

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

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

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

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

**Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 12 city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** (*agenda items only*)

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked when the presentation will be made by Trent Grooms and if it will be open to the public. John Hamilton said this presentation will take place after any executive sessions which may be called and stated it is open to the public.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said he researched previous commission meeting minutes and recalls a figure of \$500,000 was kicked around for borrowing on the TIF monies for the Keller Building demolition (Item #2).

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

John Hamilton announced a short video will be played which was completed by the **Sandusky Main Street Association and featuring Sandusky**. Jeff Smith said Steve Brownell wrote the song and lyrics for the video.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

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

#### **ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES**

#### **MOTION TO ACCEPT FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

**Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Budgetary Information:** This various purpose improvement note sale only includes renewal issues. \$3,340,000 in notes will mature on October 10, 2013. The new various purpose improvement notes are in an amount of:

**\$1,800,000** (retire \$1,850,000) for Bay Front Urban Revitalization

**\$75,000** (retire \$125,000) for City Building

**\$300,000** (retire \$350,000) for Fire Truck

**\$135,000** (retire \$165,000) for Ambulance

**\$200,000** (retire \$225,000) for Hayes Avenue Underpass

**\$525,000** (retire \$550,000) for Venice Road Grade Separation

The prior issue contained \$75,000 for the Fire Boat and will be completely paid off.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-080:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **providing for the issuance and sale of \$3,035,000 notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of: (1) improving the city municipal building by replacing the air conditioning unit, modifying the roof at the air conditioning unit location, upgrading ductwork where necessary, and otherwise improving the same, all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto; (2) acquiring a triple combination fire pumper truck and appurtenant equipment for the fire department; (3) revitalizing the Bayfront urban revitalization area by acquiring,**

clearing and improving certain properties in that area, undertaking the environmental clean-up and remediation of certain properties in that area, constructing road improvements and related utility and infrastructure improvements in that area, and otherwise improving that area; (4) paying a portion of the cost of improving Hayes Avenue between certain termini by replacing sidewalks, rehabilitating the related underpass, including abutments, retaining walls and stairs, installing lighting and handrails, and otherwise improving the same, all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto; (5) paying a portion of the cost of eliminating grade crossings by constructing the Venice Road grade separation project in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation; and (6) acquiring an ambulance and appurtenant equipment for the fire department; and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, P.E. & City Engineer**

**APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS & ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF COST FOR KELLER BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project is \$550,000. A total of \$400,000 was borrowed from the taxable urban renewal revenue bonds for the project. After reviewing bids, anything above this will be paid with Capital Funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 029-13R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Keller Building demolition 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 Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this resolution.

*Discussion:* Hank Solowiej said the city did half of the borrowing in February and the new money is for \$500,000, but there were environmental consulting issues related to the marina for an additional \$100,000 which this was applied toward. Pervis Brown asked if there will be a local preference for this project and Don Icsman said when the city gets to that point, it can utilize local preference so long as no federal or state money is used.

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

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by John Orzech, Police Chief**

**APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION TO WIGHTMAN/WIEBER FOUNDATION FOR CHILD IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY PRODUCT KITS**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for the child identification and safety product kits is \$3,334.92 if awarded. This grant requires no matching funds from the City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 030-13R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **approving the submission of a grant application to the Wightman/Wieber Charitable Foundation for child identification and safety product kits for the Sandusky Police Department and, if awarded, authorizing the city manager to execute any required agreements;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to approve this resolution.

*Discussion:* John Hamilton asked if DNA is collected and John Orzech said this is an identification card with the child's pertinent information. There is a portion for fingerprinting; DNA is kept with the parent. John Orzech said the Wightman/Wieber Foundation was appropriate because of the child safety aspect and this will be good interaction for distribution next year at KidsFest. Pervis Brown commended these efforts and said footprints taken when a child is born are of no value, but these kits are.

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

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

**APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES WITH JOHN HANCOCK ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR FERNDALE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated amount of the consultant fee for professional design services is \$28,905 to be paid with capital funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-081:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with John Hancock & Associates, Inc. for the Ferndale Drive improvement project;** 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 Diedre Cole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, P.E.**

**APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES WITH O.R. COLAN ASSOCIATES FOR PERKINS AVENUE SIGNALIZATION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated amount of the consultant fee for professional design services is not to exceed \$20,487. Federal Highway Administration funds will cover the eighty percent (80%) in the amount of \$16,389.60. The remaining twenty percent (20%) in the amount of \$4,097.40 will be split between the City of Sandusky and Erie County. The city’s portion of \$2,048.70 will be funded with street funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-082:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement for professional right-of-way acquisition services with O.R. Colan Associates of Fairview Park, Ohio, for the Perkins Avenue signalization project;** 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 Wesley Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance.**

*Discussion:* John Hamilton asked if the new Speedway gas station project has been taken into account with this signalization project. Aaron Klein said this intersection is included with the project and they will determine how it should be included. Diedre Cole asked if the Engineering Department is still working with the Safe Routes to School grant as it is designed to put signalization and other items in place near Sandusky High School and Aaron Klein said he will make sure it is included.

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

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron M. Klein, P.E. & City Engineer**

**APPROVING THREE APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION ROUND 28 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information: Water Street –** The MPO covers 80% of the non-sewer and non-water items, the city would be required to pay for the remaining 20% of these costs. The application to OPWC would cover this 20% plus a portion of inspection services, based on the 2010 application to the MPO. The breakdown will be as follows:

<u>2010 Project Estimate (including design &amp; inspection)</u>	\$1,619,262.48	
City Capital Funds (design)	175,033.48	10.8%
City Sewer Fund	132,262.62	8.2%
City Water Funds	122,735.38	7.6%
MPO Portion	882,713.60	54.5%
OPWC Request	306,517.40	18.9%

**Budgetary Information: Columbus Avenue -** The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) covers 80% of the project and the city would be required to pay the remaining 20%. Design services are not included in the estimate to the MPO but inspection services are included. However, the intent is to request an additional 10% of the construction estimate from the MPO for reimbursement of in-house design services (in-kind contribution). The breakdown below assumes that the MPO would approve the additional funding request of \$46,414.86, although approval of this is not guaranteed:

<u>Project Estimate (including design &amp; inspection)</u>	\$556,978.47	
MPO Portion	445,582.77	80%
City Portion (in-kind contribution for design & inspection)	55,697.85	10%
OPWC request	55,697.85	10%

**Budgetary Information:** **Caldwell Street** - The loan through the OPWC Revolving Loan Fund would be for 10 years at 0% interest (\$5,900 annually through 2023). The breakdown would be as follows:

<u>Total Project Estimate</u>	\$295,000.00	
OPWC Grant Request	147,500.00	50%
OPWC Loan Request	59,000.00	20%
Capital funds	88,500.00	30%

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 031-13R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the city manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Water Street rehabilitation and paving project; and declaring that this resolution 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 resolution. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. The President declared the resolution passed.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 032-13R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the city manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Columbus Avenue, Phase 2 resurfacing project; and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this resolution. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown, John Hamilton, Diedre Cole and Wesley Poole, 6. The President declared the resolution passed.

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 033-13R:** It is requested a resolution be passed authorizing the submission of an application by the city manager with the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance from the state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and the revolving loan program authorized by chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Caldwell Street reconstruction project and authorizing the city manager to enter into any requirement agreements; and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to approve this resolution.

*Discussion:* Julie Farrar said she is hopeful the financial assistance will come through; Caldwell Street is a real mess and is heavily traveled.

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

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to accept a \$50 gift card for Applebee's to thank Officer Jim Ommert of the police department, and his shift, who were recently recognized by a resident for supporting her stranded family member. The President declared the motion passed.

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Deidre Cole, the commission voted to accept a donation from Brady Sign Company in the amount of \$25 for the police department for the upcoming Crime Prevention Council's Drug Summit. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to accept a donation from Barbara Semans and Dr. Bill Semans in the amount of \$50 in memory of Ellen Amstutz for the Tree Commission. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Diedre Cole, the commission voted to accept a donation from Chapter S of the P.E.O. Sisterhood in the amount of \$25 in memory of Ellen Amstutz for the Tree Commission. The President declared the motion passed.**

Nicole Ard said city employees are participating in this year's **United Way campaign** and the city is a "Pacesetter" during the campaign.

Nicole Ard thanked Paul Ricci for his leadership with the **regional dispatch system**. Nicole Ard also thanked John Orzech, Sheriff Sigsworth and personnel from Erie County's IT and Emergency Management departments, as well as Perkins Township officials, who have been working with the next generation of technology. The city will be hearing more about this in the future.

Nicole Ard said the **west side overpass bridge is open** and motorists should exercise care in this area.

Nicole Ard said **school opens this week** and thanked street crews and personnel in the police department. Motorists should be aware of **children crossing the streets** as there have been crossing guards who have notified the city that motorists are not stopping at crosswalks. People should be mindful of children getting to school safely.

Nicole Ard thanked the traffic services crew for **their work on Sycamore Line**.

Nicole Ard said the former **Wisteria Hill Farms demolition project** is underway and work is being done by a private property owner.

Nicole Ard asked the commission to let her know the date they would like to have a presentation made by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the **Clean Ohio Marina presentation at the Paper District Marina**. After a brief discussion, the presentation was scheduled for Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m.

Nicole Ard said she attended a **welcome reception for the new director of the Sandusky State Theatre** last week. He has been very helpful with the city by participating in a downtown meeting with businesses and residents. Nicole Ard said the new director stated 38,000 guests attend theatre events throughout the tri-state area. Seventy five of these persons dine at a local establishment while they are here and this has a \$480,000 economic impact. Nicole Ard asked the city's economic development consultant and the city's planner, Anna Enderle, to figure out if there is something the city can do with CDBG funds to help the theatre. The State Theatre would like support with modernizing the projector system to continue offering free movies to the community. The technology used by those who distribute movies will be changing later this year and the theatre will not be able to continue providing free movies if their equipment is not updated. Nicole Ard asked the public to support the theatre and said they will be energized by the new director not only for things they are doing for the arts, but also for underprivileged children.

Nicole Ard said the city is hosting the **Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Northern Open fishing tournament** on September 11 - 14 and there are 120 boat registrations so far which equates to 240 anglers and families in the area. This is a wonderful way for people to come into the city and spend their money.

Nicole Ard **said the annual Cruisin' By the Bay event** will take place September 6 – 8 and all proceeds go to the North Coast Cancer Foundation. Nicole Ard said John Hamilton, Julie Farrar, Paul Ricci and others will be helping to judge and if others are able, they can let Kelly Kresser know. They expect over 300 cars and stated this is a rebuilding year for the event.

Nicole Ard said the **REV3 Triathlon** will be held September 7 – 8 in Sandusky.

Nicole Ard said the second annual **African American Festival and Rib Burnoff** will be held this weekend and a portion of Neil Street will be blocked for the event. They are looking for additional vendors.

Nicole Ard said **the city was founded in 1818 and there is interest in planning a bicentennial celebration during 2018**. Nicole Ard said different cultures and celebrations were organized during the Sesquicentennial event in 1968. Persons interested in helping with this event can call Nicole Ard.

Julie Farrar asked the status of proposals for **printer and copier services**. Nicole Ard said there was a budget meeting this morning and the staff in administrative services is completing this.

Pervis Brown asked Nicole Ard to elaborate on the city's receipt of funding which he received an email about. Nicole Ard said **the city applied for and received full funding from the state for our housing rehabilitation, new construction and emergency housing assistance programs (Community Housing Improvement Program/CHIP)**. This is very significant because for several years, the city worked to be in compliance and had to sit out in order to regain a level of trust with the state. Nicole Ard said she, Anna Enderle and George Poulos, worked hard to help neighbors who were still trying to get their homes in order as well as working with the Ohio Regional Development Corporation to make sure all of the city's materials were in line and met the state's requirements. This is a considerable grant award and city received the maximum amount which a city can receive. Nicole Ard said she is hopeful through our partnership with entities like Habitat for Humanity, Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority and Erie County all coming together, a lot of good things are to come in the future. Nicole Ard said Scott Schell's work in getting people into homes and the county's land bank program are helpful. Pervis Brown said for those who have been following the city's activities during the past five years, this has huge implications for the city and bad behavior in the past caused the city to have its funding pulled. The city has redeemed itself and is now on good terms with the State of Ohio and this can be attributed to the outstanding work done by persons sitting around the table working toward achieving greatness for Sandusky.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Diedre Cole** said many persons have been with her during the entire four years she has been a commissioner and right after she came here, **her mother had a series of strokes**. In 2010, it caused her to drive to North Carolina between commission meetings to help take care of her. On August 17, Diedre Cole said her mother passed away and she thanked the staff members and members of the community who have sent cards.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Julie Farrar said the **city's land bank committee** is requesting approval to issue a request for proposals for the privilege to **salvage, recycle and dispose of the contents of 1522 Pierce Street**. This property is owned by the city, held by the land bank and consists of one (1) two-family residential structure and one (1) detached garage; it is scheduled for demolition. One person has expressed interest in salvaging as much of the content as possible and to properly dispose of the rest. This will divert demolition debris from the Erie County Landfill and will also reduce the cost of demolition.

**Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to put together a request for proposals so any interested person can respond.**

*Discussion:* Pervis Brown asked what legal grounds the city may have regarding this property. Don Icsman said the commission is being asked to approve a competitive process for disposing of, or recycling, the contents in the home. Persons who are interested can apply and the Land Bank Committee can determine what the best offer is, enter into a contract, and move forward. Diedre Cole said this is a great idea but asked if the Habitat Restore would be allowed to participate in the bidding process as a not-for-profit agency. Julie Farrar said she does not know why they would not be able to bid. Diedre Cole asked if this would include any of the wiring or copper and Julie Farrar said it would include any of the household goods in the home.

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

John Hamilton said **city offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

**John Hamilton said he has selected Kathleen Wickens to fill the vacant seat on the ADA Advisory Board for a term which will end December 31, 2014.**

Jeff Smith said on **August 27 at 6 p.m., the Sandusky Crime Prevention Council** will host a meeting at the Central Fire Station. This will be a public forum about keeping your home safe and protecting it.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Julie Farrar said at the last meeting she asked about putting a **letter together to support the employees at KBI** because of correspondence received from Sam Artino.

Sam Artino, 910½ Bogart Road, Huron, said he is here on behalf of a group of retirees from New Departure/KBI. Sam Artino said they are looking for support from the community so they can go to federal and state officials for what they feel is a dumping process of materials for assembled bearings into our country. To date, they do not know what is going on, but he has had conversations with Senator Sherrod Brown's office and other state officials. Sam Artino said he has a copy of the Resolution from the Erie County Commission and would like to have a Resolution or representatives throughout the community to ask for their involvement to help level the playing field.

Chris Sims, Chairman of local union shop, said this plant has been involved in the community since 1947. At the height of its day, there were 3,500 union workers and 500 – 600 salaried workers. There are now approximately 600 union workers and 200± salaried workers which are good paying jobs for the community. The past year has been a negotiation process and it is frustrating because of the way the economy is and the global market; they knew concessions would have to be made to keep the business open. The bids were coming in \$2 - \$3 above raw materials cost and if they worked for free, they could not stay open and generate the work. Chris Sims said they hardworking and are the best bearing producers in the world and want a fair opportunity to be able to compete. Any commodity is the same price on the open market in China or Russia and he asked how someone can make the bearing for the same price as the raw material cost. Once the water and lights are turned on, their cost alone is above what their competitors are charging. This building is 1.2 – 1.4 million SF and was made to hold 4,000 – 4,500 workers. If they now go down to 300 – 800 workers, with only utility costs, this will not sustain the building staying open. Chris Sims said he is grateful to be invited and for the retirees to attend, but they would like help to garner an even playing field. He would not like seeing good-paying manufacturing jobs leave this area.

Jim Harrington, Chairman of KBI retirees, said to put this in perspective, there are 800 jobs which equates to 2,000± persons with their families. They would like to be proactive and get in front of this and would like to see some of the city commissioners, county commissioners and state officials make something happen to get new business in this plant. Jim Harrington said he worked at the plant for 37 years and most of the people who work there know him and he wants them to be able to retire from the plant.

Jeff Ferrell, Perkins Township Trustee, said although the plant is in Perkins Township, it means much more to this area. He was told this plant has an \$80 million payroll with everything that goes along with this and taking this much money out of Erie County will affect jobs, vacant properties, property and sales tax, and local businesses not hiring as many persons. This is a vital part of Erie County and he hopes the city may come forward with a letter to legislators that there is a grass root effort with elected officials and others striving to keep this plant open. Jeff Ferrell said he is concerned about what this will mean for Erie County and asked for consideration to write a letter of support to elected leaders for the welfare of the county.

Julie Farrar asked if this group contacted Jobs Ohio or Team NEO and Sam Artino said Jeff Ferrell has done this and has also contacted Senator Sherrod Brown's office. The President was here at one time and maybe he can come back to help with this. Jeff Smith said to count him in and he would love to help. Julie Farrar said she is available to travel to the Statehouse to help.

**Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted for the law director to draft legislation supporting this effort. The President declared the motion passed.**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked for a report on the Hoppers mobile home park. Paul Ricci said there are three families left in the park currently. Several families are working to deconstruct the homes which remain and this is proceeding in an orderly fashion. Paul Ricci said Bob England with the Erie

County Health Department will have a proceeding regarding the orders given by the Erie County Health Department for these three families. There is one more week to satisfy the citation issued by the fire department and if they do not do this, they will move forward with the law department to proceed to the penalty phase which may include clearing the debris from the park itself. The water is off. Sharon Johnson asked the status of filling the position of planner. Nicole Ard said 19 applications were submitted and are being reviewed. Sharon Johnson asked if the evaluation has been completed for the city manager. John Hamilton said this would have been wrapped up tonight but Keith Grohe is out of town and he (John) wanted all of the commissioners to be present.

Fred Farris, 1114 C Street, said he and the citizens have a serious problem with members of the Sandusky Police Department. On August 12, Fred Farris said he boycotted Highline Auto according to rules and regulations explained to him by John Orzech. After ten or fifteen minutes, the police came out and spoke to him like it was the 1960's, and he felt he was being harassed because of how he was confronted. Fred Farris said they did not see him walk on private property and he did nothing illegal. There were two police officers who spoke nice to him and he was told the owner would be calling, but the police took the owner's side. The Perkins Police Department was across the street watching him but he did nothing wrong although Officer Michael Schock arrested him for disorderly conduct. Fred Farris said he called John Orzech to let him know what was going on and everything was done to him except being beaten and hosed down and it is a civil right for a black person to boycott a business. Fred Farris said he was so mad he told the city manager who told him to contact the Human Relations Commission (HRC). Fred Farris said the HRC has their pros and cons and he contacted them a couple of months ago but nothing was done. Fred Farris said he does not know what John Orzech told his officers, but they must have disobeyed him and this was the saddest day of his life.

Matt Morgan, 1219 East Perkins Avenue, said he has seen additional out of town license plates from New Hampshire and people have visited and are enjoying their summer in Sandusky. This is the time of year when many seasonal employees leave the area and they have taken time to explore and appreciate the city; it is not just a place to work on a temporary basis.

George Mylander, 142 Sunset Drive, said the City of Sandusky will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2018 and he was part of the Sesquicentennial celebration in 1968. The city was founded in 1818. In 1968, people worked for two years to plan the Sesquicentennial and he chaired the committee. This was one of the darkest times of his life when one of the persons observing a program at Strobel Field was killed after a piece of metal flew into her neck. George Mylander pleaded to put something together and give it some thought. George Mylander thanked Nicole Ard for researching this and said the city's police officers and firefighters will help keep an eye on this.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said the city manager's report mentions the proposed River Avenue property purchase by John Biechele and urged the commission to look hard and close at this as it is the second or third time the request has been made. With the Sandusky Rowing Club's project and the Pipe Creek Watershed already in the area, it may be advisable to once again turn down this request. Tim Schwanger said there is mention in the city manager's report about a restaurant in the Paper District Marina parking lot and asked if this is the first time the commission has seen it and John Hamilton said this is the first mention of it.

## PRESENTATION

**The President announced a recess at 6:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:25 p.m.**

**Mr. Trent Grooms, T. Grooms & Associates, Inc., conducted a Skill Enhancement Workshop to help facilitate effective leadership through teambuilding, communications and motivation.** The focus of the session was to center on how to compliment the knowledge, experiences, skills, efforts, objectives and beliefs that have been invested in and help lead the City of Sandusky, Ohio in the future.

**Upon motion of Diedre Cole and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.**