

President Dan Kaman opened the meeting 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, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Brett Fuqua, the Commission approved the minutes of the June 14, 2010, meeting and dispensed with the oral reading. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Steve Ernst, Advantage Entertainment, presented a check to the City of Sandusky in the amount of \$15,000 from Ohio Bike Week for city services rendered, including services from the Sandusky Police Department.**

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

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, representing Sandusky Waterfront Watchdogs, asked if the bidding for the property on Anderson Street Extension (Item #5) was going to be based upon an appraisal and Amanda Meyers, Paralegal, said a market analysis will be done to determine the price.

John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, said those who use the Erie County Auditor's Geographical Information (GIS) system should pay for its use, not just the City of Sandusky and the municipalities within Erie County.

Wesley Poole, 1939 East Oldgate, asked what the projected response times would be if the city spent \$30,000 to improve them (Item No. 1) so that we could determine if this is worthwhile.

Tom Paul, Erie County Auditor, said he is here with Mark Wroblewski, GIS Coordinator for the County, to give a **presentation about Erie County's Geographical Information (GIS) System**, as outlined in Item No. 2 on the Agenda. He said this is collaboration between governmental entities to pay a portion of the costs and receive the benefits of the system. Mark Wroblewski said the GIS can be used for property appraisals, emergency responses, addressing and aerial photography and that all information is collectively brought into the system for use by the public and other political entities. He said the applications in AccuGlobe include sewer and water mapping, aerial photography and 9-1-1 land-based response programs. Mark Wroblewski said the website allows for information to be accessible online including information about parcels, address ownership and quality control. He said the municipalities use a single platform to look at properties and use their own data in one application to look at different layers simultaneously. He said aerial photography was most recently collected in 2005 for the entire county for \$27,500. He said the pictometry provides perspective for any user to look at properties from every direction. He hopes the City of Sandusky will continue its relationship with the county for this system in the future. Mark Wroblewski said Ohio's Statewide Imagery Program is used for color orthophotography at no cost. The goal is to make images immediately available to all users.

Mark Wroblewski said the 9-1-1 component provides an intelligent street centerline for emergency response. The parcel layer shows the property owner and specific information about the property for the emergency responders. He said Erie County law enforcement agencies now have mobile data units in their cruisers with the Sprint/Nextel wireless network which displays all of this information out in the field when needed. Mark Wroblewski said this ties our jurisdictions together. He said new streets, property addresses and other information is put into the system immediately and includes new development(s), street signs and everything about each property/location. He said one master addressing system is part of the 9-1-1 component to send emergency responders to the correct address as well as to provide GPS and navigational tools with street centerline and GPS coordinates. He said the data maintenance solution provides for one system or repository so that updates are provided as property ownership changes or is developed. Mark Wroblewski said support can be provided remotely through the WebEx application for all members by a subscription service.

Mark Wroblewski said the proposed Cost Share Agreement allows each entity to benefit from this technology for thousands of different reasons. He said these relationships help to share professional expertise and experiences and to provide resources for each city, village and township in Erie County. The Agreement requires members to participate financially according to their size but regardless of the number of users. He said the cost share participants include Erie County at 53%, the cities at 25%, the

townships at 21% and the villages at 1%. Mark Wroblewski said questions about the technology can be directed to him at the Erie County Auditor's Office.

**Sue Daugherty, Director of Serving Our Seniors (SOS), gave a presentation with information from the FY 2009 ending September 30, 2009.** Sue Daugherty said the SOS organization serves those 60 or better living in Erie County and had a budget of just over \$1 million in FY 2009. SOS handled over 10,000 inquiries for questions, problems or concerns during FY 2009; of these, 979 persons lived in the City of Sandusky. She said SOS has a donation fund to help persons with urgent needs affecting the life of an older person; 27 persons in the city benefitted from this. Forty individuals were provided assistance for utility shutoff. The Senior Advocate program helps persons who are living at poverty level or are compromised in their ability to live independently. The Affordable Medication program helps to get medications to those who cannot otherwise afford them. The Drug Repository program operates from Buderer Drug Store and provides donated medications from institutions and nursing homes. She said calls are received regularly about accepting prescription medications from the public, but the law forbids accepting these if they have been in control of the patient. Sue Daugherty said \$25,000 - \$35,000 in medications are being used by older adults in Erie County through this program. She said emergency home repairs are also provided for older adults. SOS offers a minor repair program, personal care and housekeeping, an emergency ramp service, rural home delivered meals and lunches and weekday transportation service for medical purposes. Julie Farrar asked about volunteerism and Sue Daugherty said SOS is a strong partner with the Erie County Senior Center and anyone interested in volunteering can contact her office for a referral. Pervis Brown asked about dumping medications into the city's sewer and Sue Daugherty advised prescription medications no longer needed should be mixed with coffee grounds or kitty litter and thrown out with trash.

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

**ITEM #1 – THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE 6.14.10 MEETING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-053:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a **Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Erie County Commissioners for the reallocation of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds and, if awarded, authorizing the City Manager to execute any required agreements; approving the submission of a grant application by the Erie County Sheriff on behalf of Erie County and the City of Sandusky to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2010 local solicitation for the Erie County/Sandusky City regionalized communications project;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Kim Nuesse asked if the cost of the system is for individual equipment or for one piece of software. Charlie Sams said it is for the software for the system so that the Dispatchers can monitor the cruisers. He said this will allow the Dispatchers to know which cruiser is closest to the location of a call rather than sending the officer patrolling in a specific zone. He said the cruisers will be tracked so they can keep up on where Officers are at all times. Kim Nuesse said this grant and its costs are shared with the Erie County Sheriff's Office and asked who would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance and if this would be costly in the future. She asked if there would be money budgeted for the city to contribute toward equipment maintenance or replacement. Charlie Sams said the supply account in the Police Department would be used to pay for updates; he said if the system breaks down, the costs will be shared with the county and that it is on their server.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

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

**Budgetary Information:** For the 2007 – 2008 Cost Share Agreement, the city paid \$8,000.00 per year for this system. In 2005, the city paid \$11,596.00 and in 2006, the city paid \$9,785.00. The city's share of the Cost Share Agreement for 2009 – 2010 was \$13,622.16 each year for a total cost of \$27,244.32. The city's share of the proposed Cost Share Agreement for 2011 – 2016 is \$13,297.47 per year for a total

cost of \$79,784.82. \$26,594.94 will be funded with water funds, \$26,594.94 will be funded with sewer funds, and the remaining \$26,594.94 will be funded with general funds through the Department of Engineering operating fund. The city will be invoiced annually for \$13,294.47 which is a reduction of \$324.68 from the 2009 – 2010 annual fees. If the GIS Board does not have the funds to continue through the six-year contract with Pictometry International Corp., the contract can be terminated.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-054:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a **Geographical Information System (GIS) 2011 – 2016 Cost Share Agreement with Erie County**; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Julie Farrar said the reason for the request to pass this under Section 14 is so the Agreement can be signed by June 30.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner**

**Budgetary Information:** Approval of the legislation below will have no budgetary impact to the City of Sandusky.

**RESOLUTION NO. 018-10R:** It is requested a Resolution be passed **approving the Erie County Solid Waste Management District Draft Solid Waste Management Plan**; and declaring that this Resolution 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 Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to pass this Resolution in immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington thanked Amanda Meyers, City Law Department, Lisa Beursken, Erie County Solid Waste District, and Commissioner Pervis Brown for their help in getting to this point. He said Sandusky is ahead of every other municipality in the County with updating our Solid Waste Code.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Resolution: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Resolution passed.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-055:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed **amending Part Nine – Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code, Title Five – Other Public Services, by the Amendment of Chapter 955 – Solid Waste Disposal**; 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 pass this Ordinance in immediate effect and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said he would like to have a meeting with the haulers later in the year so they are aware of all of the compliance provisions of this new Ordinance. Don Icsman said there have already been a number of meetings with the haulers and this is a shared responsibility with Erie County. He said passage of this Ordinance will allow for inspections and will provide a revenue source for the Sandusky Police Department. He said the correct type of vehicle will be required and there is a quarterly reporting requirement for haulers. Dave Waddington said the recycle bins should be returned prior to January 1, 2011. Lisa Beursken said these will be located at Kiwanis Park and at the City Service Center.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the**

**Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

**ITEM #4**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-056:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed **approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sandusky and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.;** and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Kim Nuesse said she had concerns about deficit spending with passage of this Ordinance and asked Don Icsman for assurance in covering our costs. She said she appreciated the members of the Fraternal Order of Police coming to the table and this is a good first step. Don Icsman said there is a source of funding for the remainder of the year 2010; he said the amount is \$11,000 and this could be covered with the check presented tonight from Steve Ernst of Advantage Entertainment. Don Icsman said the \$100,000 check from John Eyman is also on deposit with the city and has not yet been part of the budget process. Kim Nuesse said she is happy to be bringing Police Officers back, but said she believes an assessment is still needed to determine necessary staffing levels, going forward. She said this is not related to any recent crime activities and does not believe placing an officer on every street corner of the city would stop crime as there is no correlation. She believes the community has to work with the members of the Police Department to solve community problems. Kim Nuesse said staffing in the Fire Department is also down but they have been 'making it work' and she is confident the members of the Police Department can do the same thing. Julie Farrar thanked the city's team and the members of the FOP for coming together and 'getting this done'. She said she hopes the lines of communication will continue to remain open. Dan Kaman said this is a good short-term fix as our Income, Admissions and Hotel/Motel Taxes are all down and it is a good first step. He said we will have to look at the number of Officers on the force later in the year to figure out what to do.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Brett Fuqua, the Commission voted to use the \$100,000 check from John Eyman for the Sandusky Police Department.**

*Discussion:* Dan Kaman said he will be a no vote on this motion as he believes the check from Ohio Bike Week can be used this year. He said John Eyman's money is tied up in litigation and he would rather keep it than spend it and have to pay it back.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 2. Nays: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse and Julie Farrar, 5. The President declared the motion failed.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal & Carrie Handy, Chief Planner**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with this request for proposals is the total amount of administrative staff time for preparation and fees for newspaper publication.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-057:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed **declaring that certain portions of real property acquired through the city's Land Reutilization program and owned by the city located on Anderson Street Extension, Parcel No's. 56-00716.000 and 56-00717.000 are no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the sale of property;** and declaring that this Ordinance take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

*Discussion:* Pervis Brown said he wished to reassure the public this property will not be sold for \$1.00. Julie Farrar said this Ordinance is requested for passage under Section 14 so the property can be sold at the height of boating season as these two lots could be used to build a boathouse.

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Hank Solowiej**

**Budgetary Information:** The contribution will be distributed to all applicable departments with \$101,798.36 impacting the General Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-058:** It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to **make payment to the North Central Ohio Municipal Finance Officers Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan;** and declaring that this Ordinance take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

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

**Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the Ordinance passed.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

John Hancock, Engineering Consultant for the City of Sandusky, provided an **update on the Paper District Marina project.** John Hancock said Phase I of this project began approximately four weeks ago; he said Phase I of the project has an 18-week duration. This will include work to build the basin, put a stone lining in the basin and build the amphitheatre and fill and place clay cover to remediate the site. He said the marina and bathhouses will be built after Phase I. He said financing for Phase II is still being worked on with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). He said the project to build the Northwest revetment, aka "the knuckle", has begun and a two-week variance was given by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Department of Wildlife, in order to begin the in-water work earlier than the normal fish spawning season.

John Hancock said this project did not begin well and was called to a halt early on so that the contractor could remove wood and debris from the embankments on the site. A different method of processing and recycling was then begun for the limestone being removed from the excavation. The contractor is hoping to make up about 40% of his total requirements for core stone in the intermediate layer from recyclable material; this means less material(s) going off site. He said 60% of the materials will be imported, quarry type material. This will have stone layers underneath the final armor stone layer and will be imported material from the quarry. John Hancock said they met on site today with the Environmental Consultants who have approved this processing method. He said we will keep an eye on what goes in the water and ensure it is done properly. He said there has been cooperation with the local ODNR and the Corps and they are fully aware of what is going on. The project is on schedule or a little bit ahead of schedule and there is still a lot to be done. He said the site is locked down because of OSHA regulations, but if anyone would like to view the site, tours can be arranged by calling his office.

John Hancock said there were stockpiles of material needing to be trucked off site as they were not in the plans to incorporate into the project. These materials were tested by Haag Environmental and the contractor, Hoty Builders, was hired outside of the current contract to take the materials to the Erie County Landfill. Because the landfill could only take ten truckloads each day, a number of these materials are currently being stored at the Water Plant, but are not of environmental concern and will eventually be hauled to the landfill. The original price to haul these materials was \$14,000; this cost has been reduced because of less tipping fees and the shorter haul to the Water Plant. Therefore, the actual work order will be far less than the estimate of cost. Dan Kaman said this is exciting and people are talking about this happening in the downtown. Don Icsman said everyone involved is working together to complete this project.

Don Icsman said **the city was awarded a \$50,000 grant for Emerald Ash Borer abatement in response to a grant application submitted in March, 2010, with the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry.** Tom Speir, Foreman of the Greenhouse, said the city received the full amount of the grant request and this money will be matched by performing some of the work in-house by the Forestry Division. He said all of the trees to be removed have been documented and 100 (of 400 total) have been removed thus far. He said this work should begin by the end of the month and we will be putting a bid out to the private sector for some of the work. Dan Kaman asked if all of the trees on 50<sup>th</sup> Street are Ash Trees and Jim Arthur, Sandusky Tree Commission, said the Larchmont Street area has a lot of Ash Trees and believes most of these have been removed. Tom Speir said we will try to get as many of the larger Ash Trees removed by private contractors, and with this grant money, as possible.

Don Icsman said **a request was received from the Old House Guild to help select names for the Paper Districts' parks and amphitheatre.** Dan Kaman suggested we continue to work with the Old House Guild and Don Icsman said he will keep the Commissioners informed.

Don Icsman said **the Center for Cultural Awareness is filing an application for grant funds in the amount of \$75,000 which requires a \$75,000 match over a five-year period. The Weed and Seed Committee is proposing the city provide a portion of the local match (\$12,650/year for five years totaling \$63,250) using Community Development Block Grant Funds.** Don Icsman introduced Charlene Adams from the Center for Cultural Awareness to answer questions pertaining to this request. Charlene Adams said this will allow for low to moderate income persons to start saving money by providing \$150,000 for individual asset accounts whereby for every dollar saved, a match would be provided at a two-to-one (2/1) or four-to-one (4/1) ratio. This money would then be used to help these persons purchase a home, provide schooling or start or expand a small business. It is hoped that 42 persons or accounts can be set up with 27 for home buyer assistance to reduce the number of rental properties and increase home ownership. Julie Farrar said this is an exciting program whereby people can save \$500 and get a 2/1 match, or \$1,500.

**Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission voted to utilize \$75,000 of CDBG funding for the city's match through the Weed & Seed Grant. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

Don Icsman said **a recommendation is being made to replace the retired City School Superintendent, Bill Pahl, with the new Superintendent, Tom Tucker on the Bayfront Corridor Committee. Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission voted to place Tom Tucker on the Bayfront Corridor Committee. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.**

Don Icsman said he **received a report from Judy Nagy, Recreation Program Supervisor, about the great and positive things happening through the Recreation Division of the city.** He said this report has been forwarded to the City Commissioners and he thanked Judy Nagy for all of her hard work. Dan Kaman said employees are still getting things done and Julie Farrar said she received a phone call over the weekend from a person in the community who felt refreshed and uplifted after talking with Judy Nagy. Dan Kaman said he received notification from a veteran who dealt with an employee of Erie County who was told how short staffed they (the County) were. Dan Kaman commended the city employees for 'getting the job done'.

**Dave Waddington said on June 25, the city received a \$15,000 shoreline grant from the Lake Erie Commission for use at Lions Park. He said we hope to hear soon about a \$40,000 grant from the State of Ohio.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kim Nuesse asked **Gene Hawk, Chesapeake Lofts, to speak about the park at this location for Bob Davis. Gene Hawk said he has spoken with the Davis family about creating a charity drive to name the Southeast Plaza in memory of Bob Davis as a tribute to his vision and foresight.** He said this was met with favorable response and has been endorsed by the family. Gene Hawk will keep in touch with Don Icsman to prepare an agreement and move this forward once funding is in place.

Julie Farrar provided an **update on filling of the position of City Manager.** She said the Human Resources Division is working to update the job description and when complete, it will be provided to

the City Commission to critique. The position of City Manager will be posted on September 1, 2010, and Don Icsman has agreed to remain in the position for a few more months.

Ruth Haag, Haag Environmental, provided **an update regarding the environmental assessment of the coal tar plume and the drilling which is being provided through a US EPA \$40,000 Assessment Grant.** Ruth Haag showed several slides of the preliminary field results, as prepared by Malcolm Pirnie & Associates, during the last three weeks. Ruth Haag said the Ohio EPA has been onsite all of the time. Ruth Haag said there was an interpretive path done a couple of years ago showing coal tar in the surface; it was thought there was a clay layer and that the coal tar was going through this. Part of the investigation is to see if this is true, along with other interpretations, because the coal tar is going out into Sandusky Bay.

Ruth Haag said test pits were first dug showing an oily sheen under the clay. Three holes were then drilled deep into the bedrock and a brown oily liquid was found at the 25' level. Ruth Haag said a geologist would expect to find horizontal cracks in the core but there are vertical cracks at the depth of 25' – 28'. It was predicted to take about a month for the black, oily substance to come into the well, but after about a week, it was found. One of the samples showed no staining. The US EPA then asked for a fourth hole to be drilled even deeper in another location. The odor and brown oily liquid was found in this hole at about 25' – 28' and again at the 36' level. Ruth Haag said on Wednesday, Malcolm Pirnie will come back and sample the wells to send to the laboratory. Ruth Haag said there was some concern about the coal tar rising so quickly in the well and it is believed to be under pressure; they do not want to contaminate the bedrock.

One option is to use a packer to put in the well; Ruth Haag said Haag Environmental has a packer and if it is decided to go this route, they can use it. Another option is to have the drillers come back and encase this section and pump it out. Ruth Haag said the EPA is not sure how wide and/or deep this is and they could continue to dig wells. Ruth Haag said this would become cost prohibitive and perhaps the use of geophysics with electrodes in the ground could be used instead. John Hamilton said he was approached by the owners of Deep Water Marina who asked if the easternmost hole had been dug as the hydraulic had broken on the drilling machine. Ruth Haag said this has been completed; the driller did break the hydraulics on the machine. This was done before the zone was discovered and this zone is cased off in the well. Julie Farrar asked if we are causing more harm than good to have opened this up if it is proven to be coal tar. Ruth Haag said the problem is to stop this substance from going into Sandusky Bay. She said if the substance was present but not going anywhere, it would not be a problem. Ruth Haag said discussions are already taking place about funding the cleanup, if necessary. She understands that as long as we continue to work through the Brownfields program and continue to make progress, the EPA will be content with this. Ruth Haag said the city applied for a grant through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, but did not receive it as at the time, there were no proven remediation plans in place. She said the EPA was asked if the city could do a pilot test under our assessment grant and they are checking on this.

Ruth Haag said there are different options for remediation. She said this may actually be a grade of fuel that could be pumped out and burnt in a waste oil heater. Julie Farrar asked how long it would take to clean something like this up and Ruth Haag said there is not yet a calculation for this; we need to stop this substance from going into the Bay rather than cleaning the entire thing up. John Hamilton said there was a city in Ohio which dug the ground up, processed it and put soil back and asked if this might be something we could consider. He said he was trying to keep this in perspective with the big leak in the Gulf of Mexico. Ruth Haag said this is still regulated the same way, but we are probably talking about a pumping system which no one would even notice. John Hamilton said this would be reverse migration of the problem.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Kim Nuesse and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to discontinue the practice of having members of the Sandusky Police Department deliver packets to the City Commissioners' homes. All Ayes. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of John Hamilton and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to have an Executive Session regarding Collective Bargaining. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of John Hamilton and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to have an Executive Session regarding Personnel, Charter Officers. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Dave Waddington introduced Dr. Kirk Halliday, Erie-Huron-Ottawa Counties Mental Health Director, to speak about the Conestoga program.** He said the city was approached a few years back about this program to improve blighted neighborhoods, raise property values and reduce crime. He believes we fumbled the ball, but now need to step up to the plate and begin this program in Sandusky which has been successful for Port Clinton. He said Port Clinton realized a 58% reduction in the number of police complaints; property values have also gone up.

Dr. Kirk Halliday said the Conestoga project is a new approach for economic development which has not been tried anywhere else in the United States. This program adds two components to traditional economic development activities including the addition of alcoholism, mental health and parenting programs for all who want them in a saturated area. The municipal intervention court makes sure those who need to stay in treatment do so. Dr. Halliday said this increases the success rate from 20% – 30% to 70% – 80% to meet the therapeutic needs of these people who become good, productive members of society rather than persons with difficulties. Economic development becomes useful and beneficial to new residents and for the current residents in the city. Dr. Halliday said he hopes this can become successful for Sandusky like the Weed and Seed program. He said the wish is to become a partner and become involved in the development activities for the City of Sandusky.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Kim Nuesse, the Commission voted to begin working with Dr. Kirk Halliday by targeting the Hayes Avenue Corridor area to attack this problem at multiple levels.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said we need to change the fact that people are leaving Sandusky as he predicts the 2010 Census will be 23,500. He said it will take a lot of effort by the City Commission to change this. Dave Waddington said he would like to concentrate, secondarily, on the Hancock Street area.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Pervis Brown, Dan Kaman, John Hamilton, Kim Nuesse, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington and Brett Fuqua, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

Julie Farrar distributed a **potential sponsor letter for a SHS graduate, Kelsey Williams, who has been invited to play basketball in Europe.** She said there is a \$3,100 cost and Kelsey is looking for donations to help contribute toward his expenses.

Julie Farrar said a **forum was held on Saturday regarding the recent shootings and violence in Sandusky. She felt this forum was very well received.** Julie Farrar said one idea that came out of this forum was to use monies generated from the Weed & Seed program to extend the shift for Police Officers currently working from 10 p.m. – 3 a.m. She said she had a conversation with Assistant Chief Charlie Sams about changing this shift to 11 p.m. – 4 a.m. and this change was implemented immediately to allow officers to be available during the early morning hours.

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

Jerry Garrett, Executive Director of the N.A.A.C.P., 158 East Market Street, said in July, 2007, the city experienced a murder/suicide at Lions Park. He said there were no red flags that something untoward happened, other than the tragedy of the event. Subsequently, the N.A.A.C.P. made contact with a former Detroit Police Officer who has become acquainted with one of the families involved. An evaluation team has been formed to look at the information provided by this Police Officer from Detroit. The evaluation team will be making a recommendation to form a committee to work with the City of Sandusky to look into this event. He said this is just a claim, but his conclusion is that this incident did not happen the way it was judged to have happened. Jerry Garrett said the evaluation team is going to look into the information provided by this Detroit Police Officer regarding 58 questions relating to evidence, procedures and the conclusion. He said the investigative procedures were flawed and the forensic pathological information does not support the conclusion. He said there needs to be a more in-depth investigation, as far as their resources will allow, and professionals need to be brought in for investigative procedure and forensics. Jerry Garrett said he makes no allegations against anything untoward in this investigation and is sensitive to the families involved. He said this is not initiated by

any members of the families. He said they are sensitive to the traumatization to the community and believes it is important to do a timely and thoughtful investigation of the incident. He said they will work with the Police Department to gather the information. A special meeting will be held this week and a decision will be made whether to go to the Executive Committee or to a special committee. He said they are saddened about this event and about bringing it forward again, but the difference in the information presented is extreme.

John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, said Firelands Regional Medical Center used to collect discontinued or unused prescription medications and he has been working to find another resource to accept these controlled substances. He said controlled substances get into the food chain and cannot be treated in the water treatment process. John Ginty said he had a recent incident with a Police Officer during a storm and feels the officer he stopped to talk with should have been directing traffic rather than pulling drivers over.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Sandusky Waterfront Watchdogs, said there is a different story about the Paper District Marina than the one told tonight. Tim Schwanger said he received a number of tips about unauthorized fill activity and took pictures from the project site to the local ODNR office. He said they (ODNR) were very surprised as no authority was given to start on the 'knuckle' area and that the revised plan had not yet come back approved. He said in looking at the Phase II assessments, the marina basin is moderately contaminated and there are unwanted fill materials in the area including rotting steel, rotting wood, bricks and timbers. He said there was a meeting onsite later in the week and the contractor said he was trying to cut some corners to save money but Tim Schwanger said the right materials should be used. He said last year, larger rocks were submersed under the water to create a base for the eventual fill material. He said his concern is the debris floating in the water from the site which will be a navigational hazard. He spoke with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today and they have issued a removal order for this material, at least down to the water level. Tim Schwanger said all of the fill, even that below the water level, should be removed. He said he was told the Corps was waiting for a reply back from the city or from the city's contractor. He asked who will pay for removal of all of this material if the city is forced to remove all of it. He said he feels this should come out of the contract for either John Hancock or the contractor, whoever gave authorization to do the work, rather than the taxpayers of Sandusky.

Barbara Clark, N.A.A.C.P., 158 East Market Street, thanked the city officials who attended the forum last Saturday at Spirit & Truth Ministries concerning the recent shootings in the community. She said the N.A.A.C.P. and Spirit & Truth Ministries have been working with officers in the Sandusky Police Department including Lt. Phil Frost and Sgt. John Orzech. She said there was a young man who spoke about what he was doing to try and help and had previously been a thug. Barbara Clark said Hancock Street is not a bad place to be and she believes Sandusky is not a bad place to be. She said when trying to come to a conclusion to solve some of these problems, the community says the Police are not there. Sgt. Orzech made the statement that the city is downsizing, is short-staffed and officers cannot be everywhere. Barbara Clark said police presence has deterred some of these activities, but the community has to come together to help the Police Officers to solve some of these problems. She said the N.A.A.C.P. is going to start working with the youth and we should not be living like we are bulletproof before an innocent person dies. Barbara Clark invited everyone to attend the Sandusky N.A.A.C.P.'s first annual Summit on Education which will be held on July 31 at Spirit & Truth Ministries, formerly Madison School.

**At 7:02 p.m., Dan Kaman announced adjournment of the regular session for a five minute recess. Two Executive Sessions were held beginning at 7:15 p.m. At 8:40 p.m., the City Commission returned to the table and Dan Kaman declared adjournment.**

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Kelly L. Kresser  
Clerk of the City Commission

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Daniel J. Kaman  
President of the City Commission