

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the **Invocation**, given by Wesley Poole, who asked to remember the family of Corrections Officer Edward Blackford of Watertown, New York, who died recently. John Hamilton led those in attendance in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

City staff present: Paul Ricci - Fire Chief, John Orzech - Police Chief, Aaron Klein – City Engineer, Anna Enderle – Assistant Planner, Don Rumbutis – IT, Don Icsman - Law Director, Nicole Ard - City Manager, Hank Solowiej - Finance Director and Kelly Kresser - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 8 city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked how the lease with the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association on River Avenue (Item #5) would impact public access currently at this location and what cleanup efforts will be made by the Sandusky Bay Rowing Club. Tim Schwanger asked what will happen to the buildings and the docks if this lease does not happen to work out for the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association.

PRESENTATION

Larren Wikel, Vice President of Erie Materials and Erie Blacktop, said he was here to provide information about the acquisition of Docks #1 and #2 at the foot of King Street. The docks are located between the current coal docks and Craft Marine and used to be serviced by rail. Larren Wikel displayed photos from this area in the 1940's as well as at the present time. Erie Materials is looking to ship liquid asphalt via freighter and will install a 1 1/2 million gallon tank which will hold 6,000 liquid tons of asphalt. The benefits to Sandusky and the area include: utilization of an area not currently used at all, economic development (approximately 10 jobs added), resurgence of business investment into the Sandusky area economy, vacant property used consistently with adjacent properties, increased property taxes, increased income taxes from an increased workforce, improvements to King Street and removal of a blighted area and the addition of new commerce. Larren Wikel said this area is overgrown with bushes and weeds and there is gang graffiti on the wall of Craft Marine.

Erie Materials is a group of companies including a trucking company, a recycling company, large horse trailers and custom race trailers, and is located on Tiffin Avenue in Margaretta Township approximately two miles out of Sandusky. Erie Materials also owns and operates a limestone plant and employs 100 – 150 men and women during the construction season which buys, sells and trucks liquid asphalt to other asphalt plants. They recycle more material (shingles and recycled asphalt pavement) than any other company in Erie County. Larren Wikel said the company is exploring smart expansion and growth to expand some of these operations. Their vision is to install one 1.5 million gallon tank to access water, rail and highway; the current rail is abandoned. Limestone mined by Erie Materials will be hauled to this location on a barge and approximately 10 – 15 additional employees are needed to fulfill this vision. Erie Materials will make an investment of at least \$2 million including site cleanup, demolition of the existing concrete structures at the end of the slip and by the installation of scales, a small office, and by making break wall and dock repairs. Erie Materials will install a 1.5 million gallon tank, a safety retention facility and will perform dredging of the slip. Larren Wikel explained the process for the asphalt products and their storage. A new tank would be installed on the site which will be approximately 40' in diameter. The benefits to Erie Materials are the lower costs of raw material, making the company more competitive at the bid table, performing a greater workload, expanding the market area and efforts for liquid asphalt. This will make Erie Materials trucking much more efficient and productive by keeping drivers closer to home. Liquid asphalt is the glue that binds rock and sand together to make blacktop. The Ohio Department of Transportation has a placement index for liquid asphalt and this particular region uses 64-22 mix which currently sells for \$534.17/ton. If trucked, the current selling price is \$530/ton; the current price via barge is \$420/ton and the current selling price via rail is \$440/ton. There are pros and cons with barge shipments versus truck and rail shipments. Shipments by truck can be delivered directly to the plant from the supplier but the costs are higher; emissions are higher and it is inconvenient for employees. Shipments via barge offer the best pricing available, but there is a large infrastructure cost initially, plus transfer costs. Rail shipments are much the same and the product must be transferred from one mode to another. Larren Wikel reiterated the benefits to Sandusky and also noted the environmental benefits: waterborne freight is quieter and more fuel efficient, shipping

generates the least air, ground and water pollution of any mode of transportation, there are fewer spills and accidents, there is less noise compared to rail or truck, and congestion is relieved from already busy roadways.

Larren Wikel said he is looking for a purchase agreement or letter of intent with the City of Sandusky suggesting they may be interested in moving forward with discussions. This has been done with past city managers and city commissioners. Strong, productive meetings have taken place with the new city engineer, Aaron Klein, regarding the King Street improvements. Railroad and freight contracts are being negotiated and Larren Wikel is interested in working with the dredging contract already in place. Larren Wikel said he will need to purchase steel for the tank and would like to do so this winter. There are other dock opportunities in Lorain and Huron, but he would like to continue to do business here in Sandusky and offered a site visit to anyone interested. Pervis Brown asked what a feasible timeframe is for this operation and Larren Wikel said it is unlikely anything could be done this fall, but they could perform preliminary cleanup work; the steel would be available approximately two months after an order is placed. The dredging is a larger issue and will need to be done during the summer season. John Hamilton asked if Erie Materials is interested in a lease or a purchase and Larren Wikel said they would be interested in either option. John Hamilton said he has always envisioned this as a heavy industrial manufacturing area and said this property is undeveloped; this would be a good start for development. John Hamilton asked what the depth is for dredging and Larren Wikel said they would require approximately 16' - 20'. Diedre Cole said the same issues exist today as several years ago and her major concern is the environmental impact on the surrounding community. There have been discussions regarding the King Street improvements and Diedre Cole asked what the entry and exit strategy will be for trucking and how the streets will be maintained given the size of the loads. Diedre Cole said she is concerned about what is done to the tanks during the off-season and what happens to the asphalt. Diedre Cole said the city previously had a review team which worked through these types of issues and the determination of liabilities was made prior to being presented to the city commission. Larren Wikel said the only portion of the tank which is liquid is the bottom 3' - 4' as materials are heated and pumped from the bottom; the top portion is solid. If there is concern about a spill, a retention area will be built and this area would be larger than the size of the tank by at least twenty-five percent. Larren Wikel said he has been speaking with Aaron Klein and King Street would be the entry and exit to Monroe Street, Edgewater Drive and Venice Road (turning right or left on Venice Road depending on which tank it is hauling to). These currently are 80,000 lb. truck routes and trucks from the coal docks haul using the same route, although they utilize Mills Street. In the off season, Erie Materials would utilize winter fill and this can be serviced by rail. Diedre Cole asked what type of improvements will be made to King Street and Larren Wikel said they have suggested removing the existing roadway and rebuilding it (thicker) according to the city's plans and specifications and through relocation of sidewalks and sewer lines. Aaron Klein said curb and gutter would be added and Larren Wikel said Erie Materials has proposed to pick up one hundred percent of this cost. Keith Grohe asked if the liquid is returned to a solid if it is spilled and Larren Wikel said it does become solid, over time. Keith Grohe asked how much of this material is recouped after a spill and Larren Wikel said all of the material can be recouped after a spill, although he has never had to deal with one. Wesley Poole asked if this industry is regulated and Larren Wikel said at their current facility, there is a one million gallon tank and a half a million gallon tank and emissions are minimal. Wesley Poole said he is comfortable supporting this, but is not sure what needs to be done next. He is interested in leasing the property rather than a sale or purchase. Aaron Klein said as far as public bidding per the requirements in the Ohio Revised Code, he is not sure how this could be done with a donation of materials and/or work. Diedre Cole said the city needs direction and staff intervention for a recommendation on how best to proceed. Nicole Ard said Larren Wikel and his counsel asked to present this information to the commission for feedback. Julie Farrar said she was here when this was presented previously and is excited about this proposal (then and now); she hopes the city can move forward with the proposal. Keith Grohe said he is behind this and hopes the city can get it going. Jeff Smith said he worked at a refinery in Toledo and recalls a fire at one of their tanks. Jeff Smith asked if the fire department needs any special equipment to fight this type of fire. Paul Ricci said the fire department follows the National Fire Protection Association criteria and stated the staff at Erie Materials is very well versed in this; he is confident they can find a solution. John Hamilton asked where the barges will come from and Larren Wikel said asphalt is purchased in Detroit or Chicago.

Tim Schwanger asked if there are site plans for the tank locations. Tim Schwanger asked if Erie Materials needs the entire area and noted the Sandusky Bay Pathway plans indicate a public access node at the end of King Street. This area is blighted because the city has allowed it to become blighted. As a waterfront access advocate, he would like to see waterfront access at this location. Tim Schwanger said he does not want public access to be a deal killer and hopes the city is not limiting itself to one industry at this site; he suggested Erie Materials could utilize a smaller portion. Julie Farrar asked Larren Wikel to address public access and Larren Wikel said he would worry about mixing bicycles and little kids with

8,000 pound trucks, but this can be discussed. Wesley Poole said there is a great deal of public access along the waterfront in Sandusky. Creating public access at the site being proposed by this business will not improve access significantly enough to make it worth engaging him. The city is working on alternative plans for the Sandusky Bay Pathway and this is not a major issue. Public access is probably not going to be a good idea for this particular area. Wesley Poole said there is significant private investment/ownership and minimal city ownership along the shoreline which is why he is more interested in leasing this property than selling it. This gives the city opportunities for keeping itself economically viable and the details of a lease can be worked out. If the company does not stay in the area forever or is sold, the city would no longer have control of the area. This would go for any waterfront property owned by the city. John Hamilton said between St. Petersburg, Florida and Clearwater, Florida, there is an 18-mile rails-to-trails path which goes through areas similar to Sandusky and they have railroad gates for pedestrian crossing. Julie Farrar said this is not a deal killer, but it should be looked at.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to authorize the city manager and staff to enter into discussions with Erie Blacktop. Roll call on the motion: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Tom Reese, Northern Ohio Rural Water Authority (NORWA), said NORWA is located just east of Norwalk on U.S. Highway 20 and was formed in 1988 under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 6119. NORWA is a not-for-profit company which sells water. NORWA started selling water in 1991 via a waterline to the Elyria water treatment plant inside the city limits of Lorain on Lake Erie. Tom Reese said they also have a connection with the City of Lorain and purchase water from them. NORWA purchased 721,350,000 gallons of water during the past year which was a three hundred percent increase from the year 2005. NORWA also purchases water from Erie County; Erie County purchases water from the City of Sandusky (connections at Wahl Road, S.R. 4 and S.R. 113). In 2005, 59 million gallons of water per year were being purchased from these locations in Erie County; currently, they are purchasing 162 million gallons on an annual basis. Tom Reese said his organization has the ability to put water lines in, they currently have 18 employees and are continuing to grow. NORWA is interested in getting water to their Berlin Heights tank on S.R. 113 which is the highest point in Erie County. The water currently feeding this tank comes from the City of Lorain and the City of Elyria to the tune of 1 1/2 million gallons per day on a daily basis. Tom Reese has been talking with officials at the City of Sandusky and Erie County NORWA and NORWA seems to be at an impasse with Erie County. NORWA is interested in purchasing water from the City of Sandusky and they have met with the city manager and city engineer. If the water lines were placed, NORWA can immediately start purchasing three quarters of a million gallons of water daily from the City of Sandusky. John Hamilton said Erie County does not want to talk to the city much about this topic either. Tom Reese said he is not politically involved or appointed, but if the City of Sandusky can sell water to Erie County, who has the transmission lines, it would be a win/win situation for the city to increase its water sales. Erie County would be paid for allowing the water to be transmitted through their water lines. NORWA would not have to pump the water from Elyria or Lorain. John Hamilton said the city has the capacity and there is room for this. Keith Grohe asked how and when this can be done. Tom Reese said from the standpoint of running water lines, it will take time to obtain acquisition and easement rights, but he hopes this can be done by getting beyond "Point A". Water lines can be installed to make this happen with approval of the city and the NORWA Board of Directors. John Hamilton said he believes it would be easier for NORWA to build toward the City of Sandusky. Wesley Poole clarified Tom Reese is asking the city to work out an agreement to sell water directly to NORWA with water lines running directly to the city and Tom Reese said "yes", if economically feasible. Julie Farrar thanked Tom Reese and stated the city has plenty of water and is willing to sell it; Tom Reese said they are willing to buy it. Wesley Poole said the cost of water is driven by how much is sold and this agreement opens up opportunities for the city to ultimately increase its sales throughout the entire area and will help keep the cost low. John Hamilton said there may be a need for slight rate increases in the city and increasing sales will help keep the rates down.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to direct staff to enter into discussions with Tom Reese of the Northern Ohio Rural Water Authority to sell them water. Roll call on the motion: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal**SALE OF LAND LOCATED AT 2220 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the selling real estate agent's commission fee of 5% of the sales price and the total amount of the title examination, deed preparation, escrow fees and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction and costs associated with securing the structure by installing a new garage door and the cleanup of the property. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.08 (A), the city will recoup expenses incurred on account of the acquisition, administration, management, maintenance and disposition of the property from the proceeds of the sale, and \$18,879.84 will be paid to the county treasurer for the total amount of delinquent real property taxes that will be reimbursed to the taxing districts in full. The sale and rehabilitation of this property will revitalize the neighborhood and enhance surrounding property values upon completion of the rehabilitation plan and the taxing districts will once again begin collecting real property taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-064: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #58-02153.001 located at 2220 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property;** 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 Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Diedre Cole said in the documents provided, the purchaser is not interested in becoming a landlord, but asked if there is any stipulation in the documents this property will remain owner occupied. Tracy McQuerrey, the purchaser, said there is no intention to rent the property. Annette Wilcox, Century 21 Realtor, said because of the listing price, investors will probably not look at the property as there will not be enough profit for them. Amanda Meyers said she does not think the city would want to do this. Wesley Poole asked if this property is different from any other land bank process and Amanda Meyers said she does not see it differently although this is the first time an investor has made an offer for purchase. Amanda Meyers said owner occupancy is given preference with the program and this is the first one being sold to an investor.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal**SALE OF LAND LOCATED ON PUTNAM STREET THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, deed preparation, and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The city will recoup the cost of the expenses from the nonrefundable earnest money deposit of three hundred twenty eight dollars and fifty cents (\$328.50) required to be paid by the purchaser. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately one hundred twenty two dollars and sixteen cents (\$122.16) per year in real estate taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-065: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #58-01561.000, located on Putnam Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property;** 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: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Debbie S. Leslie, Human Resource Manager**PAYMENT TO COMPMANAGEMENT, INC. FOR ENROLLMENT FEE FOR 2014 WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RETROSPECTIVE RATING PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The contribution will be distributed to all departments.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-066: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager and/or finance director to make payment to CompManagement, Inc. for the enrollment fee for the 2014 workers' compensation group retrospective rating program;** 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, P.E.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE FIRST STREET RESURFACING AND WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The engineer's estimate for the total project cost including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$1,026,641.31. ODOT will fund 80% of the eligible costs in the amount of \$340,590.62. The city's 20% share of the eligible costs will be funded by the street fund in the amount of \$127,721.49. The water line costs are 100% the city's responsibility. The city received an Ohio Public Works grant for \$175,000 to help cover the water line costs. The remaining water line costs in the amount of \$383,329.20 will be paid with water funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-13R: It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed First Street resurfacing and water main replacement project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof;** and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this resolution according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 6. Abstain: Keith Grohe, 1. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 6. Abstain: Keith Grohe, 1. The President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Aaron M. Klein, P.E.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SANDUSKY BAY ROWING ASSOCIATION FOR RIVER AVENUE PROPERTY

Budgetary Information: Sandusky Bay Rowing Association (SBRA) will pay the city \$1 per year as rental during the term of the lease. All construction, including clearing and other improvements, will be conducted by the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association at no expense to the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-067: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a lease agreement with Sandusky Bay Rowing Association for a portion of Parcel #57-60001.000 located at the end of River Avenue and F Street for purposes of a boating launch and shell storage area;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Aaron Klein said there is a section in the lease agreement which specifies sharing access with the public. Members of the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association are aware the public would like to have access to this land and they know the ODNR path runs through it. John Hamilton said there may be interest in increasing the size of the parking lot and making it more accessible. John Hamilton said the pole barn is a semi-permanent structure. Aaron Klein said there is also language in the agreement which states the boathouse will remain on the premises; but if the SBRA were to relocate, it will be moved at their expense. Wesley Poole said this is a plus for the city and the staff did a good job negotiating this lease; this will be an improvement to the area.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 6. Abstain: Keith Grohe, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 6. Abstain: Keith Grohe, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron M. Klein, P.E.**EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK AT BIG ISLAND WATER WORKS**

Budgetary Information: The cost for the breaker and installation is \$18,900 through Midwest Switchgear Services and will be paid with water funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-068: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to expend the necessary funds for the emergency purchase and installation of a breaker for the diesel generator #1 at the Big Island Water Works by Midwest Switchgear Services of Vandalia, Ohio, in the amount of \$18,900;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith 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: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Donald Rumbutis, IT Tech**DISPOSAL OF USED COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. These items will be donated to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 026-13R: It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the disposal of used computers and related equipment as being unnecessary and unfit for city use, approving their donation to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc.;** and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to approve this resolution according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Chief Foreman**DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE & PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLE FOR SANDUSKY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Budgetary Information: No general fund money will be required for this purchase. The total cost is \$24,466.50 and will be paid from the EMS fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-069: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring a 2001 Ford Taurus, VIN #1FAPP53291G257608, as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the city manager to purchase one (1) 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor Sedan, Model P2L, from Germain Ford of Columbus, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing program for the Sandusky Fire Department;** 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 Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by John Orzech, Police Chief**PAYMENT TO TAC COMPUTER, INC. FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Budgetary Information: The total amount of this expenditure is \$6,887.50. The funds for this expenditure are budgeted for in the 2013 police operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-070: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing payment to TAC Computer, Inc., of Oakwood, Ohio, for the first six (6) months of the annual maintenance fee for the period 4.1.13 through 3.31.14;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Deidre Cole, 7. Roll call on the

ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$75 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the police department in appreciation for their participation in the annual parade. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$75 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association for the fire department in appreciation for their participation in the annual parade. The President declared the motion passed.

Nicole Ard thanked **Dockside Café for their donation of candy and ice cream for the Movies By the Bay events at the Paper District Marina.** Proceeds from the sales are being given to the Sandusky Recreation Division.

Nicole Ard thanked the staff at the **water treatment plant who worked to isolate algae during a recent event.** Sandusky's facility was the only plant on Lake Erie which experienced algae and was isolated by Doug Keller and the staff. Some of the city's treatment processes have been changed and Nicole Ard thanked FirstEnergy Solutions for making the city's water plant a priority now and in the future.

Nicole Ard said in the past two to three months, staff at **the greenhouse has had discussions with officials from Wadsworth, Ohio regarding the use of our Boy With the Boot statue.** They would like to use the city's statue as a model to have one made for their own bicentennial celebration. Nicole Ard said given the potential to use the city's replica or its original, she would like to be responsive and hopes there may be technology that would not cause its removal from our park.

Nicole Ard **congratulated Todd Gibson for obtaining his Waste Water I Operator's License.**

Nicole Ard said she distributed a note regarding **flooding at the Sandusky Library, and** a request to help them with restoration of their basement area and computer room.

Nicole Ard acknowledged **Sgt. Snyder in the police department for his assistance with youth through the Erie County Common Pleas Court.** Sgt. Snyder has been doing public presentations and is available for groups and organizations.

Nicole Ard said she has appointed **John Feick to the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals for a term ending January 1, 2014.**

Nicole Ard said the **position of Chief Planner** is being advertised and the application deadline is August 15.

Nicole Ard thanked staff members for helping to **reduce the city's workers' compensation claims/costs.**

Nicole Ard said the **Sandusky Sailing Club has requested assistance during their regatta scheduled for August 2 – 10.** They expect 100 boats during the regatta.

Nicole Ard said the city continues to have success with the **Movies By the Bay** events, with over 140 persons attending last week.

Nicole Ard said the **Ohio Bass Federation Nation fishing tournament** took place July 12 – 14 and over 55 anglers visited Sandusky for this tournament. Additionally, the recent **Cash for Bass fishing tournament** attracted approximately 42 participants.

Nicole Ard said 33 persons participated in the citywide **Championship for Golf at Mills Creek Golf Course.** The first event was rained out, and the championship match will take place this weekend.

Nicole Ard said during the next month, the city will be a **Pacesetter for the United Way campaign.**

Nicole Ard said the city has had discussions regarding the **Pelee Islander vessel** which is moored on the Jackson Street Pier, and they have indicated a different boat will be utilized; the city is looking at the current facility.

Nicole Ard said she recently spoke at the **Northern Ohio Baptist District convention** and presented a Proclamation on the city's behalf.

Nicole Ard gave a special **100th birthday recognition for Helen Woods Rice**. Nicole Ard and John Hamilton attended a birthday party for Ms. Rice on July 21.

Nicole Ard said she provided an after action report regarding **Ohio Bike Week** to the city commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Keith Grohe said he recently met with Hank Solowiej and asked him to share **information about next year's budget**. Hank Solowiej said the first draft of the projected revenues for 2013 is in and they are higher than originally budgeted (\$16 million versus \$16.3 million). The city will soon begin to look at the expenses, but preliminarily, it looks as if the city will break even by the end of the year. Some of this is due to the workers' compensation refund discussed earlier. Hank Solowiej said the members of the Audit/Finance Committee have recommended preserving this money and suggested transferring it to the Payroll Stabilization Fund; a recommendation will be made to the city commission at a later date via legislation. Keith Grohe thanked Hank Solowiej for his hard work and dedication. Wesley Poole said this is very good news and reminded everyone the city is looking for an additional \$400,000 next year to help maintain manpower in the Sandusky Fire Department. Hank Solowiej said the members of the Audit/Finance Committee have asked Paul Ricci to attend their next meeting to discuss ideas.

Wesley Poole said a very good public meeting took place last week at Sandusky High School regarding the **Sandusky Bay Pavilion property**. Overwhelmingly, the sentiment was to develop this property for public use. There seems to be some confusion about what the commission intended to do.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to instruct the City Manager when inquiries are made about the Sandusky Bay Pavilion, to indicate it is not for sale and, further, the city is fully engaged with the national Trust for Public Land to develop the property for public events and/or educational purposes.

Discussion: Jeff Smith said he does not understand this motion and asked if it means the city manager is supposed to tell people the property is not for sale. Wesley Poole said the object is for the commission to be clear so members of the community know what the city intends to do with the property. Prior to this meeting, the commission was not certain what the community wanted to do with the property and their opinion was dependent upon where people go for breakfast and/or what they have heard. This motion is to establish where the commission is with the property and to indicate what they intend to do with the property. Jeff Smith said he totally disagrees with this motion and said before doing anything, the city should continue to develop a strategic plan for the property. A strategic plan is what to use in order to develop the highest and best use for the property; this (motion) is jumping the gun. Pervis Brown said he absolutely agrees and asked if someone were to come to the city offering \$4 million for the property, would the city say it is not for sale? The city should not lock itself into this and all options should be left on the table; the city commission should not predetermine this if the Hyatt Regency may want to put a hotel on the site. If this would be good business for the city, it should be left open and all options weighed as they come in. Wesley Poole said the city is already involved with the Trust for Public Land, various non-profit agencies are currently utilizing the property, and if the city wants anyone to plan for making improvements, this motion and commitment will justify the city remaining involved with them. This is not about keeping the city's options open until it decides what to do with the property and those non-profits supporting us. The commission has to make a serious commitment and must come to a decision. Businesses do not like indecision and, essentially, this property has sat "as is" for 8 – 10 years; if a \$4 million man was going to show up, he has had plenty of time. Wesley Poole said it is time the city makes a decision and moves forward. Jeff Smith said this property is owned by the citizens of Sandusky and as a commissioner, it is his job to make sure the citizens have enough money to move forward in the future. The commission also needs to make a responsible decision about its property and a strategic plan should not be piecemealed together throughout areas of the community. Jeff Smith said the goal here is to determine whether to keep property under city ownership or whether to turn it over as park space (through a strategic plan) for the entire downtown. If the highest and best use of the property is a park, it should be left as a park. Other properties in this area should be looked at and a strategic plan developed to determine what will actually work for the entire downtown and then make a

decision on this property. Persons or entities utilizing this property one day per year are obviously going to want to keep it public. Jeff Smith said he has been contacted by members of the Bayfront Corridor Committee who would like to become involved. Keith Grohe said he does not disagree with the concept of a strategic plan, but there is not one for the City of Sandusky. We have focused on one area and the city is much bigger than this. John Hamilton said if this property is sold, the city will have to find a substitute waterfront parcel to replace it. Nicole Ard said the city has a general plan which needs to be updated and it will include Lions Park. John Hamilton said Sandusky Proud started a master plan a couple of years ago and asked if anything came of it. Nicole Ard said communities periodically update their master plan and it was estimated to cost \$6,000 - \$8,000 to update the entire plan. Partners are interested in helping with the downtown module in addition to partnering with the Trust for Public Land. Nicole Ard said she does not know how often communities prepare larger updates. Diedre Cole said how soon people forget that three or four years ago the city went through the Marina District debacle which was disastrous. Diedre Cole said she is hearing Wesley Poole asking for a commitment from the commission to work with the existing entities which currently use the park and donate regularly to its care and maintenance to coordinate with the Trust for Public Land to develop a plan for the property. She did not hear that whatever plan is developed would be automatically implemented, just that the idea be supported for a collaborative effort; Diedre Cole said she supports this. A collaborative strategy will be implemented and this is an appropriate plan. Julie Farrar said while the Marina District did end up in smoke, the residents voted for this to happen and the majority of the city voted to do this. No one has offered the city any money for this property. A master plan for the entire city is what is needed and when developers come, they want to see this to know why they should invest here. John Hamilton said the commission should back up on what they just voted on regarding Erie Blacktop because this (proposal for development) is not part of a master plan and Julie Farrar said this is part of new business. Diedre Cole said there are two separate issues; the first is the motion on the floor. Any discussion about a master plan is a separate issue. Diedre Cole said she does not know how this information was merged into the motion on the floor. Jeff Smith said a motion was passed a couple of months ago for Nicole Ard to work with the national Trust for Public Land to create a strategic plan regarding this property.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 4. Nays: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar and Pervis Brown, 3. The President declared the motion passed.

Diedre Cole asked where the city is with residents of **Hopper's trailer park** as the deadline will take place prior to the next city commission meeting. Nicole Ard said the city is assisting four families with relocation.

Diedre Cole said she would like to have a discussion regarding the **license plate readers** in the Sandusky Police Department and John Orzech said these readers were received in November, 2012. They were billed as a tool to be utilized to read vehicle plates and identify stolen vehicles/owners under suspension or warrant for their vehicle. After the installation, he learned a couple of these features were inaccessible due to compatibility with LEADS (the state database which runs warrants and license plate information). The readers have only been used operationally for stolen plates. There was training this winter to determine if these were being operated correctly, but LEADS will not allow this and the readers are a tool essentially for stolen plates. John Orzech said this reader can also be used to read license plates while traveling on a roadway and it can capture both sides of the roadway at one time (one faces forward, the other faces the rear). The data is stored on a server and could be part of an investigative tool for incidents. As an example, John Orzech said this could have been used as a tool to place a driver in the community after a crime was committed during a murder investigation in 2008. Other technology was utilized for this particular case, but if necessary, this could have been a piece of the puzzle to have placed a certain vehicle in the City of Sandusky at a certain time. This license plate reader is only on one vehicle and it can be utilized in different zones. Diedre Cole said the important part is what happens to the data stored on the server. John Orzech said he does not know how long it is stored, but it is on the server at the Northwest Ohio Regional Information Systems (NORIS). Sandusky is part of Region 1 for Homeland Security purposes, and the data is stored with this company; Homeland Security has access to the data and would accept requests to get information from the server. John Orzech said he does not know how long the data is stored on this server, but he has a call in to the vendor to get an answer to this question. John Orzech said if the police needed an investigative tool like this and the information collected would be helpful to solve crimes involving a loved one (i.e. – an incident such as the Boston bombing), he does not feel this would infringe upon anyone's privacy. The license plate reader does not gather information through a garage door using infrared cameras, but if someone fell victim to an incident, the police department would have every tool available to help solve the crime. Diedre Cole said her concern is how this came about. This was described as an instrument that would provide essential functions for the police department which they later found out it did not.

This was introduced, but the commission was not informed the data would be stored on a server maintained by the Department of Homeland Security. Diedre Cole said she will not espouse her personal beliefs as this does not have anything to do with this issue, but the public has a right to know that while they are sleeping, the police department is traversing the streets of Sandusky with a vehicle that captures license plate numbers and ultimately transmits this data to the Department of Homeland Security. Diedre Cole said she has made certain the public has been informed and what they do with this information is entirely up to them. Jeff Smith asked if it costs the city extra money to maintain or operate the readers and John Orzech said the equipment was distributed through the Department of Homeland Security and was a grant. Jeff Smith said this reader is obtaining public license plate information while vehicles are on public roads. John Orzech said this information is obtained either while the vehicle is parked or while traveling on the road. Wesley Poole said this is the first he heard of this and asked what uses the license plate readers have had for citizens of the City of Sandusky since installed in November. John Orzech said, thankfully, the department has not had to use the data and they have not really done anything with the information. Essentially, if in the right place, the reader could have been used after the recent Amber Alert. It has not been used operationally and can only be used in situations involving stolen vehicles. Wesley Poole said the police department has a license plate reader which essentially is driven around the city and collects information which is sent directly to the Department of Homeland Security. John Orzech clarified the information goes to a server which the Department of Homeland Security has access to. Wesley Poole said the reader was given to the city by the Department of Homeland Security and the city has to ask them for permission to get information transmitted to them. Wesley Poole said he is personally not concerned about this, but stated if the public has concerns, it is time to tell the commission about it. Wesley Poole said he has serious concerns about staff presenting information to the commission which is incorrect. He was left with the impression this was going to be a tool of value for the citizens of Sandusky but as it turns out, there are rules and/or special criteria pertaining to what the Department of Homeland Security will do, or will not do. Wesley Poole said the city may find out that when it wants particular information, there is some Department of Homeland Security rule that will not allow it. Wesley Poole said his issue is with getting incorrect information from staff and then having to live with the unintended consequences. In the future, he would appreciate thorough information prior to being asked for approval.

John Hamilton asked where the city is with the **transient housing rental issue**. Don Icsman said there is a time deadline for the city to appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court, if they will accept it, and it is the commissions' option whether or not to file an appeal. Don Icsman said the city tried to cover the eventuality this may happen when the case was appealed the first time and the city's ordinance was changed last year to correct deficiencies. The issue seems to be the city's ability to protect and provide for traditional responsibility of government such as classifying properties based upon some objective reasonable criteria in terms of uses (commercial, residential). There are laws governing what the city can do and assuming they are reasonable, this is within the city commissions' purview and responsibility. The code does protect traditional, residential neighborhoods and this is the issue that is concerning. Don Icsman said there are remedies available for anyone who owns properties and want to do something different. There are items in the city's code to get relief such as changing zoning or obtaining a variance, but none of these avenues was chosen. The argument is this has been done for so long, or it has always been done, but with the advent of the internet and other things such as the success of Cedar Point, certain places were made available for rent. The concern is the precedent being set for not standing up for what has been done in a fair and reasonable way (providing a zoning code with criteria that spells out what can and cannot be done). Don Icsman said he recalls getting a call several years ago from someone who wanted to place a strip club on Cleveland Road but the good thing is the city has zoning which is restricted to certain classifications.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to *not* appeal this judgment.

Discussion: Wesley Poole said this is a difficult decision and there are safeguards to prevent this from growing or happening in the future. Wesley Poole said previously he was solidly behind investing in appealing this issue in court, but this is not just a matter of appealing to the Ohio Supreme Court. It is also a matter of investing money and waiting to see if the Ohio Supreme Court will hear the case. Wesley Poole said he is not comfortable the city would win this appeal, and spending money on the principle is why the city went to previous courts of appeal. Keith Grohe said there is a property owners' association at Cedar Point and if they want to take this to the Ohio Supreme Court, they can. The city has done its due diligence and has gone as far as it should. Diedre Cole said the city should be tired of beating up on one another. People seem to argue in this community over a host of issues. These issues may be important to individuals, but at some point, she is tired of fighting. Diedre Cole said she thinks the ordinance has been reworked so this issue will not present itself moving forward and the city should

move on instead of fighting. Wesley Poole said there is an ordinance on the books for the residents in this area which regulates the behavior of those who rent and there are things the city can do regarding the experiences in these neighborhoods to keep the peace.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Julie Farrar asked Nicole Ard about **bids for the demolition of the Keller Building**. Nicole Ard said staff will be requesting permission to move forward with a Request for Proposals at a commission meeting in August.

John Hamilton said he noticed a large section of the **former American Crayon** building was missing and asked if this was done through demolition. Nicole Ard said the owner was supposed to be taking action (encapsulation of the basement area) and asked Paul Ricci to elaborate. Paul Ricci said the current owner of this property has submitted a scope of work for structure demolition. The large gaping hole is a section that was removed as the result of what the Sandusky Fire Department believes to be from heavy rain during the past few weeks and bowing of the outside wall. The owner plans to start on the interior of the complex.

John Hamilton said the **former Apex building** is now a pile of rubble and the city is moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

John Hamilton said five applications have been received for the **vacant position on the ADA Advisory Board** and a decision will be made at the next meeting. In the meantime, anyone wishing to apply has about two more weeks to do so.

Diedre Cole said she would like to revisit the **license plate reader** discussion. She has heard what was said about public roadways and public license plates, but her concern is not what information is public, it is what happens to this public information once it leaves the server and goes to the Department of Homeland Security. A blueprint of one's life can be formed by the data points created with the number of scans of a license plate; for example, when a person visits a particular doctor, then goes to Sunday school, to a political rally, to another doctor appointment or to a mosque. These data points will then be collected or can be collected and assembled into a virtual blueprint of one's life. Diedre Cole said, personally, she has a differing opinion, and would like to know if there is a way to reasonably come up with an analysis of how valuable this technology is to Sandusky. Diedre Cole said as she read through the data, she learned out of one million scans, it only received 2,000 hits and 47 involved serious crimes. Of the 2,000 hits, there was no delineation for partial vehicle identification numbers. This does not justify a continued use and Diedre Cole would like to know if the city can evaluate the benefit to the public. Diedre Cole said she would like to hear from the public about their license plate number being scanned and sent to the federal government. Diedre Cole said it was mentioned this information goes to NORIS, but asked where it goes from there or what it is done within the 90 days it is on their server. With recent public outcry about the government's use of surveillance tactics, this is a worthwhile and necessary discussion to have. Diedre Cole said personally she would like this reader removed from the cruiser and sent back to the Department of Homeland Security, but this is a community decision. Keith Grohe said if a person has a 3G cell phone or above, the same information goes all over the place (Twitter, Facebook, where a person shops or uses a debit card). People are tracked everywhere they go and our information is all over the place and this is making a hill of beans. Diedre Cole said it is her choice to have a 4G phone or use her Kroger card. A cruiser driving past her house at night scanning her license plate is not her choice and this is the difference. Wesley Poole said he will decide if the public takes issue with this and stated information from a cell phone requires a warrant from the cell phone provider. This information is sent directly to a server with the Department of Homeland Security and this is the difference. Keith Grohe said he sees the good and bad point and if the city gets an Amber Alert regarding a missing child and this device can be used for locating a certain vehicle, it is a good thing. There is a balance that needs to take place. John Hamilton said this is technology without laws or precedence and there is good and bad.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel, law department. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel, city manager. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton and Diedre Cole, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Pervis Brown said the **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** was distributed recently and thanked Hank Solowiej for doing an outstanding job. In our society, finances are a driving tool and the City of Sandusky has one of the finest persons directing this. Pervis Brown said the auditors came in and the city received a good report. The city is in good hands regardless of what people may read or hear.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dan Leavell, 2106 Mills Street, asked if the license plate reader will be packed up and returned to the Department of Homeland Security if the city decides it no longer wants it and John Orzech said it would be. Dan Leavell said he feels uncomfortable about the license plate reader and stated this is an invasion of an individual's privacy. Law enforcement has plenty of tools in their arsenal in order to apprehend someone.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked the date for the leadership seminar with the commission and Nicole Ard said this has not yet been scheduled, but it will be a public meeting. Sharon Johnson said construction of the Lions Park pathway has not begun and Aaron Klein said this project is under contract and the city has been trying to get an updated schedule from the contractor. The contractor has until the middle of October to complete the project. Sharon Johnson asked if the city stands to lose CDBG funding if it is not completed and Aaron Klein said the city has a contract and this contractor is required to complete the project by October. Sharon Johnson said Erie County has dismantled the license plate readers and she does not see why the city does not do the same. People have become too complacent about their privacy and people can fight this and let elected officials know it. These should be removed from the vehicles. John Orzech said the Sandusky Police Department is cooperating with the Department of Homeland Security and it is part of his mission to do all he can to protect the citizens of the community. Sharon Johnson asked if what happened at the American Crayon building could also happen to the Keller Building (partial collapse). Paul Ricci said he is the fire chief but is not an engineer; Aaron Klein or George Poulos would be better persons to ask this question. Wesley Poole asked why she (Sharon) came to the conclusion this building could collapse. Aaron Klein said he has no knowledge of the construction of the two buildings, but depending on the similarities or differences, if it is the exact same construction, this would be possible. The Keller Building is scheduled to be demolished in the short-term and hopefully the city will get to it before anything like this can happen. Sharon Johnson said she is concerned about notes being passed back and forth by the commissioners and talking to each other while votes are going down and these notes need to be shared with the public if they are going to continue to do this.

John Biechele, 3914 Galloway Road, said he owns property at 2340 River Avenue. He has requested to purchase contiguous city property and asked if this is a possibility. Nicole Ard said John Biechele has been working with Jane Cullen in the engineering department and a letter was submitted about 1 – 1 ½ months ago. John Biechele said this property has been dug out and will utilize 20 – 30 loads of stone to level, along with the removal of 30+ trees. John Hamilton said this will be presented to the commission at a later date. John Biechele said it is almost impossible to use this property for development.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, thanked the four commissioners who voted to proceed with the plans for the Sandusky Bay Pavilion, but asked where the city goes from here. Diedre Cole asked for some time with this. Tim Schwanger said he attended the recent meeting at Sandusky High School and John Lippus of the Sandusky Main Street Association did not comment. One of Jeff Smith's Facebook supporters mentioned the SMA has a plan for this facility but Jeff Smith said he has no idea what the idea or plan is.

Matt Morgan, 1219 East Perkins Avenue, said he is still paying attention to persons visiting Sandusky by looking at license plates and also has discussions with persons about the commission meetings. Matt Morgan said he engages in conversation with the younger generation regarding local and national topics and this has allowed for a perspective on the older generation. Matt Morgan said he will not espouse on all beliefs regarding the license plate readers but especially given unrest elsewhere, his personal opinion on a local level is if these readers are used locally to help enforce warrants, he would be more comfortable with this. The discomfort is that the information is going straight to the top and seems to be out of the city's hands. Matt Morgan said he was shocked to hear the ability was taken out of the hands of the local jurisdiction and he would like to see more participation from the community at the

commission meetings as well as speaking with state and national representatives. This is empowering and productive ideas are generated. Matt Morgan said for those watching, people need to come to these meetings and engage in conversations.

The President announced a recess of the regular session at 7:22 p.m. Two executive sessions were held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

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