

President Dan Kaman **called the meeting to order** at 5 p.m. after the **Invocation**, given by Dick Brady, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown & Dan Kaman.

City staff present: Todd Roth – Engineer, Jim Lang – Interim Police Chief, Paul Ricci – Fire Chief, Thomas Schwan – Transit Administrator, Anna Enderle – Assistant Planner, Carrie Handy – Planner, Scott Miller – General Services Director, Judy Nagy – Recreation Program Supervisor, Tom Whitted – IT Manager, Don Icsman – Law Director & Acting City Manager, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Don Icsman thanked the members of the selection committee for their work in choosing a new Fire Chief for the City of Sandusky. Don Icsman asked Paul Ricci to raise his right hand and repeat the following Oath of Office:

“I, Paul Ricci, recognizing my fundamental duty as an officer of the Sandusky Fire Department, do solemnly swear to uphold the standards of my profession by safeguarding the lives and property of our citizens against the threat of fire and disaster.

I promise to obey the duly constituted laws of the United States of America, the State of Ohio, the City of Sandusky and to accept the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and trust to be honored for as long as I remain an officer of the Sandusky Fire Department.

I will continually strive to serve our community and to be an influence for good before my fellow officers and fire fighters to the best of my ability so help me God.”

Paul Ricci thanked his family, his friends, the commissioners and the members of the selection committee for their support and encouragement. He said the opportunities have been abundant for him in Sandusky and this is the place where he would like to finish his career.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting and dispensed with the oral reading. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to approve the special meeting minutes of March 10, 2011 and dispensed with the oral reading. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

Dennis Timple, 553 Bimini Drive, said the west end overpass (Item #2) is a historic piece of legislation and urged its passage. He said this was talked about when he was in junior high school.

Kim Price, 1107 Tyler Street, said she is against the leash law (Item #10) and stated she did not believe passage will correct the issue with irresponsible dog owners.

PRESENTATION

Steve Poggiali and Carrie Whitaker, Erie Regional Planning, presented information about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program offered by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Steve Poggiali said this program is part of a solution to the unintended consequences of less walking and bicycling such as individual health, environmental issues and increased traffic congestion. He said fewer kids are biking and walking to school (42% in 1969, 16% in 2001) and more parents are driving their children to school. He said the number of students who live within one mile of school and walk or bike has decreased (87% in 1969, 63% in 2001). Steve Poggiali said 20% – 25% of the morning traffic is due to parents driving their children to school and this results in increased congestion and environmental concerns. He said most children are not getting the physical activity which they need and it is recommended children get 60 minutes of exercise each day of the week. He said the air quality is measurably better around schools with more walkers and bicyclists. He said communities are taking action through SRTS and Erie Regional Planning has implemented a program in the City of Vermilion and is working on the implementation of a program in Perkins Township. He said SRTS can reduce the number of necessary bus routes. Steve

Poggiali said the program is based upon education, encouragement, enforcement, engineering and evaluation. Steve Poggiali said SRTS funding applies only to K-8 schools and helps to fund infrastructure (\$500,000) and non-infrastructure (\$100,000) activities; all funding is awarded at 100%. He said this program requires coordination with the Ohio Department of Transportation, District 3, SRTS coordinators. Steve Poggiali said a school travel plan must be completed before any funding can be approved. He said any projects submitted for funding must come from an ODOT approved School Travel Plan. The development of a School Travel Plan requires a maximum of four schools. The engineering support will be provided by ODOT for a walkability study.

Steve Poggiali said if the City of Sandusky and the Sandusky City Schools decide to apply for this funding, a steering committee would need to be formed with representation from both entities. He said this process will begin in the fall of 2011 and will culminate in the adoption of a travel plan in the spring of 2012; the application will be submitted in the fall of 2012.

Pervis Brown asked if the staff or board members of Sandusky City Schools have been approached and Steve Poggiali said he does not believe they have yet been approached. He said the city must act as the sponsor for the program and would be the entity to accept the funding. Steve Poggiali said this would allow the city to have a partnership with the schools on a positive basis. Dick Brady asked what a typical infrastructure improvement would be and Steve Poggiali said in Vermilion and Perkins, the improvements were for sidewalks. He believes Sandusky would benefit from improved sidewalks and possibly striping in school zones. Diedre Cole said she brought this concept forward and sees value in the program. She said one concern raised by residents is sidewalks in disrepair. She said SRTS is a mechanism to fix some of these problems. Diedre Cole said childhood obesity is an issue in this area and some school bus routes could be eliminated on smaller, narrower streets. She would like for a Resolution to be adopted and then taken to the school board members. She said she has already talked to several school board members and the superintendent, and said this can be taken to them for support as soon as the city is ready to move forward.

Pervis Brown said in Sandusky, kids are walking to school, and he believes the perimeter is 1 ½ mile for bussing according to the state law. He asked if this would qualify to take away bus routes and is not sure the city would benefit from this. Steve Poggiali said the city would definitely qualify, but the removal of some bus routes would be a long-term goal. Steve Poggiali said the infrastructure improvements will help the schools and the travel to and from schools. Steve Poggiali said the non-infrastructure improvements can be used for safety measures. Carrie Whitaker said the whole purpose of this program is to engage in active transportation in a safe way. Dave Waddington said the safety concern with kids walking over railroad tracks would help make this a win/win situation for everyone and Carrie Whitaker said the City of Vermilion had a similar situation. John Hamilton said with the price of fuel oil increasing, this will become more of a trend and he would like to see this get going now rather than waiting any longer. Dan Kaman said there are crosswalks at Firelands Regional Medical Center, but it does not seem that drivers know how to use them; he said the crosswalks at the high school do not seem to be utilized. Dan Kaman said he would like to see more crosswalks and help educate people on what they mean either through signage, paint or lighting. Dick Brady said the city is at bare bones as far as dollars available for street and sidewalk repairs; he said if the city can get one yard of concrete or one section of sidewalk completed without having to pay for it, this should be an easy decision.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to order in a Resolution of Support for the Safe Routes to Schools program for the next commission meeting. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to accept all communications. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: This submerged lands lease is payable by the City of Sandusky as the leaseholder. The Chesapeake Lofts Condominium Association, Mid-States Development Corporation's assigned sub-lessee will reimburse the city for the cost of the lease payment pursuant to submerged lands lease agreement SUB-2119B-ER between the city, Mid-States Bayfront Development, LLC and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources does not allow a sub-lease holder to make a submerged lands lease payment on the city's behalf. Ordinance No. 10-016 was passed by the city commission on March 8, 2010, in the amount of \$13,764.34, for the period April, 2010 – March, 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-018: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to make payment to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal

Management for rental payment on submerged lands lease file no. SUB-2119B-ER for the period of April, 2011 through March, 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 Diedre Cole, 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: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: The project cost is estimated at \$14,420,707. The city has already funded \$662,732 toward the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 008-11R: It is requested a Resolution be passed adopting the preliminary legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Venice Road grade separation project, PID No. 23105, ERI-6-06.00; authorizing and directing the city manager to sign the preliminary legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the director of transportation to complete the project; and declaring that this Resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Dave Waddington said this legislation rescinds Resolution 014-05R which was passed on March 14, 2005. Diedre Cole asked what the city's cost or amount will be for this project and Dick Brady said his understanding is the current figure of \$721,000 is a moving target; he said the city will pay 5% of the completed cost. Dick Brady said the bid will be received in June and awarded in July; at that time, there will be a project cost and is when the city will know its share or cost. He said it will be between \$721,000 and \$1 million. He said the important point is this project has changed dramatically over the last 6 – 7 years from the original deal (100% of the cost over the amount ODOT was going to pay). He said this deal has been removed from the table and the city is now looking at a lot lower contribution or cost to the project. He said if the city ends up paying \$1 million for \$14 million worth of infrastructure improvements, this would be great. Dan Kaman said as a west end resident, he has heard this project discussed by the city for the past eight years and he looks forward to it being built.

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

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: The market value appraisal of the property, performed by John W. Bauer, is \$6,750.00. Ms. Ruffing will pay \$6,750 plus \$1,025 for reimbursement for surveying costs and all closing costs. This property sale will not negatively impact the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-019: It is requested an Ordinance be passed declaring that a certain portion of real property owned by the city located on Pipe Street, 0.1234 acres of parcel No. 57-64018.000 is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement to sell the designated portion to Julie M. Ruffing; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adopt this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Pervis Brown asked what fund this money will be placed into upon sale of the property and Hank Solowiej said the money will go into the general fund.

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

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: The engineering consultant fee is not to exceed \$22,000 and will be funded with \$5 license fee funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-020: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract for professional design services with John Hancock & Associates, Inc. for the Cedar Point Drive improvement project; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Dick Brady, 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 said this service is exempt from the competitive bidding process. Diedre Cole asked about the street light relocation project with Ohio Edison on Cedar Point Drive and how this will affect the project. Todd Roth said the city received a check for the light relocation project but nothing will be given to Ohio Edison until the design is complete. He said the plans need to be completed and approved by ODOT before revisiting this portion of the project.

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

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: There will be no impact on the general fund budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-021: It is requested an Ordinance be passed amending part thirteen (building code), title five (additional local provisions), by the addition of chapter 1343 (commercial and industrial property maintenance code) of the codified ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth herein below; 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 Diedre Cole, 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: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: This legislation has no budgetary impact.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-022: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a tri-party agreement on behalf of the city with the board of county commissioners of Erie County and Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, for the discharge of pretreated industrial process wastewater; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dick Brady 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.

Discussion: Diedre Cole asked if the city will be made aware of what material is being discharged and Todd Roth said it has been stressed to personnel at Automotive Component Holdings they must meet the pretreatment requirements. If at any point in time these requirements are not met, they cannot discharge as this will drastically change how the city provides treatment. Diedre Cole asked how this will be monitored and Todd Roth said he will have to find out. He assumes there is a meter to control this and there is a provision to shut off the system during wet weather conditions. Dick Brady asked if this is something done currently and Todd Roth said the city takes their waste but was asked to put this in a separate amended agreement because it is very different than what they have been doing. Dan Kaman said the city will work with them in any way that it can.

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

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, Director of Planning, Engineering & Development

Budgetary Information: Based on service for one day per week pickup and a contract for nine (9) months, the estimated amount for the 2011 yard waste collection service is \$32,309.28 based on 554 customers. This amount is subject to change due to additions and deletions of customers to the program. The cost of this service will be charged back to the customers.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-023: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract with Browning Ferris Industries, Inc. dba Allied Waste Services of Sandusky, Ohio, for the 2011 yard waste collection service which is available for the period of April 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; 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.

Discussion: Dick Brady asked if the city received feedback from FSI as to why they did not bid (FSI had the last contract). Scott Miller said he spoke with a representative of FSI who indicated they are too busy and are interested in doing more recycling rather than yard waste. Dick Brady said the cost is the same so this did not hurt us.

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

ITEM #8 – Submitted by George Poulos, Program Administrator

Budgetary Information: There is no impact on the city's general fund. All projects in the program will be paid for through the CHIP grant funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-11R: It is requested a Resolution be passed authorizing and directing the city manager of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to file an application for financial assistance from the FY 2011 community housing improvement program through the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships; and declaring that this Resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Resolution: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Thomas Schwan, Sandusky Transit Administrator

Budgetary Information: STS will receive \$11.92 per trip from the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the length of the proposed contract. This money collected will be used to offset the capital planning and operating expenses and go toward the Job Access and Reverse Commute programs local match of \$55,016, Project No's. JARC-4022-071-101 and JARC-0022-071-102 through the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-024: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement for transportation services between the City of Sandusky and the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities, substantially in the same form attached hereto; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

ITEM #10 – Submitted by James F. Lang, Interim Police Chief**TABLED 2.28.11**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this request for legislation is the total amount of administrative staff time utilized for any necessary enforcement by the police department.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-025: It is requested an Ordinance be passed amending part five (general offenses) chapter 505 (animals and fowl), in the manner and way specifically set forth herein below.

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.

Discussion: Don Icsman said this legislation was modified based upon discussion at the last commission meeting. Julie Farrar said nothing is mentioned about electric shock collars and asked how this will be addressed. She also asked how service animals will be handled. Jim Lang said service animals are covered elsewhere and demonstrations similar to Mona Rutger's "Back to the Wild" are covered through the use of short leashes. Dick Brady said the ordinance deals with an unlimited leash law, not a shock collar or an invisible fence. Jim Lang said this ordinance does not cover animals on private property, it is in effect once a dog goes onto public property. Dave Waddington said the length of the leash has been increased and he is in favor of this legislation. He hopes the city starts taking care of the stray dogs running at large around town. Dave Waddington said he is glad to see the length extended beyond 6'. Diedre Cole said several other issues have been brought to light and she is more concerned with unlicensed dogs and dogs running at large. She is hard pressed to see what effect it will have, but she is willing to vote yes for it. She would like to see increased activity in dealing with these kinds of dogs. John Hamilton said he is for this revised legislation and is interested in looking at the creation of a dog park in Sandusky.

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

ITEM #11 – Submitted by Judy Nagy, Recreation Supervisor

Budgetary Information: The agreements will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The city will benefit from the agreed upon rental fee of \$250 per month which includes rent, electric service and phone service.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-026: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement, substantially in the same form as attached, with North Coast Oasis Cleaning Service (dba Flash Drive Thru), for the operation of a retail business for the sale of bait and tackle and concession items at the building located at the Shelby Street boat launch ramp facility; 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: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Abstain: Diedre Cole, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 6. Abstain: Diedre Cole, 1. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Don Icsman requested **authorization for out of state travel for two members of the Sandusky Fire Department, James Snyder and Matt Lesch, to attend the Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana from March 23 to March 25, 2011.** Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to authorize this out of state travel request. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman requested **authorization for out of state travel for Thomas Schwan, Sandusky Transit Administrator, to attend the FTA Triennial Review Workshop in Chicago, Illinois from March 31 to April 1, 2011.** He said this is an opportunity for Sandusky to comply with the federal regulations. Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to authorize this out of state travel request. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman provided a written update pertaining to the agreement with the Erie County General Health District for the solid waste vehicle inspection services. He said this update includes enforcement action taken. Dan Kaman said haulers are now required to use compactor trucks but only two warnings and zero citations have been issued. He said the haulers have had over one year of notice to comply with this requirement and he has heard about garbage falling out of trucks in just the past week. Dan Kaman said if he sees this happening, the officers in the police department should see it happening. Don Icsman said he has not spoken with Jim Lang about the level of enforcement or manpower being provided, but the city did speak with the haulers and that the law has been modified. Dan Kaman said this is not a manpower issue as the police are already patrolling the streets. Dave Waddington asked if the city was going to follow up on the actual number of registered haulers (which previously was 25 or 26). Dave Waddington said he still sees pickup trucks hauling garbage and Don Icsman said unlicensed vehicles are not legally permitted to haul garbage. John Hamilton asked if the nature of what is being hauled has changed and Dan Kaman said the issue is about trash bags falling out of the back of trucks and into the street. Diedre Cole suggested setting up a tip line for residents to call and report this; Dan Kaman said the police officers should be seeing this and enforce the compactor requirement. Jim Lang said the Erie County Health Department authorized a couple of trucks to haul appliances and scrap metal with a 5' sideboard requirement and 36" tailgate. Jim Lang said he will make sure these vehicles are being checked by the officers.

Dave Waddington asked about the **recycling program by Greener Corners** and Don Icsman said the city has made contact with the company and the next move is up to them.

Don Icsman provided a report regarding the status of the **trap, neuter, release program for feral cats and stated Jo Walls from the Erie County Humane Society will provide a status of this program at the next commission meeting, March 28.**

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Waddington said he would like to see the pay phones and/or booths which are no longer working removed from city parks and properties. He said coin phones are a thing of the past. Dan Kaman said many of these are private phones and will have to be removed by the property owner. Tom Whitted said he found an old file in the IT department and learned the pay phone contract expired in 2004 and the last payment the city received was in 2004; he said the company is now bankrupt. He said he will continue to look into this.

Dave Waddington said he will be looking for **volunteers to help clean up litter.** He said on Saturday at 9 a.m., he will be attend a **'coffee with commissioners' meeting** at Mr. Smith's Coffee House with three members of the board of directors from the Wightman Wieber Foundation to explain what the foundation does and how it benefits the area.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel: planning, engineering and development. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel: administrative services. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Julie Farrar, John Hamilton, Dave Waddington, Diedre Cole, Pervis Brown and Dan Kaman, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Dan Kaman said the city received a **request from the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) for a letter of support for the Healthy Homes program.** Scott Thom, Construction Programs Administrator, said this program was started in 2008 and more activities have been added since. He said one of the goals is to make homes safer from events such as falls and trips on poorly lit or constructed staircases, lead based paint, radon, mold and mildew – the whole indoor environment. He said the ECHD is always looking for more opportunities and support from the city to act upon these opportunities. Dan Kaman said Kelly Kresser has a sample letter of support which will be sent to the law department and added to the next commission agenda. Dick Brady asked if the city's letter of support makes the ECHD more attractive for grant opportunities and Scott Tom said that it would.

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

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked the status of the bids received for the Paper District marina. Dan Kaman said two bids were received, but nothing has yet been finalized. Sharon Johnson asked when the marina is supposed to open. Dan Kaman said this is a transient marina and there is a lot of work still to be done. Dick Brady said this marina will be used for transient or temporary dockage. Sharon Johnson asked for a timeframe and Todd Roth said he believes there is a 10-day maximum limit for transient dockage; Dan Kaman said the city is still working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to work out the details. Sharon Johnson asked for an update on the Sandusky Yacht Club and if the docks are all taken care of. Dan Kaman said he has not heard from the SYC for a few months and does not believe the city received their final plans. Sharon Johnson asked about overruns on the west end overpass project and Dan Kaman said the city will pay five percent 5% on the total cost of the project.

Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, said the city currently is responsible to pick up dogs when running at large and asked if this will be re-examined with passage of the new leash law. Dan Kaman said the city can look at anything. Dick Brady said the leash law does not give a free pass on all other laws. He said a practical approach is to have the police officers enforce all of the laws. Dan Kaman said if Jim Lang has any suggestions, he can take them to his liaison and then ultimately to the commission.

Herman Robinson, 1601 Oakmont Lane, thanked the commission for taking serious look at the leash law and the issue of dogs running at large. He said there is proper decorum for persons who own a pet and it is not okay to have a dog in the city without a leash. Diedre Cole said this particular legislation shows how good government is supposed to work. She said initially, all of the commission did not agree, but they looked at the situation and came up with a reasonable solution.

At 6:15 p.m., Dan Kaman announced adjournment of the open session. Two executive sessions were held beginning at 6:20 p.m. At 7:10 p.m., Dan Kaman announced adjournment.

Kelly L. Kresser
Clerk of the City Commission

Daniel J. Kaman
President of the City Commission