

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the **Invocation**, given by Pervis Brown, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith.

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

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to excuse Julie Farrar. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the April 23 and May 7, 2012 meetings and dispensed with the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked what has changed in the proposed new agreement (since 2009) with Lake Erie Island Cruises (Item #2). Tim Schwanger agrees with the project for the Ohio Lake Erie Commission application (Item #5) and hopes accommodations will be made so there will be access to the water's edge.

PROCLAMATIONS

Pervis Brown presented a proclamation to Tim Brown, Programs Coordinator for the Erie-Huron-Richland Community Action Commission, declaring May, 2012 as **"Community Action Month"** in the City of Sandusky. Tim Brown thanked the City of Sandusky on behalf of the Community Action Commission Board of Trustees and their Director, Janice Warner.

Jeff Smith presented a proclamation to Jim Lang declaring May 23 – June 3, 2012 as **"Click It or Ticket Mobilization Week"** in the City of Sandusky.

Wesley Poole read a proclamation declaring May 20 – 26, 2012 as **"Public Works Week"** in the City of Sandusky. Wesley Poole urged people to remember public employees as they take care of things we may take for granted.

Diedre Cole read a proclamation declaring May 19 – 25, 2012 as **"Safe Boating Week"** in the City of Sandusky.

PRESENTATIONS

Paul Ricci presented a **certificate to Alex Stelzer, an Eagle Scout candidate**, for his recent project regarding residential sprinklers which was tested at the Coles Training Center. Paul Ricci said Alex spent several hundred hours working through the Explorers program and has character, responsibility, dedication and determination.

Jean Hartline, Mannik and Smith Group, presented information regarding the proposed **intersection improvements at U.S. Route 250 and Perkins Avenue**. This project is an offspring of the Ohio Department of Transportation corridor study commissioned several years ago to improve safety and traffic flow and to create aesthetic improvements for the community. ODOT has secured \$5 million in federal safety funds to make these improvements and local contributions are not required from the City of Sandusky, Perkins Township or Erie County. A northbound left turn lane will be added to provide for dual left turns (towards westbound Perkins Avenue) and two receiving lanes. The dual left turns will run along Pat Catan's and will meet the two existing westbound lanes just east of 52nd Street for a total of five lanes. Other improvements will include signal upgrades with mast arm signal structures, "Walk/Do Not Walk" signals and the addition of corner islands adjacent to the Ford dealership and Rainbow Muffler. Other improvements include a raised concrete island, ADA ramps and sidewalk additions and upgrades on both sides of U.S. 250. There will not be a sidewalk in the area of Perkins Avenue where sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements do not exist. Perkins Avenue will be realigned so the lanes are

no longer offset. Access management strategies include “right in/right out only” on C Street, Parkland Drive, Marrissee Drive and drive closures at the BP station (two) and at Pat Catan’s. Overhead guide signs will be installed at all four approaches to enhance safety in advance of the intersection. Jean Hartline said opportunities will be taken to minimize property impacts and the right-of-way costs tend to equal construction costs which are currently at approximately \$2 - \$2.5 million. The lanes on Perkins Avenue are currently 11’ wide although 12’ is a more desirable lane width. The new lanes will be 11’ and will save 5’ of widening. This will also make a crucial difference in the property impacts. Eight alternatives were looked at and four were turned into a preliminary engineering study providing a detailed analysis of property impacts, engineering impacts and costs. Two public meetings have been held to date and comment sheets were utilized to address citizen needs. The residents in the Parkland Drive area were more concerned about the left turn exit onto U.S. 250 rather than entry and this will be modified. At the request of Pat Catan’s, the roadway will be shifted approximately 4’ to the north (toward St. Stephen’s Church) to save in parking impacts. Diedre Cole asked about lanes for bicycles and Jean Hartline said this addition is highly unlikely due to state design criteria and will expose the designer and the state to liability. This would also create an additional 10’ of widening. Diedre Cole asked about the lane delineation heading north (exiting the BP Station) and Jean Hartline said there will always be violators, but a median could be placed in the center of U.S. 250 as an alternative. Delineators will keep this from occurring but are not part of the project; this issue could be addressed to ODOT. Diedre Cole asked the timeline for the project and Jean Hartline said construction is slated for 2014 in a single construction period or season. Property acquisition will begin in October or November, 2012, and will take approximately 15 months (appraisals, negotiations, etc.). Diedre Cole asked if the traffic signalization pattern will remain the same from Perkins Avenue to Bogart Road as it is designed for ease of flow. Jean Hartline said the signal will be designed to communicate with the Perkins Avenue signalization project, not with the ODOT system on the state route. Two lanes will be maintained heading into Sandusky during the Cedar Point season but only one may be maintained **out** of Sandusky during construction.

Bob England, Environmental Health Director for the Erie County Health Department (ECHD), provided information about the **seasonal beach program** which includes two beaches in Sandusky: Cedar Point Chaussee and Lions Park. Lions Park is a focal point for activity and is a location Sandusky residents will frequent for its beach and splash pad. Samples are collected for E-Coli bacteria, wave height data, water temperature, wind direction and other information. These tests have been correlated with promising results and the ECHD hopes to go live with this information for real-time advice in the future. Water quality will be effectively predicted on the ECHD website with 85% accuracy. Bob England said seven **low cost rabies shot clinics** have been held and have been well attended by Sandusky residents to prevent the risk of rabies. The next clinic will be held on June 16 at the Erie County Fairgrounds and the cost is \$10 per shot.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

Budgetary Information: There will be no impact to the general fund. Proposed activities will be paid for through the CDBG grant funds and other grant funding sources.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-045: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to accept a consolidated entitlement grant in the amount of \$675,622 total community development block grant funds for the program year of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, and to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development a FY 2012 one-year action plan;** 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 Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, P.E., P.S.

Budgetary Information: There is no impact on the general budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-046: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement with Lake Erie Island Cruises, LLC, substantially in the same form as attached, for primary use of a portion of the dock facilities located on the Jackson**

Street Pier; and declaring that this ordinance take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Diedre Cole asked what changes are included in this agreement – different from the previous agreement - and Todd Roth said changes are primarily with the cost of the three-year lease.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, P.E., P.S.

Budgetary Information: The city will receive \$1,500 for the sale of this property. There will be minimal closing costs associated with the sale of this property which will be paid with proceeds from the sale.
ORDINANCE NO. 12-047: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring that certain real property owned by the city located at Lot #134 on Wilbert Street, Parcel #58-64005.000 is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement to sell the real property to Gary B. and Anna J. Dunn;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Scott A. Miller, Director of General Services

Budgetary Information: The agreements will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The city will benefit from the agreed upon rental fee income of \$70 per month and electric service reimbursement of \$30 per month.
ORDINANCE NO. 12-048: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a lease agreement with Eric Foltz dba Cold Creek Café for the Dorn Community Park concession area beginning May 1, 2012 through August 15, 2012;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Scott A. Miller, Director of General Services

Budgetary Information: There is no direct budgetary impact. The grant requires a 25% match from the city and will be provided in the form of “in kind” services, which will be approximately \$5,254 (includes city staff, Erie SWCD and community volunteers) and will be used as partial funding for the cost of the project. If the grant is denied, the application will be resubmitted when the next grant cycle occurs.
RESOLUTION NO. 012-12R: It is requested a resolution be passed **approving and ratifying the submission of an application for financial assistance to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for the Lake Erie Protection Fund grant program for the City of Sandusky Living Shoreline demonstration project at Shoreline Park;** 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 Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this resolution according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the resolution passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50 from Barbara Wendt for the greenhouse endowment in memory of Ruth Dendinger. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$150 from Cable A. Steinemann for the Green Fund. The President declared the motion passed.

Nicole Ard thanked Rudy Ruiz from the Sandusky Fire Department for conducting **National Incident Management System training** for the commissioners and staff members.

Nicole Ard said the city commission will be receiving information shortly to follow up with the recent **strategic planning sessions** held.

Nicole Ard said consideration is being given to a **potential vendor at the Paper District Marina concession area** and this will be good news for the city. To help facilitate this process, Nicole Ard recommended an investment of approximately \$12,000 for the purchase and installation of a range hood to help get this facility operational for this season. The proposal will include the operation of the marina and the concessions. Diedre Cole asked about the condition of the grass at the amphitheatre and Scott Miller said a weed application was performed today and the grass has not yet taken a firm hold; it will take some time to fill in. There is a "no mow" area of the slope.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Diedre Cole, the commission provided authorization for the city manager to move forward with the purchase of this range hood/exhaust system up to an amount of \$14,000.

Discussion: Nicole Ard said the range hood/exhaust system will cost approximately \$6,000 while the installation will be approximately \$6,000. John Hamilton said this will enhance the value of the city's property. Nicole Ard said the potential vendor will be making a substantial investment in the facility and is looking for a long-term commitment. Diedre Cole asked if the hood will have a fire suppression system and Nicole Ard said the hood is required because of the fire code. Todd Roth suggested increasing the amount to an amount not to exceed \$14,000 as the city is currently looking at estimates. Nicole Ard said the interested vendor has had restaurant consultants in, has completed plans, and will benefit the city. Pervis Brown modified his motion to allow an expenditure of \$14,000 (rather than \$12,000) for this purchase and installation. Keith Grohe said it appears this is an overrun of 20% and Todd Roth said this has been done so quickly he would like to ensure enough money is set aside. Keith Grohe asked if the city has the money and Hank Solowiej said the last time he spoke with George Poulos, he understood the cost would be under \$10,000. Todd Roth said George Poulos presented an approximate cost of \$12,000 for the equipment purchase and installation and Hank Solowiej said he is concerned about the cost as expenditures over \$10,000 would have to be approved by the city commission. Nicole Ard said she believes \$10,000 can be spent without authorization by the city commission and this company has been waiting several weeks for some issues to be worked out that have nothing to do with their own operations. A sizeable return is expected for the city and she understands an agreement can be executed without city commission authorization, but she would not normally operate this way. Jeff Smith asked if this vendor will pay rent and Nicole Ard said because of the debt on the property, the first year is structured so that income will not be realized. Marina/dock rental fees will be used to cover his costs and the rest will be returned to the city. Jeff Smith said this is an investment which will be returned to the city. Diedre Cole said she is comfortable with this investment and a service will be provided for the city. Wesley Poole said normally he wants a lot of details, but trusts the judgment of the city manager and likes the idea of someone trying to make this marina work for the city; he is prepared to invest \$14,000. Don Icsman said once the \$10,000 amount is met, the city commission will ratify this purchase.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Nicole Ard said there is also **interest in other concessions at Shoreline Park and the Jackson Street Pier.**

Nicole Ard said the **boat launch facility** is being made good use of and the shelters and gazebos have a lot of activity.

Nicole Ard said the staff is working to provide an **update regarding the Keller Building** for the city commission and the State of Ohio and a new issue has arisen with the window area.

Nicole Ard said Julie Farrar was approached by someone wishing to host a **poker tournament in the City of Sandusky** which is not legal in the State of Ohio. This organization may be looking at other opportunities to bring events to Sandusky.

Nicole Ard said **one new police officer was sworn in last week, Natalie Lambert, along with two reserve officers, Mathew Heery and Brian Langhar.**

Nicole Ard said a citizen recently asked for a **commendation to be made, on behalf of his wife, to Firefighter Ron Urig.** Ron Urig assisted this resident, while off-duty, after he realized she was having an extreme high sugar episode while driving. Nicole Ard said three paramedics responded and one police officer also assisted by locating the spouse at his home.

Nicole Ard said a meeting was held with **Norfolk Southern regarding the west side overpass** and a potential change will be made regarding this project at the next Planning Commission meeting on May 23.

Nicole Ard said she is working with the Erie County Economic Development Corporation **about funding to improve a section of Ferndale Drive near Firelands Vending.** This may require a city match of approximately \$240,000 for storm water/sewer improvements and would be an investment for future economic development of farmland. An assessment must be made quickly about use of sewer and/or other funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Diedre Cole expressed her **sincere appreciation to Darrell Wood and Kurt Doller (professional anglers from Sandusky) who volunteered last Saturday at the "Take the Kids Fishing Derby"** in Shoreline Park. Diedre Cole congratulated Connor Black who caught a 16" white crappie during the fishing derby. Scott Miller said 65 children signed up to participate.

Diedre Cole thanked the **National Council of Negro Women for recently honoring the city's minority firefighters.**

Diedre Cole asked Todd Roth about the **Columbus Avenue pavement markings.** Todd Roth said it is hopeful this area can be ground slightly rather than removing spaces. Measurements will be taken by his staff to see what can be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Diedre Cole said the **Job and Family Services office held an open house** last week and is grateful to have played a role in the process. A youth summer employment grant is available to help pay for wages.

Diedre Cole said she is working on **small business identification and survey project** and a number of small businesses need assistance, but do not know where to turn. The city has a good relationship with Peter Zaehring from the Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) and their RISE program and would like to provide an online survey to see what can be done. Diedre Cole said she would like to utilize the services of Jerry Garrett to help identify these businesses, the obstacles which they face and to create a database of information. John Hamilton asked how much time Jerry Garrett would put into this and Diedre Cole said she would estimate 30 – 45 days. This would be a project-based cost. Nicole Ard said she would need to know the exact number of hours so this could be equated to dollars. Diedre Cole would like to obtain authorization to begin this negotiation process as there are businesses which fall short of having everything they need to be successful and self sufficient. The tools available will help make them reliable, independent and self sustaining.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to negotiate with Jerry Garrett for the purpose of creating a small business database.

Discussion: Pervis Brown said the city currently has a lot of things on the table and would like to get through some of them before moving forward with this. Diedre Cole said she appreciates this thought and understands the sentiment; unfortunately, the city is not in a position to do this as small businesses need assistance now to sink or swim and it is the city's responsibility. Jeff Smith asked if this is something ECEDC should be doing for the city. Diedre Cole said the part Jerry Garrett would perform is

something ECEDC cannot do, and would prefer this be in a more concrete form before discussed. There are over 100 minority owned businesses in the community and not one had had any exposure to ECEDC or their resources. Carrie Handy said if businesses need financial assistance, a microenterprise program is available for new equipment, relocation, etc., and interested persons should contact the planning department. There are low interest loans available - up to \$7,500 – and with affordable payments (repayment is less than \$200 per month). There is currently enough money to help six or seven businesses. Keith Grohe said the city should pull back a little bit and let ECEDC handle some of this; Jeff Smith concurred.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Diedre Cole, 1. Nays: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 5. The President declared the motion failed.

Keith Grohe said he has received requests for additional **handicapped parking in the downtown area** as currently the spaces are at the end of the block(s). Todd Roth said the city must come up with a guideline. One area in particular would require cutting into the roadway, the curb and the sidewalk and is more than simply painting a space.

Keith Grohe said the **downtown sign ordinance** needs to be updated and it is difficult for businesses to pay an application fee of \$250. Carrie Handy said the sign ordinance was updated in 2003 but the permit fees are under the building section of the code. Carrie Handy said there are not fees for the downtown design review process. The allowable square footage for a sign is based upon the frontage (size) of the building and there is a provision to obtain a conditional use permit for neon as well as a certificate of appropriateness under the design review process. Keith Grohe said in the 1960's and 1970's, there was neon all over the city; Carrie Handy said she is not aware of any requests for neon signage at this time.

John Hamilton said citizens have approached him about a **loss of fishing tournaments for the city** and would like to have a 'think tank' meeting about this; he urged citizens to call him and share their thoughts and ideas to enhance the city's waterfront use and add activities.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding pending litigation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding police department, personnel. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding fire department, personnel. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole, Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe and Jeff Smith, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

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

Andy Ouriel, [Sandusky Register](#), asked for clarification regarding the new hires in the police department. Nicole Ard said one full-time officer and two part-time/reserve officers were hired. Jim Lang said there are five reserves and 45 full-time officers at this time. Andy Ouriel said May 15 was the initial date for the opening of the paper district marina and Scott Miller said this will not take place until this weekend. Andy Ouriel asked if there is a 2012 operational plan for the marina and Scott Miller said there is not and there will not be until such time as the operator is set up and working. Andy Ouriel asked the progress of reopening Shoreline Drive where the brick fell from the Keller Building. Todd Roth said the city does not know for certain that the brick fell from the building and this is an assumption. When the chimney stack is approved for removal, the road will be reopened. Andy Ouriel asked how the closure of Shoreline Drive will be addressed in the paper district marina plan as it is a direct access point and Todd Roth said persons using the marina will be made aware how to utilize the downtown area. Dockhands will be available to help and assist the boaters.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked when the Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) will have a job specialist on board. Nicole Ard said a person has been hired to fill this position but has not started working yet. Sharon Johnson sent an email to ECEDC and the city manager regarding ten companies which have moved into Sandusky so they can call upon them; Nicole Ard said asked Sharon Johnson to forward this information to her for follow up. Sharon Johnson said the Rieger project

is scheduled to start at the end of the year and asked if the city has been asked for assistance; Carrie Handy said the city has met with the developer about using RLF or tax abatement funds, but no applications have yet been received. Sharon Johnson asked if the person running the marina will also run the boat ramp and Scott Miller said seasonal employees are working at the boat ramp. Sharon Johnson said there have not been many details shared about the paper district marina or the concession area and asked if this is how it was bid. Nicole Ard said the city did not receive any responses from the RFP and the person who is interested in operating the facility has gone above and beyond to manage it. They will manage the facility and its staff, will take reservations and sell bait, will operate the concessions and they also have a liquor permit which they would like to transition. Sharon Johnson said the boaters should be encouraged to get off of their boats, walk the downtown and dine at the restaurants and said the concession may be a conflict. Jeff Smith said when boaters go to the Lake Erie Islands, they dock at a restaurant or bar, but may not necessarily eat there. Most boaters do get around and the plan is for out-of-town persons to check out other restaurants. Sharon Johnson asked if this person will have the time to devote to the concession and Jeff Smith said this person's goal was to establish three locations and his first two have been successful and he has planned accordingly. Nicole Ard said those persons already hired, coupled with this person's management experience, will be a good thing.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked what the big secret is about operating the paper district marina and if legislation will come before the city commission once the area is open for business. Tim Schwanger said it appears there is already a cooking vent in the roof and Scott Miller said there are both an exhaust fan and a vent for the restroom. Jeff Smith said a range hood is totally different than an exhaust fan and is the fire suppression system. Tim Schwanger asked if the equipment to be placed at the facility will remain once this person leaves. Wesley Poole said it appears the city manager is involved in negotiations with a good vendor to do something at the city's marina where no one else has expressed interest in going. At the time the details are worked out, this will be revealed. Wesley Poole said this is simply a negotiation in its early planning stages and he is willing to wait until completion by the city manager. The city commission has said they believe this is a good idea and are interested in investing in the city's property to get this facility operational. The idea is to draw business into Sandusky and it is the city's responsibility to provide something for them. Nicole Ard said she has authorization to enter into these types of contractual agreements, but her preference is to come before the city commission and let them know what is being worked on; there may be some improvements made to the building to accommodate the vendor. These types of things attract people and there is some level of investment in order to get a return and provide opportunities of places for people to go. Tim Schwanger asked if the increased cost for the Goodtime lease is to the boat line and Todd Roth affirmed it is. Tim Schwanger asked if the city received its money from the previous owners of Markley's when it was sold and Carrie Handy said the city did receive its money in full. Tim Schwanger asked about an area on West Monroe Street which was dug up and Todd Roth said the contractor was informed this is to be paved as soon as possible.

Tom Whitted, former city IT manager, said this will be his last meeting and thanked the department heads and the city commissioners (past and present) for the time they put into their jobs.

John Hamilton announced a recess of the regular session at 6:47 p.m. Three executive sessions were held beginning at 6:57 p.m. Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser
Clerk of the City Commission

Diedre Y. Cole
Vice President of the City Commission