelly Kresser said there will be a **Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Hayes Avenue underpass at 5 p.m. this Friday, July 30.** She said this will take place in the sidewalk area on the Southwest side of the underpass, near Filmore Street.

Under **Audience Participation**, the following persons offered their comments:

Cathy Dickerson, 1813 East Shoreway Drive, Citizen Circle Coordinator for the Center for Cultural Awareness, said the client volunteer leader for Citizen Circle Trash Month is Millie Canfield. Millie Canfield then stated there were several clients in the audience who are in the program which helps ex-felons to better their lifestyles and become more productive citizens for the community. She said these clients would like to give back to the city by helping to clean up designated community areas. Canfield Hartley has agreed to haul the trash free of charge. She said anyone wishing to request cleanup assistance can contact her at 419.621.1117.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said she is concerned about water puddling near the bottom of the new Hayes Avenue underpass. Dan Kaman said the new tile does drain and he believes this standing water may simply be the result of recent rainfall. Dave Waddington said some of the water may still be getting in and settling. Sharon Johnson asked if the waiting list was used to choose the new member of the Oakland Cemetery Board and Kelly Kresser said there were four applicants who were considered for this opening from previously submitted applications. Sharon Johnson asked if the city was considering the rental of four turbines and Dan Kaman said the City Commission voted to further explore a lease arrangement for two wind turbines. Sharon Johnson asked how this project will be financed and Hank Solowiej said the cost will be made up through the savings in the Renewable Energy Credits and through savings on the city's monthly electric bill which, currently, is \$34,000 – \$35,000/month at the WWTP and increasing. Sharon Johnson said she is concerned with future maintenance costs for the turbines. John Hamilton said this is old technology, although new to us, and these have been used successfully in Europe for 20± years.

Dennis Timple, 553 Bimini Drive, requested the city consider keeping Shoreline Drive open during the Parties at the Plaza, similar to how it was kept open for Ohio Bike Week.

At 6:18 p.m., Dan Kaman announced adjournment of the regular session for a five minute recess. Three Executive Sessions were held beginning at 6:25 p.m. At 8:15 p.m., the City Commission returned to the table and declared adjournment.

Kelly L. Kresser
Clerk of the City Commission

Daniel J. Kaman
President of the City Commission