

Dennis Murray called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

The President called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel, City Manager. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

The commission went into executive session at 12:02 p.m.

The President announced a recess at 4:50 p.m.

At 5 p.m., the commission returned to open session after a moment of silence in memory of Chris Perrin who served on the Human Relations Commission from 1997 – 2003, the Invocation, given by Scott Schell, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

City staff present: Jim Green – Acting Fire Chief, Phil Frost - Police Lieutenant, Aaron Klein - City Engineer, Rebecca Corrigan – Chief Planner, Don Rumbutis - IT, Don Icsman - Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director and Kelly Kresser - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the April 28, and May 5, 2014, city commission meetings and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION *(agenda items only)*

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked if Item #1 addresses the two-term limits for the commissioners.

PROCLAMATIONS

Scott Schell read a **Proclamation** declaring May 17 **Steps of Hope Day in the City of Sandusky** and urged all citizens to work together to seek solutions to the drug addiction problems in our community and all over the nation.

Naomi Twine read a **Proclamation** declaring the week of May 15 **National Police Week in the City of Sandusky** and urged all citizens to recognize and give tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Naomi Twine read a **Proclamation** declaring the weeks of May 19 – June 1 as **Click It or Ticket Weeks in the City of Sandusky** and urged all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

Dick Brady read a **Proclamation** declaring May 18 – 24 as **Safe Boating Week in the City of Sandusky** and urged all boaters to observe this occasion by learning more about boating safety and committing themselves to safe practices on the water.

Dennis Murray **welcomed Acting Fire Chief Jim Green to the commission meeting and thanked him for stepping up and helping the city in this role.**

PRESENTATIONS

Rebecca Corrigan, Chief Planner, introduced Jason Smith with Wade Trim & Associates to present the **city's Consolidated Plan and HUD Entitlement program**. Rebecca Corrigan said this is an update regarding projects and approvals.

Jason Smith said this should serve as informational and educational for those who may not be familiar with a five-year consolidated plan. The five-year plan comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is attached to any grant funds which come to entitlement communities. The plan covers a five-year period starting in July, 2014 through June, 2019. The City of Sandusky receives one grant through HUD, the CDBG, and covers items in the plan. Our Consolidated Plan serves four main functions: 1) a planning document for the city; 2) an application for federal funding granted by HUD; 3) a strategic plan for carrying out community development goals, and: 4) an action plan providing a basis for measuring performance. Action plans are generated each year of the consolidated plan.

Components within the Consolidated Plan are made up of: citizen participation, a strategic plan and an action plan. There are four areas of the consolidated plan: housing, homeless needs, community development and non-homeless special needs. These are very broad topics and through this process, things can be narrowed down over the course of five years. There will never be enough resources to fill all of the needs in the community, but the dollars will be utilized to get the most bang for our buck. A one-year plan lays out projects during the course of 2014 and there are specific rules about the types of projects which can be funded. The city must meet a national objective as defined by the federal government (they must benefit low and moderate income residents), assist in the prevention or elimination of blight and meet a local need having a particular urgency. HUD defines low and moderate as a household earning eighty percent, or less, of the low or moderate income (four-person family earning \$48,000 or less). Areas are defined as low and moderate and are census block groups with a population of fifty one percent or more of low to moderate income. This information is updated on an annual basis and the current map is based on 2000 census data as instructed by HUD. Infrastructure projects can be done in the areas designated. There are always questions from those not considered low to moderate income households according to the HUD rules, but infrastructure projects benefit everyone. The second national objective is elimination of blight for structures which may pose a risk to public health and/or safety. Different programs funded by HUD cover a large population, but CDBG is more for public infrastructure, public facility improvements service projects and housing rehabilitation. In 2013, we received \$710,779; we are expected to receive \$702,461 in 2014. A series of public meetings have taken place in addition to an on-line survey and some of the more common themes are the need for quality affordable housing, support for home ownership and emergency home repair, housing programs, credit counseling and foreclosure prevention and demolition of blight. A draft of the goals and objectives and an executive summary from the strategic plan were provided to the commissioners and questions can be asked at any time during the plan. The goals and objectives were drafted according to the public input provided. Jason Smith said with regard to homeless needs, issues identified were long- and short-term shelter for homeless men and women, veterans and families, food pantries, educational programming for youth, programs for those recently released from prison and job readiness training and retention programs for homeless and at-risk veterans. The citizens seem to think highly of our parks and there is a lot of talk about ADA improvements at public buildings. Other things highlighted in the survey are public improvements such as with streets and streetscapes specifically in the downtown, code enforcement efforts and building facade activities. The final topic, non-homeless special needs, is for at risk populations such as the elderly, people with disabilities, those with substance abuse or mental health issues. Youth programs were a common theme, educational and after-school programs, health care and mental health counseling, the need for development of a group home, and health and wellness programs for seniors. The public input is the foundation for creating these goals and objectives and will be utilized in developing the plan. Moving forward, a schedule has been provided; a draft plan will be available for viewing on June 13 at city hall and online or by contacting the Planning Department. July 1 is the beginning of the program year and we have received an

extension to submit this prior to the end of July and will be effective in August, after approval. Final adoption will be approved by the City Commission in mid-July.

Rebecca Corrigan said a draft budget was distributed and there are different categories outlining our budget numbers. The city learned from its IDIS consultant we will have approximately \$107,000 to carryover from the 2013 year which is a culmination of dollars since we have been an entitlement community. In addition, the city received word from HUD there will be approximately \$702,000 which will give the city \$809,000 for FY 2014 program year. Under administration, the subtotal is \$156,500 and we are permitted to have a 20% cap on consultants. This also includes fair housing: there is a down payment assistance fund and an emergency home repair fund. Our providers are having persons qualifying and we are trying to come up with a reasonable dollar amount to increase home repairs. Suitable living environment is a category in public services which is larger in terms of needs and request. In addition to having public meetings, the city emailed each of the departments asking their needs and the numbers are formulated from these needs. Recreation may be increased but proposals were not received to run the program; it is hoped we can partner with outside agencies to provide programs for our youth. Health facility improvements include infrastructure and public gardening and these programs will be listed in detail in the action plan when completed. The city will increase its crime prevention and code enforcement efforts and is looking at creating a façade improvement program for businesses in the area this year for areas which qualify. The city is looking for technical assistance for economic development. Jason Smith said the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan will be made available on June 13 for a 30-day period, after which the city will seek adoption by the commissioners.

Mark Norman, 1016 Third Street, asked if there is an appeal process regarding the areas designated for funding and Jason Smith said monies designated for code enforcement can only be used in specific areas and to benefit projects in these eligible areas. If there areas that may actually qualify, income surveys can be done of the area and submitted to HUD for approval. This would be for a slum and blight designation according to HUD statistics.

Matt Morgan, 1003 West Osborne Street, asked what designates a community as an entitlement community and Jason Smith said the city may never be taken out of this status. In order to be an entitlement community, it needs to be in a metropolitan statistical area and meet a certain population threshold to receive funding. Some areas may seem as if they should not receive this type of funding, but it has less to do with need and more to do with size and location of a community. If conditions improve in the community when HUD does its formula, the city will receive less funding.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ORDERED IN APRIL 14, 2014

ITEM #1

PASSED AT FIRST READING

It is requested an ordinance be passed **providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Sandusky of proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Sandusky.**

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.

Discussion: Jeff Smith said he has thought long and hard about this possible charter change having been in this position for over two years. Jeff Smith said he ran for this position for the citizens and to try and improve Sandusky and sees no benefit to the citizens by reducing the number of commissioners and one of the number one complaints he gets as a commissioner is about roads and trees. He does not see any way the citizens will benefit from new roads or

better manicured trees (through a charter change) and, in fact, he believes it is the commissioners' responsibility to direct the city manager and listen to the citizens as far as what they would like to see in a community. Reducing the amount of the representatives would reduce the ability for citizens to communicate with their citizen legislators. Jeff Smith said he sees this as a distraction from the city's real problems which are the economy, roads, sidewalks, curbs and trees and would be depressed if the commission was reduced from seven to five. The citizens would have a tougher time getting ahold of legislators and he will be a "no" vote for this and hopes the citizens will continue to have representatives from city hall.

Wesley Poole said it is appropriate to place this before the citizens to make a decision and there are five months between now and the next election where the city can promote the benefits of this as they will not be able to do this sufficiently during the next thirty seconds. This is a conversation we should have as a community and there are significant benefits which will come to the citizens if the commission is reduced from seven to five. If the city were to go to nine commissioners, the representation would not change what is accomplished and we will have until November to discuss this as a community and hopefully people will look at this with an open mind and think deeply about what is going to be said about the suggestion to change. Dennis Murray said he has spoken publicly about this and supports the legislation. This will increase the commissions' ability to be cohesive and to get on the same page. He does not believe there is a problem with citizen outreach and during the first four months of his being in office, he has received far more calls and letters than in the first three years he was previously on the commission. The public is energized and seems interested in what the city is doing and as a community, we have turned a corner and this is part of this. The problem with a seven person commission is that it allows for some people to not completely participate in the consensus once a decision is made. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and he respects and welcomes this because it calls for people to think more about why they take certain positions and he places a lot of value on this. Dennis Murray said this legislation does not address term limits in any way and they will remain as is, although he believes this is a mistake, but this is a debate for another day. This does not change compensation for the commissioners although he believes this should be addressed at some point in time. This simply changes the number of commissioners from seven to five and changes the majority numbers. Scott Schell said this decision is up to the voters to decide and he is all for putting this on the ballot. He is not one hundred percent convinced going from seven to five commissioners is a good idea, although he is not totally against it either. This being said, Scott Schell said he looks forward to getting more citizen input during the next couple of weeks rather than waiting five or six months to talk about the pros and cons leading up to the election. Scott Schell said the normal comments he hears from citizens are about potholes, or about Station 7 being closed, and he has yet to be contacted by anyone saying the number of commissioners should be reduced to five. If the citizens feel this is the direction we should go, by all means he would support it.

Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell and Julie Farrar, 6. Nays: Jeff Smith, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman
DISPOSAL OF ONE VEHICLE AND THREE ASSETS**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. The proceeds from the sales will be deposited into the Department that was financially responsible for the asset.

PASSED AT FIRST READING: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of a vehicle and miscellaneous personal property as having become unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter.**

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, P.E.**ENCROACHMENT LICENSE FOR 1309 SYCAMORE LINE**

Budgetary Information: The cost of the recording is estimated to be \$60 and will be paid by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-057: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with RC Smith & Associates, Ltd. to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city's rights-of-way as described in the grant of a license for encroachment, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, marked Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein;** 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 Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said he does not really understand what tripped this and Aaron Klein said this relates to the U.S. 250 corridor project being done by the Ohio Department of Transportation. A portion of the building at the corner of Route 250 and Sycamore Line is in the right-of-way (14.46 S.F.) and ODOT would like to ensure any awnings or buildings or any personal property is outside of the right-of-way or ensure there is a license to be in the right-of-way.

Roll call on the motion: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, P.E.**CONSENT LEGISLATION WITH OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR U.S. ROUTE 250 CORRIDOR PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: No funds are required from the city unless the city requests to add construction items to the project. Of these items, if any, the city would be responsible for 100% of those costs. None are anticipated at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-14R: It is requested a resolution be passed **adopting the consent legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for their U.S. Route 250 corridor improvement project, PID #88407, ERI US 0250.00; authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the consent legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation to complete the project;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to approve this resolution. Roll call on the motion: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Kelly L. Kresser, CMC & Commission Clerk

A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting D5 (Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only; beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m.) and D6 (Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and midnight) liquor permit transfers from Cedar Fair LP dba TGI Fridays on Pipe Creek, 2003 Cleveland Road and Patio to Cedar Fair LP dba Commons Canteen, 2026 Second Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this liquor permit transfer. Abstain: Dennis Murray. The President declared the motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept donations for the Police Department's new K-9 fund as follows: Gary Huber (\$100), Michael Christiansen (\$30), Tracey Stephens, mother of Kar'Lee Edwards (\$50), U.S. Bank (\$100), and Janice Zupancic (\$10). The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from the Western Basin Sportsfishing Association for prizes toward the Take the Kids Fishing Fun Day, as well as donations of lunches for the participants from the Port Sandusky Family Restaurant, Kreimes Cardinal Grocery and Nickles Bakery. The President declared the motion passed.

Don Icsman said there have been **issues with overflow at the recycle drop-off locations provided by FSI**. One additional pickup day has been added and these will now be collected on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. FSI has also agreed to provide excess at both locations for overflow; signage will be modified to be larger and more legible. Don Icsman said the commission has spoken in favor of this and the city is saving money from its annual budget and will continue dialogue with FSI and they have been responsible thus far. Dennis Murray said these centers are for recycling, not for garbage. Materials should be placed in the bins and not on the concrete pads. This is not appropriate and not the reason why the centers are here; the doors to the containers are easy to open and what he has seen is recyclables and/or trash on the ground next to empty recycle containers. Don Icsman said a program should not be defined by those who use it and thinks it is up to the commission whether they decide to do additional enforcement. There is law and the city would perhaps need to consider the use of cameras which would mean this service would no longer be provided for free. It certainly can be, but he does not want the city to be spending money because of a small group of people who do not know this is not a new dump. This takes away from everyone and he checked the site a couple of times. As long as the city and FSI is responsive within a 24-hour period, the only time there is a real carryover would be over a weekend. Hopefully, this will reduce the problems the city is receiving calls about. Wesley Poole said this is a new program and we are responding and adjusting to the problems that have come up. He does think at some point, enforcement of how this is supposed to be utilized will become important. We cannot have something nice if we allow people to use it in any way they want to; it is not the city dump and it is not for commercial use and the concept of not spending any money to ensure the program is run properly is a mistake. Ultimately, if FSI has to pay people to separate the trash or clean the area, we may decide it is not as productive as it should be; this is more of a lack of management on the city's part and we should be at least mindful of some enforcement efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to schedule a public hearing on June 23, 2014, regarding a request made by John Feick, on behalf of Lamar Rentals, Inc., regarding their application for an amendment to the zone map of 1319 Tiffin Avenue Sandusky, Ohio. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray said **city offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The next city commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27.**

Dennis Murray said the **KidsFest event** will take place this weekend at the Sandusky Bay Pavilion beginning with the movie "Frozen" on Friday evening starting at dusk. Bicycle helmets will be distributed by the Wightman Wieber Foundation at this event to area children.

Dennis Murray asked **Hank Solowiej to begin providing verbal reports, on a quarterly basis, to the commissioners during their meeting regarding the city's finances** for the public's understanding relative to expenditures and income. Hank Solowiej said he will be happy to do this and the next process is with the tax budget for 2015 and a public hearing should be scheduled in June.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2015 Tax Budget on June 23 at 5 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to have an executive session regarding Personnel, City Manager. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray thanked staff in the Street Division for **repairing over 10,000 potholes** already this year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Norman, 1016 Third Street, said he has had a different experience with the recycle containers and they have been full since Friday afternoon (and during the entire weekend). It appears there is no monitoring of the area and there may be commercial dumping in addition to items being dumped around the containers. It appears bars and restaurants may be dumping here and it may be to the city's advantage to install a wireless camera so citizens do not make needless trips. Dick Brady said he spent a couple of days monitoring this situation and is being accused by his wife of dumpster diving. There are some commercial persons using the site and as quietly as possible, he has explained to some businesses this is not an appropriate use of the containers and has not received any pushback about it. He tends to agree with the technology available and it may be appropriate for someone to spend a couple of thousand dollars to head this up. Dick Brady does not like the idea of persecuting someone for littering, but if it comes to it, he believes he could lobby the commissioners to get this done. The city is saving \$65,000 per year and we can spend a couple of thousand dollars to enforce this. Dick Brady says this tells him people want to recycle but it is human nature to leave items on the ground rather than placing them back in their vehicles if they get there and the containers are full. Mark Norman said it is frustrating for these to be full on Friday going into the weekend and knowing what it will look like by Monday. Dick Brady said we will find some way to remedy this before much more times goes by.

John Hartman, 533 East Perkins Avenue, said Jason Smith from Wade Trim mentioned no community has ever come out of being an entitlement category, but believes through crime prevention, economic development, communication and respect for each other, we (Sandusky) can be the first.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said citizens have already voted on having seven commissioners versus five and this does not make any sense. Sharon Johnson said she has been monitoring the recycle sites and has pictures and there is a problem here and it is obvious there are no cameras and there needs to be some enforcement. There is way too much cardboard to be coming from residents only and this must be coming from commercial places. This needs to be enforced and citations need to be issued and this is a revenue-maker for some cities. Sharon Johnson asked who is responsible for the debris on the ground as FSI cannot get the bins out if this is not cleaned up first. Dennis Murray said it is in the contract with FSI to clean this up and Sharon Johnson said this is a shame and they should have to clean this up. Dennis Murray asked who she (Sharon) would prefer to clean this up and Sharon Johnson said perhaps the city employees. Dennis Murray said he would prefer for the contractor to do this and it is in the contract. Dennis Murray said the last vote on the size of the commission was in 1973 and no one in the city could have voted on this unless they are 70 years and the overwhelming majority of the community members could not have voted on this.

Barbara Linden, resident of Muirwood Village, said the commissioners will not like what she is about to say, but she does not really care. Barbara Linden thanked members of the police and fire departments for coming to her rescue and helping her husband when he went into cardiac arrest at their home, but they (the commission) killed him. The fire department did not get there in time and they brought him back to life, but he has permanent damage because of this

and she hopes the commissioners can live with themselves because every time 9-1-1 is called and they do not get there in time it is because the commission cut them out and if she could, she would fire every one of the commissioners.

Willie McCarty, 632 East Adams Street, blessed Jeff Smith and stated seven city commissioners is a fantastic number and they should cooperate and communicate with each other; he asked if when you find something you do not like you get rid of it. We will vote to keep seven city commissioners and put it up to the commissioners to go through the process to hire a new city manager, run all kinds of surveys, spend all of our money and tell us what we need. The commissioners are not listening to the citizens and this was voted on some years ago and this is an elder talking; there are a lot of other things voted on in this city by our elders and we should listen to them. There was a reason for having seven city commissioners before. There was a reason the commissioners got together and fired our city manager. The commissioners have a job ahead of them to find another city manager and one good thing came out of their recent jobs: the city has a darn good city police chief and he is a fantastic boy from our own hometown. The city is now looking for a new fire chief and we should be looking for someone who is qualified to do the job, not just cash their check. This is what happened when looking for a city manager and Willie McCarty said he does not put this on those who were not here then. The citizens of Sandusky voted for the commissioners to do a job, to make a decision for this community, and to get together trying to have five commissioners and find a leader for the city. The city is only as strong as its leader and if the commissioners cannot come together and find some common ground, something is wrong. They need to rethink ways of doing things, not get rid of old ways, but try to come together and accept these things and think as one. The team should be able to work together and get things accomplished. Willie McCarty said he never gave a city commissioner a passing grade and to quit bickering, keep seven commissioners, and one day he may be one of the seven and will not be afraid to make a decision. The city manager challenged the citizens to quit bickering and complaining and do something about it and he took this on. He works in three different community gardens which do not cost people anything and asked permission to hang the city seal at his garden.

Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, asked why the commissioners are sitting in the current arrangement and said it seems like they were sitting in a certain order during the first three months, but it has changed into the left side of the table as those who voted to fire the city manager and those sitting on the right side those who voted to not fire the city manager. Dennis Murray said he asked Kelly Kresser to randomly assign seats and mix this up at every meeting and it has been this way since January 1. Wesley Poole said contrary to what was just said, the commissioners have sat in different seats every meeting since January 1, randomly decided by Kelly, and this comment was inaccurate. Wesley Poole said he had to come in today and find his seat and never knows where he will be seated. Dennis Murray said he requested this so different input was received from different people.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said this meeting is opened with prayer, and God does things in sevens. In 1973, she was not allowed to vote, but she is now and exercises this right and takes it seriously as a married woman and a parent. Garbage is being left at the recycle centers and recycling is rather profitable and perhaps closing the gate off past dark might not cost as much as the cameras. When people dump, they do it at night. Vicki Bird said she uses Ruffin Refuse for her hauling and would like to continue using them as her personal hauler and this should be her choice. There are those who feel they would like to have a vote on the ballot to raise the admissions tax to four percent. Vicki Bird said she would like to participate in this process to get a petition to sign and put this on the ballot and this costs money as they have to use a lawyer. On Sunday, May 18 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., there will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Sail-In to discuss how to go about this. The city needs money for trees, infrastructure including the Camp Street underpass, and she would like to help raise these funds and help rebuild Sandusky.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked if anyone knows the number of potholes filled in previous years for comparison purposes and Dennis Murray said if Aaron Klein can find this number, to please email it. Tim Schwanger asked the plan for the rest of the city's streets and

potholes can be attributed to unimproved streets that have been this way for years. The City of Toledo has increased their tar and chip program because of their economy and perhaps Sandusky needs to go back to this for unimproved streets. We all want to reconstruct Pipe Street, but this may not happen for another 20 years and in the interim, perhaps we can tar and chip for a fraction of the cost and at a huge savings. McCartney Road used to be done this way and if done, dust is minimal. Dennis Murray said he recalls the city adopting a study performed by the University of Toledo regarding the condition of streets in Sandusky, but does not know if we have been following this and to follow up at a future meeting. Aaron Klein said it is very uncommon for cities to tar and chip, it is more common in rural areas and is a messier process and does not hold up as well. One of the items listed as a priority for CDBG next year is to do a study along the same lines as the one done by the University of Toledo to prioritize the roads and get moving. The previous commission requested the city come up with this. Dennis Murray said this raises a longer term question about the future of using asphalt to pave and the long-term oil supplies are such that this may not be an option. The streets should be back to an acceptable condition and asked what this cost might be; this report might help us to know better what this number would be. Aaron Klein said he has a list of over fifty streets needing to be looked at and some are concrete while others are asphalt and it is almost impossible to come up with a number unless you know the extent of repair needed for every road. One of the ideas he is looking into is using various fabrics and geotextiles and other technologies available that will not preserve the road, but will extend the useful life of it. Vermilion is using this and he is looking into options and cost comparisons. Dennis Murray asked if we are talking about ten million dollars or a hundred and fifty million dollars, and Aaron Klein said probably the latter.

Matt Morgan, 1003 West Osborne Street, said he thinks with the opportunity to put the cameras up, it is an opportunity for those who want to see the recycle centers. In planning the CDBG, it would be a good idea to look at a system in public areas for the police or public to monitor and to plan for the future. This could be added to over time. Matt Morgan said tremendous strides were met for the new K-9 in the Police Department and perhaps the public could get behind this if they knew where to start.

The President announced a recess of the regular session at 6:43 p.m.

The President announced the commission returned to open session at 6:58 p.m.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted for the President of the City Commission to immediately enter into negotiations with Eric Wobser to arrive at a mutually agreeable employment agreement for the position of City Manager for the City of Sandusky.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said there were five incredible candidates interviewed today for this position out of a pool of 65 persons. There were great discussions with the commissioners and among the candidates and he is appreciative of everyone working so hard this afternoon to have these productive discussions. Dennis Murray said he is looking forward to working with Eric Wobser.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dick Brady, Wesley Poole, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Scott Schell, Julie Farrar and Jeff Smith 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted for Kelly Kresser to notify the other candidates of this choice.

Discussion: Dennis Murray asked Kelly Kresser to contact the four who were interviewed by phone, and to notify the other candidates by letter thanking them for their interest in the city. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Clerk of the City Commission

Dennis E. Murray, Jr.
President of the City Commission