

Dan Kaman called the meeting to order 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, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman.

City staff present: Todd Roth – Engineer, Jim Lang – Interim Police Chief, Paul Ricci – Fire Chief, Carrie Handy – Planner, Scott Miller – General Services Director, Tom Whitted – IT Manager, Don Icsman – Law Director, Nicole Ard - City Manager, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Dan Kaman welcomed the new city manager, Nicole Ard, to the City of Sandusky.

George Poulos provided **an update regarding the Paper District marina project** which is now complete and stated it did not exceed the original contract amount. Additional anchors will be added by the manufacturer in the next week which will benefit the city enormously. Dan Kaman asked if a break wall will be added to the opening at the northeast corner and George Poulos said this will continue to be evaluated. George Poulos said the docks have a multi-year guarantee and the break wall was put in place according to the Corps of Engineer standards. There is a one-year warranty for the facility itself and a two –year warranty for capital components at the facility. The grassy area is being watched and may be prolonged if the large amounts of rainfall continue. Dick Brady said the money spent by the community for George Poulos and John Hancock was well spent.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting and dispensed with the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

Gina Vincent, R.S. Business Machines, 3911 Venice Road, asked the commissioners to reconsider the five-year agreement with MT Business Technologies (Item #8). This is the third time around for this project and those who are not authorized Ricoh service providers were “bid out” of the process. The bid submitted by R.S. Business Machines is several hundred dollars a month higher yet still provides a 30% overall savings from the city’s existing cost structure. She said R.S. is celebrating 36 years of business in the service industry and does not provide overall poor service as was stated. The employees of R.S. Business Machines contribute in numerous ways to help the city, some of whom do not live here.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked the amount of the transfer for the payroll stabilization fund (Item #3). The Planning Commission denied the request for the expansion of the Margaritaville parking lot but she does not know why (Item #5). The proposed contract for services with Greg Sherman does not provide a cap on cost and asked how it can be certified (Item #7). The other bids submitted for the managed print services contract were not included with the item submitted for commission approval (Item #8).

Mike Zuilhof, 243 East Market Street, said although he is a member of the Planning Commission, he is speaking as a citizen of Sandusky regarding the rezoning request for Margaritaville (Item #5). The concerns and rights of the adjacent property owners should be considered. The site plan showed a buffer, but does nothing permanent or indefinite. The entire parcel should not be rezoned when only a portion actually is required to be rezoned. He asked the commissioners to stand behind the vote of the Planning Commission.

Bob Haag, 313 East Market Street, said he has strong feelings about respecting the opinions of members of the city’s boards, commissions and committees. He said the city commission should not overturn a decision made by the Planning Commission.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said the lot at 621 East Adams Street is good-sized, but is not buildable (Item #1). He asked how much of the amount collected through taxes each year would actually go back to the City of Sandusky.

Maryann McCann, manager of Margaritaville, said she understood once the rezoning was approved, they are hopeful to begin construction in the spring. Plans were issued to the Planning Commission

which included a buffer of trees or a fence. This property was intended to be used commercially and it is requested both parcels be completely rezoned.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

Budgetary Information: The cost of these acquisitions will be approximately one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) in surveying costs, title fees, title insurance, escrow fees, deed preparation, closing costs and transfer fees, but upon sale the purchaser (s) shall be required to pay these costs and the city will recoup them. The taxing districts will not collect the delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties and interest currently due and owing in the amount of thirty two thousand five hundred thirty one dollars and seven cents (\$32,531.07) of which eighteen thousand five hundred seventy dollars and thirty cents (\$18,570.30) is owed to the city for assessments. Demolition of the structures located at 621 East Adams Street and 1110 First Street will be paid for with CDBG funds and will not be recouped. If the city would not accept the parcels into its land reutilization program and the properties were forfeited to the State of Ohio, the property would be exempt from taxation and the city would not be able to assess the property and recoup the costs of mowing and maintenance. By returning this nonproductive land to tax producing status, the taxing districts will begin collecting approximately three thousand nine hundred seven dollars and four cents (\$3,907.04) yearly in real estate taxes and assessments, which will eventually increase with rehabilitation and development of the property. The city will not have the burden of maintenance and will potentially save three thousand eight hundred ninety four dollars (\$3,894) a month in equipment and maintenance costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 051-11R: It is requested a Resolution be passed **approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the land reutilization program;** 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 Diedre Cole, the commission voted to adopt this Resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Amanda Meyers said this is a buildable parcel. The county and city will receive the majority of the tax dollars generated.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Resolution: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: This action will cover anticipated expenditures through December 31, 2011. The last payroll occurs on December 30, 2011, with the final city commission meeting on December 27, 2011. The agenda deadline occurs before the final payroll costs can be determined. The amendment needs to cover final payroll and other projected costs through December 31, 2011. The ordinance will be available at the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-139: It is requested an ordinance be passed **adopting amendment #3 to ordinance No. 11-027 passed by this city commission on March 28, 2011, making general appropriations for the fiscal year 2011;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: The agenda deadline occurs before the amount can be determined. The resolution, along with the amount, will be available at the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 052-11R: It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the transfer of funds from the general fund to the payroll stabilization fund**; 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 Diedre Cole, the commission voted to adopt this Resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Diedre Cole said the amount for this resolution is \$150,000 and was initially brought up in 2010 when the fund was established.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Resolution: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: This action will establish a budget for operations until the annual appropriations can be approved after the second Monday in January, 2012. The city charter prohibits the city from enacting the 2012 budget before January 9, 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-140: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **to make temporary appropriations for the months of January, February and March, 2012**, 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 adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 - Submitted by: Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

ORDINANCE FAILED: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone parcel #60-00470.000 located at 302 Fremont Avenue, from R1-75, single family residential district to "RB" roadside business district**; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said he will vote "no" on this legislation as he believes it should be looked at again and brought back to the commission. The decision made by the Planning Commission was done after a lot of thought and discussion. Diedre Cole said as a voting member of the Planning Commission, she will vote "no" again today. The needs of business must be weighed against the needs of individuals and she tends to side with the individuals so as not to have a parking lot within close proximity to their homes. John Hamilton said he will be voting "no" for the same reasons previously brought up. Dick Brady said no one is comfortable having disagreements with members of the Planning Commission and it is difficult for city commissioners to simply ignore this recommendation. There is no substantiation for this denial, however, for the city commission to consider. The proposed off-street parking plan calls for a barrier and a privacy fence and Dick Brady asked if Margaritaville would be held accountable to this if the legislation passes. Todd Roth said this would have to go through site plan approval first. Dick Brady asked if there is a provision to satisfy both sides and Todd Roth said the staff and members of the Planning Commission did not get together and agree on any conditions acceptable to both parties prior to their meeting. Dick Brady said this is unfortunate and the city is trying to promote business but should not do so while trampling on citizens rights. Todd Roth said he hopes both property owners can come to agreement about what is acceptable but has not happened up until now. Julie Farrar said she is not trying to take anything away from the Planning Commission but the staff also spent a lot of time on this issue and recommended its passage. This is part of the city's comprehensive plan and the property was purchased to improve a business and to help with the issue of patrons walking across a state highway to get into Margaritaville. Margaritaville been at this location for over 30 years and has enhanced the neighborhood through improvements. The wishes of the neighbors are not being totally ignored and the noise should not be a surprise to them. Todd Roth said if the zoning change is approved, the issues of noise would be addressed through site plan approval. Dick Brady said he does

not want the adjacent homeowner to feel let down if he votes to pass this legislation; both parties have been let down to a certain degree by not talking through some of these issues. John Hamilton said it looks like the entire lot to be considered will be a parking lot and there should be a bit of permanency to the section used for fencing and a sound barrier. He too is concerned about people walking across the street but believes the question of the permanency of a fence should be answered for the neighbor. Pervis Brown said he also has problems with this legislation as this local business owner demolished a house which was falling down and removed numerous trees so they could expand and now the city may tell them they cannot expand. He asked what it will take for the neighbors to be satisfied. He said the Planning Commission is an advisory board and the city commission should listen to them, but not necessarily approve everything. John Hamilton said the season starts at the end of March (for Margaritaville) and believes there is still time to look at this and asked how permanent the sound barrier will be. Dan Kaman said he lives within walking distance of Margaritaville which previously was an overgrown mess. A burned out restaurant was purchased and expanded by Mr. Crawford and he only hears about the police going to the restaurant when they are **not** called. It is a destination for many out-of-state patrons and the zoning change is recommended by every department involved. He asked why the neighbors did not consider purchasing the house when it was falling down and is also concerned about people crossing the state route; he hopes the business continues to grow. Diedre Cole asked what the next step would be if this fails and Don Icsman said these types of boards are advisory and the city commission should be independent and not "rubber stamp" decisions. To override a recommendation of the Planning Commission, a 2/3 majority vote must be approved. Section 13 states a referendum petition could be initiated and is a safeguard for any legislation. Dan Kaman said the site plan must be submitted and approved by the city. Don Icsman said the staff recommended the rezoning and the Planning Commission has denied it so there are no rubber stamps with the process. Carrie Handy said the site plan has not yet been approved but it was submitted by the applicant through the rezoning process to show what the plans are for buffering the properties. If the city commission approved the rezoning, the site plan approval must still be obtained by the Planning Commission. The use of the property is what is being requested for approval at this time. Dan Kaman said across the street are several businesses which have closed (a barbershop, an environmental office, a convenient store and a multi-use apartment complex) and the term "residential" is tricky in this particular area.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 4. Nays: John Hamilton, Dave Waddington and Diedre Cole, 3. The President declared the motion failed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 4. Nays: John Hamilton, Dave Waddington and Diedre Cole, 3. The President declared the Ordinance failed (this required a 2/3 majority vote for approval).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 11-141: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone parcel #58-00323.000, located at 911 Decatur Street, from "R2F" two-family residential district to "PF" public facilities district;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

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

Budgetary Information: The cost of this contract is covered by administrative dollars allocated in the Revolving Loan Fund program and monitoring fees collected by the enterprise zone program. A portion of the cost of the contract is also covered by administrative dollars received in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). There will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-142: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a consulting contract with Gregory E. Sherman for CY 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 Dave Waddington and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Diedre Cole asked if staff from the Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) could provide some of these services.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of John Hamilton, the commission voted to table this Ordinance for further investigation.

Julie Farrar said Greg Sherman's contract is renewed each year and asked if this would put any projects behind which he may be working on. Carrie Handy said Greg Sherman is currently working on the Feick Building project and stated the contract could still be approved and some duties then transferred to ECEDC, if desired. She does not believe the staff from ECEDC could do all of the technical and financial work that needs to be done. The city spends \$25,000 – \$28,000 each year with Greg Sherman. Julie Farrar said she does not believe it is necessary to table this item.

Roll call on the motion to table the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 2. Nays: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, 5. The President declared the motion failed.

Dick Brady said the concept of passing this work to ECEDC is not a wise decision. The Retention Specialist hired by ECEDC is no longer employed after only two months of employment. The value of a true finance person or planner is a deal at \$40 per hour and the city is not committed to spending a specific amount of money with Greg Sherman. John Hamilton said he will be changing his thoughts on this issue after listening to the discussion.

Roll call on the motion to pass the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Tom Whitted, Communications Systems/IT Manager

Budgetary Information: The cost for city wide managed print services will be reduced from approximately \$3,226.78 to an estimated \$1,809 (fixed cost of \$762.04 per month for rent, maintenance and supplies plus costs per page for prints and copies) for an estimated savings of approximately \$1,417.78 per month. There may be additional savings from converting from single-sided to duplex printing. This is not an expenditure of any NEW funds. It will be consolidating and reducing current operating expenses city wide.

ORDINANCE FAILED: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a five (5) year agreement with MT Business Technologies, Inc., of Avon Lake, Ohio, for managed print services;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Julie Farrar said in January, 2010, previous city commissioner Kim Nuesse provided a mission, vision, goals and plan detail to remove obstacles for local businesses. She outlined a plan to help with retain local businesses and track how much the city spends locally. The city was asked to look at hiring an outside consultant to help evaluate the budget and utilize local contractors rather than those outside of Erie County. Julie Farrar said she does not support this ordinance with MT Business Technologies as their proposal is now offering a fixed cost at 20% less than the city is currently spending with a lease to own, but without any equipment changes. In their first proposal, there were to be 15 new devices, but now the price has been reduced by \$300 per month. She does not understand how this can happen and wants to know if the city was really getting a fair shake when this was first brought up in January. Several of the copiers being left in place are six to seven years old and staff has said they would like to stay with MT, yet one of the city's current color copiers breaks down on a regular basis. The RFP specifically asked the vendor to provide a single rate for pages on copiers and printers yet MT did not abide by this; they said this would be a disservice. The city will be at the risk and inconvenience of pushing all workflow to copiers rather than to printers when currently 66% of items printed are currently done with printers rather than copiers. Julie Farrar said she has a problem with the RFP not being an equal opportunity for non-Ricoh dealers as there are only two in place in Ohio. Those companies wishing to submit proposals were only allowed to bid brand new equipment (not used, refurbished or demo equipment). The city spent \$6,365 on three new printers during the bidding

process which is also aggravating. Julie Farrar questioned why the city is not doing business locally and said the overall satisfaction rate for R.S. is 95.7%. The city has a solid AA3 bond rating and the rationale is indicative of different indicators including its income tax revenues which continue to decline. Income taxes alone comprise 38 1/2% of the city's general fund revenue and she does not believe in giving business to a company from Avon Lake when every dollar spent in the city turns over seven times. This is a five-year contract and she would like to know what the new city commissioners think. Dick Brady asked Diedre Cole for her opinion about this matter as she and Julie Farrar were asked to look into this.

Diedre Cole said Tom Whitted made a decision, which Don Icsman concurred with, and she is good with it. This has been bid and valuated independently of Tom Whitted and she is still good with the recommendation. Julie Farrar said in April, the local bidder was less expensive but it was still recommended to utilize MT and she believes in investing locally. John Hamilton said the lowest bid is not always the best bid and he will be voting "no" on this legislation. Dick Brady said 51 weeks ago this item was presented to the city commission without a competitive bid process and he was uncomfortable; he does not understand the time it has taken to complete this task. Staff needs to do a timelier job. Dave Waddington said the city commission should trust staff and their recommendation and two city commissioners were asked for due diligence regarding this item as well. He called Mike Zuilhof today who is on the Planning Commission to get answers to questions about the item involving Margaritaville because he could not get an answer at any office in city hall. In order to make a good concise vote, staff needs to be trusted and questions need to be asked; this is part of the responsibility of being a city commissioner. Don Icsman said many things could be bid if the city had the time and staff and this was part of the cause for a delay (preparing an RFP which is not normally done for this type of item). The city previously had a purchasing agent who was responsible for preparing RFP's for these types of products and services but ultimately is a recommendation of the city manager and the committee established and is legally in line. Don Icsman mentioned the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing program as a means of saving money (which the city utilized to purchase cruisers last year) although may not involve local companies. Dan Kaman said staff must be trusted but information must also be verified. Julie Farrar said she has been asking about the progress of the RFP for managed print services for several months. Don Icsman said preparing an RFP and making it legally correct is not something the city has done previously and takes responsibility for the delay.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole and Dan Kaman, 3. Nays: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar and Pervis Brown, 4. The President declared the motion failed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole and Dan Kaman, 3. Nays: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar and Pervis Brown, 4. The President declared the Ordinance failed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Paul E. Ricci, Fire Chief

Budgetary Information: The city agrees to reimburse the Erie County Sheriff's Department for the actual cost of wages and benefits for the employment of five (5) dispatchers at a cost not to exceed \$319,219.45 of which \$35,114.13 (11%) will be taken from the 2012 fire department proposed budget (110 1310) and \$284,105.32 (89%) will be taken from the 2012 police department proposed budget (110 1020).

ORDINANCE NO. 11-143: It is requested an Ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Sheriff for the provision of dispatching services for the City of Sandusky police, fire and service departments commencing on January 15, 2012;** 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 Julie Farrar, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dave Waddington thanked the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Sheriff Lyons and said he has been waiting for this for a long time. Julie Farrar commended Chief Ricci for helping to protect the city employees (dispatchers) best interests as she was concerned initially about transferring the city's employees. Dick Brady said he helped author a document in 2007 as a city volunteer which resulted in a recommendation embracing regionalization. Initially, dispatching was going to be relocated to Perkins Township although this did not work out; four years later, the city is close to the finish line because of a lot of hard work. Pervis Brown said he is proud of the city's department heads involved who have been working for a very long time to make this happen. The city and county joining together to save money is the start of working together to survive. Dan Kaman said he recalls talking about regionalization for dispatching as a commissioner-elect, and is glad to see this completed.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: John Hamilton, Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Ruth Parker for the fire department's Knox Box program. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman said he received an email from Todd Roth about **an emergency issue which is developing in the pre-sedimentation basins at the water plant.** The paperwork and legislation will be prepared in January and Todd Roth said there is a leak in the chamber which exists and the water system cannot be completely shut down to make repairs thus divers were brought in. The leaks will be fixed and opened back up afterwards. This work cannot be done in the summertime because of water flows and needs to be addressed now. Don Icsman said this company is a qualified and professional one and is the reason why the work did not have to be competitively bid; it was also an emergency.

Tom Whitted and Scott Miller provided an update and photographs showing **operation of the camera which was recently installed at the city's recycle center on Marquette Street.** They showed how the camera can zoom in to provide photos of illegal activity taking place so that the city can enforce issues with dumping at this location. This information can be downloaded wirelessly and enhanced and zoomed in during evening hours. Don Icsman said research has been done about littering and has spoken with the prosecutor and the judge. If these experimental cameras work well, there will be many other types of uses for them in the future. Pervis Brown said he was at the recycle bin on First Street recently and this is a location where cameras should be installed. Don Icsman said the cost is \$5,000 to \$6,000 per camera. Julie Farrar said she would not mind making an investment to place one near the new SPARC shelters to deter vandalism.

Don Icsman presented the city commission with **a commemorative plaque for the Venice Road grade separation groundbreaking** which took place on October 24, 2011, to be displayed in the city commission chambers. This project has been 12 years in the making and the plaque should hang in the commission chambers at least until the overpass has been built.

OLD BUSINESS

Dick Brady asked Todd Roth about **finding answers for those in Bay View regarding their sewer issues.** He said the Erie County Health Department is funding the engineering to help with this and asked Todd Roth for an update on the process. Todd Roth said Bay View requested tying in downstream near the city's pump station and the city received a recommendation from its consultant, Jones & Henry Engineers. This will be presented in the near future for the city manager and law director. Dick Brady encouraged staff and the new city commission to pursue this as the city has the capacity. Dan Kaman said there is flooding on the west end of Sandusky and believes these residents need to be taken care of before Bay View and this issue should not be rushed.

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

A.J. Oliver, 1112 Wayne Street, welcomed the new city manager and expressed his appreciation to the outgoing city commissioners. He said there are many wonderful recreational opportunities in Sandusky and Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie has a great impact for the community.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, representing Move Sandusky Forward, said he spoke with the staff at the Board of Elections and the charter change petitions have been verified and asked what action the city will be taking.

Mike Zuilhof, 243 East Market Street, said he is appreciative of the work done on the application for Margaritaville and is not against the plan presented. He hopes the improvement will happen at this business with a rezoning for only that portion to be paved.

Kathy Mueller, 7707 Patten Tract Road, thanked Dan Kaman, Dave Waddington and Dick Brady who have stood up to help with local water issues.

Dick Brady said his 51 weeks as a city commissioner have gone by fast and he has felt the support of all city commissioners during his tenure. He thanked Don Icsman, Hank Solowiej, Kelly Kresser, the department heads and city employees for their dedication to the city and acknowledged the support of his family. There are 25,000 residents who expect basic services, stability and expect leaders to act as professionals. He was given the opportunity to recruit the new city manager and acknowledged Nicole Ard for her vision and said the city commission's support will provide a role in her success. He asked the new commissioners to not just take a step forward, but to lead going forward, as they will be judged by what happens in the future. Dick Brady said being a city commissioner is one of the top most meaningful things he has done in his life.

Dave Waddington thanked the staff, residents and his family for their support and stated: "life is like a diaper, every once in a while you have to change it".

Dan Kaman thanked his family for their support. He thanked the employees and staff who make Sandusky a great place. He thanked the charter officers for their support and guidance and said Kelly Kresser is growing into her new job and proving to be a perfect fit and an asset to the city commissioners. Don Icsman and Hank Solowiej helped the city while facing dire circumstances with a \$1 million± deficit and the city now has a \$4 million cash balance and expenditures are under control. He said they are open, honest and frank, and it is appreciated at difficult times. He acknowledged all of the city commissioners (past and present) who helped him during his tenure through their individual talents. Dan Kaman said Tim Schwanger, Sharon Johnson, Bob and Ruth Haag have rightfully fought against the marina district yet complain of no waterfront dining; they complained about the lack of a financial plan for the Paper District yet now chastise the city for having too much grant funding for Lions Park; they publicly clamored for phase II of the paper district marina, yet now chastise the city for its building and operations; pressed the city commission for a full-time city manager yet now push for change to elect a new city manager. Dan Kaman said he truly hopes someday these persons find some good in what some city commission does or does not do. He thanked the vast majority of the citizens who serve and help the city, and said he leaves the city in good hands.

At 6:45 p.m., Dan Kaman announced adjournment.

Kelly L. Kresser
Clerk of the City Commission

John F. Hamilton
President of the City Commission