

JANUARY 26, 2009

5:00 P.M.

At 5:00 p.m. a Regular Meeting was held by the Sandusky City Commission in the City Building Commission Chambers, 222 Meigs Street, with City Commissioners Dan Kaman, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown, Bob Warner and Dave Waddington in attendance; as well as the Charter Officers of the City Manager Matthew D. Kline, Law Director Don Icsman, Finance Director Ed Widman and the Clerk of the City Commission B. Joyce Brown; and the Administrative Staff of the Director of Engineering Services Kathy McKillips, Fire Chief Mike Meinzer, Interim Police Chief Charlie Sams, Administrative Services Director Warrenette Parthemore, Economic Development Specialist Scott Schell, and Chief Planner Carrie Handy. The audience and news media were present.

Mr. Kaman offered the **invocation** and everyone remained standing for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

The Clerk called the **roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner and Waddington.

Mr. Waddington moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 2009, and dispense with the formal reading of same. Mr. Brown seconded. President Stahl asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, questioned if Item 1 was approved, would it include catholic schools; Item 3 if when they reviewed the plans for new or refurbished buildings, did they see if they met ADA Program requirements? Interim Chief Sams said they were working with Sandusky City Schools, but once that got established they would be in touch with St. Mary's.

PROCLAMATION – "Catholic Schools Week" – January 25th through January 31st

PRESENTATION – Lisa Beursken – PowerPoint on Recycling – President Stahl then instructed Commissioners Waddington and Brown to work with her on this project.

Mr. Waddington moved to accept all communications. Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

ITEM #1 - Communication – Lieutenant Phillip J. Frost

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: Sandusky Police Department is applying for level II funding, which is up to \$100,000.00. The grant requires the ten percent match in either cash or in-kind services. Sandusky Police is applying for \$93,791.52 and the 10% in-kind match (\$9,379.15) represents administrative and clerical costs that will be dedicated to the G.R.E.A.T. Program and are budgeted into the Police Department's 2009 draft budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-09R - Approving and ratifying the grant application submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2009 Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Grant Funds and, if awarded, authorizing the City Manager to execute any required agreement. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Kaman asked was he going to talk to other agencies? Interim Chief Sams said they've already talked to Sandusky City Schools. The officer's primary duty would be partly to teach in the schools and educate the kids, but the second part would be to start a Gang Officer Program in our City where they would start tracking gang activities and who gang members are. They would have one officer dedicated and our COP Officer Ommert, who was our DARE Officer at one time, would assist him in this effort. They've already been in contact with Perkins Police Department and their School Resource Officer who was starting to track the same activities and had agreed to exchange information. They were going to get a hold of the County and Huron both to join in. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Resolution: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #2 - Communication – Edward Widman, Finance Director

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The City has participated in this insurance program since 1987. The annual cost has become part of the annual Operating Budget. Based on the formula to calculate pool membership, Sandusky's cost for 2008-09 will be \$390,537.83. Total costs for 2007-08 was \$509,237 (\$429,237 plus \$80,000 reimbursement). For additional comparisons, 2004-05 was \$461,136, 2005-06 was \$567,627 (fourteen months or \$486,537 annualized) and 2006-07 was \$498,360. The insurance year is December through November. This expense is shared with the Utility Funds based on exposures. For 2008-09, \$169,487 of the \$390,537.83 is for loss funding. A portion of the loss funds could be returned as a dividend or applied as a premium discount if favorable loss trends continue.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-003 - Make payment for the 2008-2009 Renewal Costs for Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance Pool Membership with Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association (BORMA) and Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC). It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mr. Warner that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Warner said according to this, our insurance costs have gone down this year. Mr. Widman said a sizable amount yes. Mr. Warner said the last few months our insurance costs are rising, everything is rising so it was good to see something is going down and it might help a little bit. Mr. Widman said the Pool looked at a number of factors and we're fortunate to be in this situation. President Stahl said Mr. Jim Howell, the BORMA Representative, was here if anyone had any questions. As there were none, the Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 - Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The cost of this contract has been included in the Engineering Services, Building Division 2009 Draft Budget. A portion of the cost of the contract, plan review expense will be paid by the collection of plan review fees by the Department of Engineering Services.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-004 - Enter into a Consulting Contract with Don C. Waggoner for Calendar Year 2009, a copy of which attached hereto. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Warner said Mr. Ginty's question if when they were reviewing blueprints did they consider the updated ADA requirements in all of the rehabs and new buildings? Mrs. McKillips said ADA is included in the Building Code. So whatever the Building Code requires is what the Review Board goes on. Mr. Warner said so every new building that gets rehabbed here in town and new built is ADA compliant? Mrs. McKillips said she can't say that for sure only because the public buildings, residents don't have to, but if it is a business that citizens use. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-005 - Enter into a Consulting Contract with Scott J. Mularoni for Calendar Year 2009, a copy of which attached hereto. It was moved by Mrs. Farrar and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** - Mr. Kaman asked was there a reason that past years that Mr. Waggoner's was a maximum of \$5,000 a year and Mr. Mularoni's was \$10,000 maximum? Mrs. McKillips said it hadn't always been that way for many years and they were \$10,000 each, but only because the last few years Mr. Waggoner hasn't billed us for services so they decreased the contract amount to \$5,000. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4

ORDINANCE NO. 09-006 - Amending Part Eleven (Planning and Zoning Code), Title Five (Additional Zoning Requirements), Chapter 1153 (Wind Energy Conversion Systems) of the Codified Ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of City Charter Section 14. **Discussion** – Mr. Waddington said he hated to beat a dead horse, but the Strategic Action Plan Report under “(9.) Wind Energy Hub – *The wind capacity represents a strong economic development opportunity for Erie County and its neighbors and if it could help induce turbine manufacturers manufacturing turbine components to locate in this area, turbine manufacturing is a capital intensive industry that would create high wage production jobs to make them a good fit for Erie County’s workforce’s skills and sites.*” Ohio has been ranked Number 2 in the nation, and just today he caught some of President Obama’s Grand Initiative and he’s really pushing green energy. He thinks that recycling, wind turbines, and solar panels could really make Sandusky and Erie County. He spoke with a person from the Planning Commission and he was sure they would have a few tweaks in it. President Stahl said they all know that green energy is here to stay and they should all embrace it. This was a great first step to being able to put some of our people to work. Mr. Warner thanked Mr. Waddington and Mr. Kaman for working so hard on this and right now it was a pretty good fit for the City of Sandusky. Mr. Kaman said if they watched Channel 204 on Cable they would find out a lot more and they could see that California and Chicago were way ahead of us. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Waddington asked Mr. Kline to bring them up to speed on the outside groups beyond the Sustainability Task Force and as far as researching potential sites on our Water and Sewer Plants. Mr. Kline said the group entitled themselves “*Win with Wind*” and they came a few meetings ago and did a presentation. They meet every Friday morning, which includes the Mayor of Vermilion, City Manager Andy White of Huron and County and Township representation. They worked together to formulate a plan to create that market so it was attractive to bringing a manufacturing firm here for wind turbines. They’ve made plenty of visits to our current manufacturing facilities that may have the capabilities of doing maybe one component to put together a team that we could create our own or try to find an entrepreneur that has that drive and the capital to put that company together.

Mr. Waddington said and at the meeting tomorrow with the County he also hoped that Mr. Kline didn’t forget about the Green Initiative with the President and don’t forget about the solar panels and possibly the Greenhouse, even though it wouldn’t be on the top of the list. It doesn’t hurt to ask.

Mrs. Farrar said when Mr. Rengel (David) did the windmill presentation didn’t he say that we needed six windmills to get production started? Mr. Kline said yes, but that was the number he had always indicated to us. They have not received the final report from the EPS (Engineered Process Systems), although Huron has and they were a few weeks ahead of us. Each one of them were taken into consideration, Huron was looking at one and the City of Sandusky was looking at two sites. President Stahl said Mr. Rengel said if they worked together it didn’t matter if it was in Huron or Sandusky with six commercial big ones. It would still be very possible that they could some manufacturing here. But they also have to be cognizant of the little ones for homes and how they can get drawings available to realistically do one. Mr. Bob Hagg said there’s information on a Sustain Ohio website. Discussion ensued. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

Under the **City Manager’s Report**, Mr. Kline said **next meeting they would receive an ordinance for consideration to replace the sluice gates for the Water Treatment Plant**. There were eight that were put into the plant in 1956 and one had deteriorated badly and was not functioning properly. It concerned them because of lag time on ordering them so he would like to proceed with that one as an emergency. President Stahl asked what the present cost was? Mrs. McKillips said approximately \$20,000 and they would look at replacing the other seven in the near future either through our plant improvement projects or a separate project. President Stahl asked would that \$20,000 be covered by the Township? Mr. Kline said it was covered by us and it was part of our Capital Expenditures.

Mr. Kline said an **update on G&C Foundry**. They were trying to avoid the due process that was required for them to lay down a timetable, which takes a long time. They met with the property owners and will meet again tomorrow and they were trying to facilitate the possible purchase of the property with another owner who has the where-with-all to clean up the property. They know that the cost is going to exceed \$10,000 and by this week they would have three separate prices of quotes so they could proceed. Their concern is making sure that if they can't facilitate the purchase and the cleaning, the City would have to step up and do it. If we did that, they wanted to make sure that cost is going to be attached to the property taxes. Mr. Kaman said his only concern was if this other person doesn't buy it, but he would like to make sure that it remains an industrial area. Mr. Kline said he agreed. Mr. Schell said that person does concrete and EPA certified work and he talked to him and he said he could clean that property in five days or less. Mr. Kline said Scott Schell met with him Saturday morning at the site and he is to get back with Scott on the pricing. Mr. Schell said he has a fairly large project in the Pittsburgh area that he is trying to complete, but he actually drove up that morning and then drove right back. He was back in town again today with another person on the property and hopefully in the next few days they would have a number from him.

Mr. Kline said an announcement, **they are moving ahead with the Marina District, and one of the things that is required is a replacement property for the Surf's Up Property**. They've met with the Recreation Board and they would be conducting two public hearings to gather public input. They put out a press release; those meetings were scheduled next Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in this Chambers and the second one would be on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. as well here. Then after they gather that information they would be putting together a report and they'll make a recommendation at the City Council meeting.

Mr. Kline said there would be a **Budget Workshop Session on Monday, February 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in this Commission Chambers**. Also on the budget they would have a pre-final budget and several meetings ago the City Commission passed a new Section 145, which lays out for all administrative personnel. It lays out a process now, and it's our first time doing this that there is the creation of a Wage & Benefit Committee that meets to make a recommendation to the Finance/Audit Committee for any type of pay raises. Based on the discussions that they have had at the last Commission meeting and what they've heard based on the last Commission meeting, it was to be centered around to know more to see if there would be a pay raise and if not more than 1%. Running the rough calculations they always knew that 1% would be about \$25,000, and then they took that recommendation back to the Benefits & Wage Committee and took that recommendation to the Finance/Audit Committee. Then the Audit/Committee met last Friday, they discussed it when it was presented to not exceed \$30,000 because they've never gone over every individual employee to find out exactly what the bottom-line number is. ***The Finance /Audit Committee did vote 5 to 4 to recommend the 1%. So he was bringing that to the Commission as part of the report that would help to finalize our budget numbers for 2009. So to get a more solid number he did go over and actually ran the numbers himself and for all 34 employees that would be eligible for that type of raise, all funds would be \$18,463.91. Out of that \$18,000 the General Fund would absorb \$11,000. That's the recommendation and he was just giving the report to him.*** President Stahl said they would talk about that under new business. *He then asked were there any questions of the City Manager?*

Mr. Waddington asked was he going to be at the **3 o'clock County meeting tomorrow on the Economic Stimulus Package**? Mr. Kline said yes. Mr. Waddington said so he would like to ask the other Commissioners, their top priorities, that he agreed with was the Hayes Avenue Corridor. And then as far as the Green Initiative they talked about solar room for the City Maintenance to go in the Greenhouse. But he met with Scott Schell and **if they are going to get this Marina District to go forward, then they're looking at the Sandusky Metal Cabinets site as a possible skating area, why don't they look at the Warren Street Revitalization**? Warren Street connects Huron Park on the south end of the project to Shoreline Park on the north end and at the intersection of Warren and Monroe Streets, U.S. Route 6 turns onto it. Then with the improvements to Warren Street north of Monroe Street, Warren Street can become a main corridor to the waterfront. This was nothing new that we had looked at in the past and he brought it up to Scott. He thought maybe tomorrow, it doesn't hurt to ask, but if they wanted

to improve the access that this would be the main corridor coming into and out of Sandusky. But they also needed something eastbound for access to get down to go fishing and the Marina District and the development of getting through downtown Sandusky. That would be easy access and he believed that was something Mr. Packan (Gary) was working on. President Stahl said Mr. Poggiali (Steve) was working on that too. Mr. Waddington said it was an old Erie County MPO long-range Transportation Plan, but he would certainly have it tossed out tomorrow to include this in our Economic Stimulus Package. This all ties in for the rest of the County when they come to Sandusky for Cedar Point, when they come here for fishing. They come here for bowling, and they should make it as accessible as they possibly can. And it was another partnership to expand the County, the bed tax and everything, all this works together. Mr. Kaman said he supported that going on the list and Commissioner Silvani pushed for that way back. So they could put it on our list and put it on the radar. President Stahl said he believed this idea was discussed before Mack Iron owned the parking lot in front of them. So it would have to be discussed with John Bacon at Mack Iron. But at that time he believed that property was owned by the B&O (Railroad). It bears talking about if Mr. Kline would take it with him tomorrow. Mr. Warner said they're putting these ideas to the County, but hopefully they were putting the reasons why they wanted these certain products. So if they could give a description of what it is, why we needed it and why they felt the City of Sandusky deserves to have it. Mr. Waddington said anytime they could enhance our infrastructure everyone in Erie County would benefit. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Warner said he was here **last week when they had the RFP's with the contractors that came through and he had been hearing from people why are you moving City Hall** and you have a nice building down there that's okay. The place is in bad shape. When he was here one day last week we had a power outage. One of the conduits overheated, about to burn down. What would the cost be to revamp this building? It's not going to be a million dollars or a million and a half to revamp the building that we are in to fix it, but to bring it up to Code it's going to cost a lot more than that and it's going to be comparable to building a new building. Do we have any figures on what it's going to cost to run the new electricity? We can't have conduits around here overloaded with electrical wires and burning up and burn the damn place down. You know the insurance money would be nice, but we just can't have that. We have to do something soon. We need windows, we need electrical upgrades, we need a lot of upgrades in this building and it's not going to be cheap to do it. People were asking so that's part of the reason why we were asking for those RFP's. It'll probably be more expensive to stay here than it would be to rehab another building or build a new building if we don't need everything in one place. And that's part of the formula and they had to look at everything.

Mr. Kaman said last meeting he asked **Mr. Kline or Mr. Schell to get a hold of Pete Schade from the Health Department about the old Memorial Hospital**. Mr. Kline said he met with Mr. Schade on a number of items. A couple of years ago Mr. Schade took a hard look at that and essentially he said it was going to be too costly to move there and right now he was not interested. His plans for the next five years was to make small improvements and remain where he is at.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Waddington said the **Park & Rec. Board researched the following questions about Lions Park Beach and he had the current surface water data from the past season from the Health Department**. He contacted Don Icsman of the Law Department and the *three main questions are: Why did Lions Park Beach close? Does the City have any past Water Studies or core samples otherwise on the beach there, because they don't know if it's pollution driven or from drowning that were out there? How and when does the City determine to fill the beach area with park benches, asphalt, and other City debris, which certainly was not the safest shoreline?* The feeling from the Park & Rec. Board is we need a place to swim. So he was getting another assignment for being the liaison on Park & Rec. So he guessed they brought up the swimming to him quite a bit and the swimming pool (Surf's Up) cannot reopen because it was \$30,000 to fix the pumps. It's not needed. It's a short season, lifeguards, insurance costs, etc. So it was just not practical. So Mr. Icsman was aware and maybe he or himself could do the research in the journals in the Commission's office to get some answers to some of these questions as to how this happened and if in fact, they can go forward. This location was just a tired and worn out park out there. And at the Park & Rec. meeting last week there was discussion

about the front end possibly being for sale, the mobile park area there where this could be refurbished. It is a beautiful area. It just needs some tender loving TLC. It's run down, but what a great, great view. And maybe this on the west side as far as for swimming, why not let's take this forward and they're all going to know for certain. Mr. Icsman said they're looking, and actually Mr. Kline already talked to Kathy McKillips a little bit and got some records and they would have the answers to their questions. Mr. Waddington said he thought it was insulting to go out and look at that and how they could dump park benches, street curbing, in this shoreline here. He don't understand what the mindset was that who at the City would even allow that and why it wasn't stopped. He wasn't on the Commission then and it was several years ago he was sure, but he didn't know if that was a deterrent to keep people out or why we ever did this. He thought it needed to be looked at if in fact that we could have swimming there.

President Stahl said he would like someone from the City to go over to East Harbor or Presque-Isle State Park in Erie, Pennsylvania. They have rocks about a hundred yards offshore and then all of a sudden there's an opening and then there's another series of 50 feet of rocks. They would see that it is so filled in unbelievably that they have so much sand that they literally have to use a front-end loader to move it around. They tried to pattern East Harbor the same as Presque-Isle. That's what we need to do at Lions Park.

President Stahl said on one of the **short term requirements of Mr. Eymann, when do we first start seeing different steps that we have in this tiered process with him?** Mr. Kline said he's now into the pre-sales and he's... President Stahl interrupted and said the escrow money has to go in there? **Mr. Kline said it's in there and it is in escrow at Citizen's Bank.** President Stahl said he thought that was important news that the public realized that that was the first step. Mr. Schell said he was selling them at the Boat Show.

Mrs. Farrar said going back to the pool, back in 2007 when she was on the Rec. Board and she knew it was still being discussed, **Splash Pads, and they wouldn't need a lifeguard or anything like that, just a place for the kids to run through like a sprinkler.** So that is something then that she was hoping was still going to happen. Mr. Warner said they have contacted a couple of people and they should be getting the price back on one this week. They were actually looking over by Huron Park near the Greenhouse on the corner. They were working with Barb Hanck and the City may have to come up with a little money of its own, but they definitely would like to put one in down there for the kids. So it's actually moving along.

Mr. Waddington said that's a fabulous view out there. **It's a tired worn out park (Lions Park) and it takes you back to the '50's. It screams for paint and they need to direct some attention there, enhance that park, especially at the entrance** and for a place to swim beyond the splash pad for grownups. He didn't think at his age he wanted to run through the splash pad, he wanted to take a little dip. Mr. Kaman said that holds true even if they don't want to use it as a beach, Lions Park needs to be cleaned up. Mrs. Farrar said every time she was there she had to look where she stepped. Mr. Waddington said he did have the hard copies of all the area local beaches and Lions Park has done very well all this past year.

Under **New Business**, President Stahl said **Friday afternoon he received the resignation of Chuck Krumholtz as a member of our Civil Service Commission.** He was a retired Navy Captain, who worked the Navy Intelligence with top secret clearance. He talked to various people this weekend in looking for a candidate with a similar-type background and Janice Warner yesterday and she agreed with replacing him with someone of the same similar skill set. He found a Marine Lieutenant Colonel who retired in January, a former F-18 Fighter Pilot, he doesn't come from combat veteran, current top secret clearance, and only one grade lower than Captain Krumholtz's security clearance, graduated from Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic High School, John Carroll University and is a Sandusky resident. **It was a great honor that he nominate Lieutenant Colonel John May, retired U.S. Marine Corp to fill the term of Captain Chuck Krumholtz U.S. Navy retiree.** Mr. Kaman said as a classmate of John in high school he would second that motion. President Stahl asked for the vote on the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

President Stahl said it was appropriate that he and Mr. Waddington were at the Finance Committee meeting last week and he thought it was appropriate that anybody that read the newspaper today, knew they briefly talked about the **finances of the preliminary budget (Raises to non-union employees)** have been paved in the wrong direction of by about a million and a half dollars in 2009, which was worse than what he had originally thought. He met with a member of that committee and another member of the Finance Committee and he told them not to give a raise, although he had previously been at the committee with Mrs. Brown (Joyce), Mr. Icsman and Mr. Kline for a 1% raise. And then they all discussed giving that pool of money as Mr. Kline had said and not giving a 1% raise, excluding like 15 people. When they discussed this Friday, it became apparent to him that Sandusky, not unlike our nation, is facing that economic Armageddon in some form or fashion in our finances. He has often said looking forward that he would tell them when it was time to raise the red flag. Well guys it's time to raise that red flag. Our preliminary budget expectations would leave us about \$2 million at the end of this year and \$827,000 at an deficit of almost a million dollars in 2011. He don't feel that they can probably after reviewing these numbers again over the weekend, he didn't think that they could probably do this without laying some people off. It's just an unfortunate realization of life that these things are probably in front of us and they need to circle the wagon. Today he gave this more thought because he has given his word, and as you guys know, that his word is pretty darn important to him, that that pool would be available and he did vote "no" to not give that pool, make that pool available on Friday. We have a lot of hard workers here at the City. Another idea that came up in his mind today and having talked to a couple people, there is a possibility of saying that that pool would be available to any employee that makes under a certain level of money. Say \$35,000 to \$40,000 to the small pool made available to those employees. It's almost not fair to say that because you don't belong to the union, that therefore you don't get a raise. It's almost discriminatory to those employees. So that comes to mind. This is a very difficult issue and he did need to talk about it more. He would open the table up to discussion.

Mr. Waddington said with the increase in the insurance costs, and he started meeting Friday morning with him, he scratched all of the numbers down and he talked to Jim Ruthsatz, a friend of his who is a CPA, that is the Chairman of the Committee (Finance) and he don't see how they can give a raise this year. He would be open to, with the increased insurance costs, freezing the wages for one year and look at it again next year. He don't know if it can be reworked. And what they forecasted out Friday, he think they are going to have to sit down even with the union folks and he believed that was late this spring or summer again the contract ends. He knows they get the 3% with a 2% health care increase, that's a 5% cost. For all them employees that's close to \$175,000. So he just thinks it's tough and if you look across a lot of regions in Ohio and the United States, a lot of people are taking pay cuts and that. He would rather freeze and keep what we got and try to maintain the working numbers we have, then they have the older employees, the more senior employees. And to be real blunt, if we lose them, then we will have problems with police and fire and they don't want to go down that road. President Stahl said the problem they run into Mr. Waddington is that a freeze does not generate enough savings to help us where we need to be. It would be fiscally irresponsible for this Commission not to take this budget down to its almost breakeven. You can say well we have \$800,000 to \$900,000 left at the end of this year or the end of '10 (2010) and it would be fiscally irresponsible for them to spend all of the money they have in the bank because it's there. You know you can come back to say, and he's being very open when he says this, that if it went to arbitration with our contract, that an arbitrator would rule in favor of the union and all this crazy stuff that you look at. But they have to be fiscally responsive and to do so, they're not doing their jobs.

Mr. Fuqua said this particular subject is, obviously they could tell by his body language, it's making him uncomfortable because it's no secret that he's a union supporter from birth. His whole family at one time or another has been a member of the union. And the union contract, he would have to disagree that it would be discriminatory because the union contract, that's a legally-bound document. They've got no choice. They have to honor that. He would much rather, he would support freezing wages as Mr. Waddington had suggested because he can't see it in this economic climate to even laying anybody off. He knows he (Mr. Stahl) keeps saying that red flags go off and that we're squeezing everything that we can right now, but

he was going to say publicly on the record right now that he was not going to support any suggestion of laying anyone off. He just can't do it. He can't do it consciously. He can't do it morally. That's just not something that he would be willing to discuss, but he would be willing to discuss the freezing of wages for maybe more than a year if they have to. He don't know how our employees feel, but if he was in that position, he would much rather take a freeze rather than see one of his fellow employees have to hit the street. That's just him.

President Stahl said the thing he's worried about Mr. Fuqua, and they all feel rotten about this deal, he feels like it was a very tough vote, and Friday after he had given his word that he would go with that 1% pool, as opposed to pay for no one. Mr. Widman said the wages only cost them around \$70,000. President Stahl said so if they agree to freeze wages and not lay anybody off, and they're going to have to trim beyond, it's a tall order. Mr. Fuqua said then maybe that's what they will have to do. And he knows that people don't want to say this and he'll probably get beat up in the press about it, he don't read the blogs, but he hears that he's been on them recently, but maybe they will have to look at cutting services. And he's said this before, a few years ago they were having the same conversation, he would rather services than cut people. President Stahl said he thinks they all believe that. Mr. Fuqua said he would rather see them cut services than cut people, because from what he hears is that Ohio Unemployment is not doing that well. They just had to borrow money to make their bankroll. And they really don't need to put anyone else on the unemployment line. President Stahl said he thinks everybody deserves a chance to speak on this. Mr. Warner they would start with him.

Mr. Warner said he don't believe that they've explored all of our options yet. There are other options out there. He negotiates union contracts quite often. He negotiated a little over a year where they don't take any raises and then you reopen your contract next year. He's opened up construction contracts in the middle of the three year span, where both sides agreed to open that contract up when they know things are hurting. And he hated to say this, but it's true. When things are hurting you can open your contract and you can freeze your wages for a year, if both sides agree to do that. You can also agree to work 35 hour work weeks instead of 40 hour work weeks. He's had guys that worked a contract say, I'll work the first two weeks of the month and you get Billy over here to work the second two weeks of the month. So that we don't have to draw unemployment so that we could all continue to have our benefits paid and get a paycheck of some sort coming into the house. We've haven't explored any of that. They haven't had a budget meeting with all seven Commissioners sitting down to discuss any of this. Some of them are getting this stuff second and third hand and some of them are getting it through the newspaper. He believed that before they make any commitments or they do anything, they need to sit down with seven Commissioners, get the ideas from every single one of them. So that they can all kick this around and work this thing out. He understands that you throw out the red flags when you have to, but until you explore all of your options he don't believe that they were dead in the water yet. Mr. Brown said he seconded that, did they think they ought to put that in the form of a motion? President Stahl said they were going to meet next Monday. Mr. Warner said he's heard that I'm in this pool and we have to do this or you're going to have to do that, but you haven't heard from all of them yet Mr. Chairman. He's got to hear from all of them and they all seven of them have to sit down and discuss this and figure out where they're going to go with it. President Stahl said there will be five CPA's here Monday night. Mr. Warner said that's fine too, but ultimately it comes down to seven people sitting behind this desk up here and they are the only ones that say yes or no on that budget. And if they're not happy and they're not part of the process, he didn't believe they could go anywhere. President Stahl said you are correct, thank you.

Mrs. Farrar said she could agree with Mr. Warner and being a union member the past 24 years she thinks the union understands where they are economically in the City and the whole United States. And like she said in the last meeting, they're all mature adults and they can sit down and talk about this and they can all come to some agreement and meet in the middle of the road for the sake of the budget and the people staying on the job. But she did believe that all seven of them do need to sit down and get this hammered out. President Stahl said they were all on the same page. There's an answer out there somewhere.

Mr. Kaman said the whistle they hear and the light at the end of the tunnel isn't a coal mine that's walking towards them. A train is coming and there's no money.

Numbers don't lie. Managers are leaders. Contracts and the unions shouldn't even come into play right now. The contract is a three-year contract. How that's coming out right now, the contract's a whole another year. Like he said, managers are leaders and if you guys don't know what the budget looks like right now, he don't see how they're talking about 1%. Just look at the budget numbers, the preliminary numbers. When they first became Commissioners, the three of them are still here from fifty years ago, but you always wanted to keep that \$3 million for your bond rating, for your borrowing. In these times, we're not going to have that \$3 million to do our little projects, our splash pad, we're going to have to borrow. Well if you whittle down that \$3 million, your surplus, you're not going to be able to just borrow. So you have to look at it that way too. He agreed with Mr. Warner big time that we haven't talked about everything yet. Have they talked about percentage of health care costs? No. Look around like Mr. Warner said again, look around to what other cities are doing. There's a lot of options out there. He don't want to lose people. He agreed with Mr. Fuqua. He don't want to lose people. But if you're going to throw out 1%, \$30,000 that's one person. He means whose going to have to sacrifice for one person? What Department Head that's talking about a 1% raise, offer up that person, because he don't see how they're going to do it. They have to seriously look at this. He understands that the meeting had a five to four vote, but he believed that two or three of the yes votes were City employees voting on a 1% raise. He meant it comes down to like Mr. Warner said, it comes down to people sitting up here and that's where it's going to end. The buck stops here. If you give a raise and then next month turn around and lay off five people, they're the ones that are going to be getting the calls, not the Department Heads.

Mr. Waddington said from Friday's meeting of March 2008, it's the lowest cash balance that we have ever had and it was \$1.4 million correct? Are we going to be borrowing for payroll next year? Are we heading down that path... President Stahl interrupted and said he asked that question and he asked specifically to Al Nickles, are we going to be borrowing money to make payroll next April? Mr. Waddington said even in the carryover numbers this year it was up like only \$3.7 (\$3,673,269). President Stahl said it was a very high number and that's our deal, that the carryover, these guys did a great job. When you look at this staff and you realize the job they did, they have to project this budget down to \$350,000 or \$400,000. These guys brought it in right now, breaking it, heck of a job, a super star. And he believed that they feel that they did a great job and therefore they should be rewarded. At the end of the day, they need to have a zero coming at them, and if they aren't, in responses to that they are not doing their jobs. These questions that they brought up is the proof tonight. And he don't think anybody here is mad at anybody. He thinks they all feel the same way. Nobody doesn't want to give people a raise, nobody wants to think about laying people off. None of these things, and he's getting forlorn looks right now, but he would tell them they're being honest with them and you don't get in trouble for being honest. This is not a good deal. And they're going to be honest with them and they needed to hear it from them what's going on. He had one of the Finance Committee members grab him in the parking lot Friday night. Two things, and then he's done talking. One is that person said to him, just like he said, don't forget the bond rating. If this cash goes down, they look at the economic climate, the bond rating, Moody's and FITCH, and they look at you and say what's the economic climate of the area and how is the City managing their money. If they look and see you're losing a ton of money, they're going to lower your bond rating and your borrowing costs are going to go up, all bad things. So we need to be proactive, very proactive, and these are all tough questions.

Mr. Waddington said and in closing, taxes are out. He's not going that direction. President Stahl said none of them have the appetite for that.

Mr. Kaman said the main thing was the managers and the leaders because we got a contract negotiation coming up. If they turn around and give 1% raises, and then turn around next year and say well we got to make cuts. He would love to sit here and be fat, happy and stupid and say 3, 3, 3 (%). So if they don't have that with the management people, you don't have contracts. They've been blessed that they were able to get what the unions got, because in these times that can't happen now. President Stahl said we have a deal with the unions. They have an honorable deal. They will live up to that deal. That's their role. Okay, he thought they had enough guidelines. Anybody else want to say anything from this side of the table. He's asked the entire Finance Committee to be here Monday at 4:30 p.m. for a special meeting of

the Sandusky City Commission. He knows Dave has asked questions of the Finance Committee and any of them can ask and they were willing to talk to the Commissioners outside of the Finance Committee. He believed five of them would be there from the e-mails. They were all in this together. It was not unique to the City of Sandusky and it was not unique to their day jobs. Mr. Kline said they would have a budget presentation and they would start off with that showing where our carryover was this year or where our projections are for the end of '09. President Stahl said and he would encourage staff to relook at this budget between now and next Monday. He thinks they know what the wishes of the Commission are. Mr. Kline said we've looked. He was putting together a plan of what cuts need to be instituted. President Stahl said does anybody want to say anything? It's all wide open. They're all one of seven. You get seven votes here, it's just not one or two or three.

Mr. Waddington said the **Sandusky Underground Railroad was going to have an Open House Reception on Thursday, February 12th at the Maritime Museum from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** They plan on having a slide show, display board, refreshments in honor of President Lincoln's 200th birthday. It was open to the public and their website was SanduskyUndergroundRailroad.ORG.

Mr. Fuqua said before the meeting, in their mailbox he received a **letter from Pastor Regina Burchett of Fellowship Temple God In Christ, who asked for relief request on a demolition assessment.** This was another unfortunate issue from our Housing Department and she specifically named Mark Warren as someone who quoted her one price for the demolition, but unfortunately that price quadrupled. She says that the church only consists of six adults and a group of children and the demolition costs was close to \$10,000 and they're saying that they are just not financially able to handle this. He was not asking for any action tonight because he was not sure who read the letter and who hasn't, but maybe it was something that they could consider maybe complete forgiveness, but working with her in order to get this done. Mr. Warner asked how long has Mr. Warren been gone, about four years? Mr. Kline said not quite four years, a couple years maybe. Mr. Fuqua said the demolition assessment occurred in 2006 is what the letter says. Mrs. Handy said that Mark was gone in November of '07. Mr. Warner said he was trying to find out if all this happened back then, then why are we hearing about it now? Mrs. Handy said because the assessments didn't give her taxes to her until late '07 because it was a year behind. So the assessment was way after it happened. Mr. Waddington said he thought this question had come up before Mrs. Handy when they had asked about this, was there any surprises coming down the road? So here they got one. He's wondering if there will be more of any of these assessments in a couple months? We thought we had a handle on this (CHIP Housing Program) going forward. Where are we at on all this now on this process? Mr. Kline said they will be presenting an ordinance probably at the next meeting to authorize Mr. Poulos to finish up all of '04, '05 and '06. And he (Mr. George Poulos) has done an exemplary job. Now on something like this, they wouldn't have been aware of it. Mr. Waddington said he was wondering how many more of them out there? Mr. Kline said he did not know. He would assume since the tax bills have come out, that something else would have been approached to them by now. He doesn't have the authorization to have made a decision on something of this magnitude. It has to come to the Commission.

Mrs. Farrar said if in fact she was quoted a price of \$2,000, she wondered whether we couldn't have Mrs. Handy and our City Manager discuss it and see what we can do to help this lady, can they go back to the original \$2,000? They can look at the numbers and see what they can do to help her, get in contact with her. Mr. Kline said let's be fair, he meant they have talked to her. Mrs. Handy said they talked to her and she tried to work out a longer repayment plan, but that was on the \$9,700, but they still couldn't afford that. As soon as she indicated to her that they were prepared to pay \$2,000, so hopefully they could work out something. President Stahl asked what was our cost on that? Mrs. Handy said \$9,700. President Stahl asked did we bid it? Mrs. Handy said yes it was bid. It wasn't bid through the Commission, but there were competitive bids taken through Housing. She can't tell them who else bid on it. She would have to look through the files. *President Stahl asked could she find that out for them?* Mrs. Handy said sure.

Mr. Warner asked did they pay for that out of CDBG Funds or CHIP Funds? Mrs. Handy said yes, but not CHIP. Mr. Warner said and if she pays all of that back, it

goes back into CDBG Funds? Mrs. Handy said it goes into Program Income and they can turn around and use that for other entities. Mr. Warner said so there wasn't any General Fund dollars or tax dollars to pay for that? Mrs. Handy said no.

Mr. Fuqua said again he was not asking for any action on this. He thinks it's something that they should consider. How many more of these do they have coming down the line? And to be honest, they'll probably continue for a while and that's just being real and keeping it honest. He thinks they would be seeing these for a while. He don't think this was something that was just going to go away. And Mr. Warner's and Mrs. Farrar's suggestion of looking into this, but he guessed that any positive tool that is not using any taxpayer money. Is that a positive? Yes, but not really. But unfortunately it is what it is and considering the size and situation that the church was in, this is suggestions. President Stahl said they obviously didn't communicate with her what the cost was and she probably shares some responsibility maybe because she didn't get it in writing, but in retrospect why would you. You know you look at the City and you think if you can't trust the City, who do you trust. So maybe there's some sort of middle ground that they can find on this, especially if she doesn't have the money, he thought they should be more amenable to working something out. *He asked Mr. Kline to bring that back to the next meeting?*

Mr. Kaman said he would like to ask **Mrs. Handy if she could look into the Land Bank Reutilization to see if there is any money available for over there on Decatur Street where they tore that house down Friday?** He talked to a couple of neighbors over there and they would be willing and happy if that was just made into a parking lot. They shovel their own alley by hand and they said that Monroe Street and Decatur Street both are snow streets so there's really no place for them to park. All there is is that alley. One guy even said he would shovel it. Mrs. Handy said okay.

Mr. Warner asked could Mrs. Handy give an **update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Meeting** they attended the other day, because it blends right in to what Mr. Kaman just asked and some good news anyway for a change? Mrs. Handy said that meeting was with quite a few County officials, City officials, representatives from some of the other political jurisdictions in Erie County and they talked about the County's allocation of the Restabilization Fund that was coming from the Ohio Department of Development. We have to apply, but they (County) have been allocated \$1.267 million. Those funds could be used primarily for two different activities, one is Residential Rehab and Redevelopment and two is Land Banking and Demolition. So we are really looking at ramping up the Land Banking Program throughout the County. There are at least, the County Treasurer said like 4,600 tax delinquent parcels in Erie County. We know we have 90 vacant lots that could be handed into the Land Banking and then certified delinquent through the years. We have done some surveys of vacant homes and we had about 250 of those. She had been driving around the City for the last couple days since that meeting and doing an inventory of all kinds of stuff. They started with a list of properties that we have been mowing and cleaning up as candidates that are best and they probably want to look at first. She has been finding a lot of vacant stuff though next to those properties. So they're going to have a pretty comprehensive list to start with. They're meeting again on February 3rd to talk more about what they're going to put in our grant application. Everybody was supposed to kind of put their wish list together and then they're going to come back and discuss that. Mr. Warner said part of that program is that the City can take that money and buy those parcels and turn those into parks or split them up and sell them to the people on either side or turn them into a parking lot. So there's plenty of opportunity in the City to make better use of some of the neighborhoods that we have around here. Mrs. Handy said it was a lot harder in the Township because their process to get a house down is a lot more complicated than ours. They don't have the people to condemn the houses and things like that. So they don't do it nearly as much as we do.

Mr. Fuqua said he would like to request an **executive session on Pending Litigation, Sandusky Yacht Club**. Mr. Kaman seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Yeas: Kaman, Farrar, Stahl, Fuqua, Brown, Warner, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. President Stahl declared the motion passed.

Mr. Brown said he grabbed a **Comprehensive Plan for the City of Sandusky, updated and adopted February '05**. An interesting read of things that our goals and objectives would have been and some we've completed and some we have totally ignored. If he was not mistaken, they were supposed to update this last year? President Stahl said it was every five years. Mr. Fuqua said it was not due to be updated until 2010. Mrs. Handy said they're working on it. The Erie Regional Planning Commission is doing a new one for them. So it will be updated here in the next year. Then they will be meeting again this year and they've already had a few public meetings, but they will be talking to the Commission and the Planning Commission about how do they set those goals and objectives.

Mr. Brown said on the **Housing it has in the Summary and Overview** that, "Housing always seeks to encourage stabilization, reinvestments, expanded house ownership and new options for upscale housing in downtown along the bay front. Sandusky housing stock contains a disproportionate amount of rental housing and the City is not capitalizing on shares of regional new construction. The City of Sandusky's building stock serves as an excellent starting point to develop a stronger more diverse housing base." And he thought they lost perspective on that and he thought they were more interested in tearing houses down than reinvesting that in our neighborhoods. We keep tearing all of these houses down and we're not putting any houses up to rebuild our neighborhoods. And he thought they needed to start looking into how we redevelop the City, how we get people to come in this City. We're not going to get people in the City by just tearing them down and not reinvesting in our neighborhoods is a dead-end street if we focus all our attention on the waterfront, when we should focus our attention to the neighborhoods.

Mr. Brown said and in that light, also he was on the computer the other day and he saw all these green jobs. These cities are redeveloping their areas and they're going green. They develop these companies and the cities are going out and getting people to reinvest in the green things. In the housing aspect of it, the energy aspect of it, we're in the energy, but we're not in the other things. **So he thinks maybe we could hire someone to look into forming these companies where we can revitalize our cities. They go green planting flowers, developing the neighborhoods, a whole new spectrum of redeveloping our neighborhoods and going green, instead from downtown, into our neighborhoods.** In our neighborhoods we're missing the boat for people coming in and wasn't coming to Sandusky, just stop by Cedar Point, if we want them to live here. So we got to redevelop our jobs. We got a lot of factories that's vacant. Let's go into some of facilities and invite them in and he thinks that the City itself should not wait for anybody else to do it for them. We got to do it for ourselves. President Stahl said he remembered a couple of years ago they talked about housing and he thought one of the conclusions that they both came to was that it was Section 8 Housing that we should make sure that if they were providing the money that we should make sure that the housing had good electrical with a good up-kept housing. Mr. Brown said they have inspections every year.

Mrs. Farrar said she wanted to address that, because she felt like we are addressing those issues Mr. Brown with the Land Banking Program that we have going on and with what Mrs. Handy talked about of the grant funds that we're going to be able to use to increase that. Because once you tear down a house here, people in House A and House C can take property B and split it and put in driveways or garages or increase their yard space. Therefore, there you go, you have your green space. She thought they were doing a good job as far as attacking the neighborhoods. Any of those houses that are undesirable are torn down. And what are we up to as far as torn down houses? Mrs. Handy said 49. They will be looking at rehab, but they're probably going to be working with people like Habitat for Humanity or try to find an organization to do the rehab. The City just does not have the staff for that large of a rehab program. And Habitat is on the NSP Planning Committee, but the Land Banking is the first step to kind of reclaim those properties in your neighborhoods, whether they demolish it, they rehab it, they can at least get it back on the tax rolls, get it into the hands of someone that is either going to improve a neighbor's or for their own yard or give it to an organization to rehab it. They have to be able to get these properties back under our control, because right now they're just sitting there and no one will ever buy them because the taxes are so high that they're beyond the value of the property. So they have to do what they have to do to reclaim a lot of these properties for the neighborhoods. Mr. Brown said that's part of our efforts, but he don't we've went far enough. This is between a

house that's worth \$60,000 to \$70,000 or even \$50,000 and the taxes on that, it is quite a difference between renting the house out and this going to taxes off a lot. In one way you might be cleaning up the area, but you lose your tax base. And plus, you losing the unforeseen of homeowners going into a house and living in someone's rental property. But if people can buy and you're increasing your neighborhoods through the growth potential, just accumulating a lot for your neighbor and you're eliminating people. He's got two lots next to him that they tore the house down and the difference between the taxes and that house and that property it sat on, was slight. Very much so. So what he's saying is as they tear down they have to redevelop. You just can't keep tearing down. Just like the house we had on Meigs Street and we finally sold, and the problem with that was that they overbuilt for the neighborhood. And he thinks some of the contractors probably got more than what he deserved on that construction. It was almost impossible to sell. But those are the things that they continue doing, but they got to reevaluate how they're doing it. And they got to get that growth part back in. They got to start putting some houses up on lots. Mrs. Handy said they hoped to make lots available so that people could do that, and most of all they wanted to turn those over to the homeowners.

Mrs. Farrar said when they do the Land Banking Program and the neighbors take and split the lots on that property they can collect the property taxes off of that, not delinquent money that we're never going to see. And they had people who planned to roll houses over as a gift to the City to get rid of it, because they can't afford to pay the taxes. They're not keeping up with it anyway. We're mowing it. We're taking care of it. So hopefully it will turn into a win-win. Discussion ensued.

Under **Audience Participation**, Ms. Sue Daugherty, 1016 Third Street, asked again if the Commission would go to leadership training? President Stahl explained his theory on management and discussion ensued.

Mr. Rob Pietschman questioned was anything being done for the downtown businesses that were barely hanging on? Mr. Schell said they had been talking to local foundations for some sort of a plan that they could have at the City's disposal.

Mr. Bob Zoellner, 1401 Ogontz Street, read the City's mission statement and then complained about the Housing Code and collection of registration fees for his rental properties and that it was unethical and immoral and he would not pay it ever. Also he had asked questions back in 2007 in a letter to Bobby Jackson, Code Compliance Inspector, and never got a response.

Mr. Gary Brady, 190 E. Main Street, Norwalk, said he was the business representative for the Carpenters Local 940, which is part of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters who were Chartered in 1901 in the City of Sandusky. He would like to volunteer the services of their local for the Lions Park Project if the City was going to help clean it up and refurbish it. He would encourage people in the City to understand that the citizens of the City are the City. The people that live on any street in any of the cities is what makes that city a city. It was important that the citizens of this City should take responsibility for their property and actions to help any of their neighbors and help the City by planting flowers or cutting the grass on vacant lots. That's what it takes for a community to save money, take pride in their community.

Mr. John Ginty stated to Ms. Daugherty that the City had a grant writer. He asked does she go through all of the grants? Interim Police Chief Sams said yes, she did go through it. Mr. Ginty said before they move the Skateboard Park, they should involve the people that raised money for it for their input.

Mrs. Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, questioned the 13 sites for the City Hall move. Mr. Kline said it wasn't the sites for City Hall. Those were landmarks for people that may not be familiar with Sandusky. Mrs. Johnson asked if he could give sites for Surf's Up Relocation? Mr. Kline said the Rec. Board is having two public meetings in February to get input from citizens. Mr. Johnson said a year ago a City attorney (Maryanne Barylski) said there were no gangs and now there were five. Mr. Sams said it was not all of a sudden, but they recognized there were issues to look at to keep it from getting worse than what it is. And Maryanne Barylski works for the County. Mrs. Johnson said on the 5/4 vote on the budget there were four City employees that voted with five committee members and she felt that threw it off and it would have been no. In the Finance Committee Mr. Stahl and another member looked at her and said they were not supposed to take what she heard out of that meeting. That was a public meeting. President Stahl explained they didn't want to

go into executive session and it was all fair and open. Mrs. Johnson said the Chesapeake rentals and Mr. Zoellner was being treated unfairly, because there were a lot of rentals that are not being collected on for rental fees. Mrs. Handy said they do have 56 units registered as rentals in the Chesapeake Building. President Stahl said a lot of these questions that are being asked could be answered via e-mail and probably answered more thoroughly.

Mr. Mark Norman, 1016 Third Street, asked was anybody going to talk to Mr. Zoellner? President Stahl said staff would e-mail responses to him. Mr. Norman said the Commission needed to listen to the things he had to say too, because those were deep circumstances. There were so many things that happened in this City that frustrated people and so many times you had to have attorneys come in and get advice. They need trust in this community and help in getting things done.

At 7:38 p.m. President Stahl stated that they would take a ten-minute break and return for an executive session. At 7:50 p.m. the City Commission returned to the table.

An executive session was held on Pending Litigation, Sandusky Yacht Club.

President Stahl returned to the table and entertained motions for adjournment.

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