

Dick Brady called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after **the Invocation**, given by Dick Brady, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

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

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 9 city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked if the legislation for Item #11 would require the city to be responsible for repairs to Parcels #5 and #6 (the breakwalls or piers around the marina). If so, the city should require repairs to be made prior to approving this lease.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dick Brady opened a **Public Hearing regarding the 2015 Tax Budget**. Hank Solowiej said this is an opportunity for public comment and said specific questions can be addressed by him during office hours. The tax budget must be passed each year according to the Ohio Revised Code unless the requirement is waived by the Erie County Budget Commission. This assists in setting property tax rates, allocating local government funds and starting plans for next year. Our overall budget process gets going late summer/fall and the first deadline for the draft budget is in November. From November 1 to January, the projections and revenue estimates are finalized and these numbers will be ready by the end of the year. The annual appropriation ordinance must be passed by the end of March. All information is available on the city's website regarding the Tax Budget and is presented in compliance with state requirements. The May report reflects the city was doing well through May, 2014 and income taxes are up approximately 9.4% which mirrors some of the big picture metrics regarding local unemployment rates. It is still early to look at tourism dollars but these will get more important as we go through the summer months. The cash balance at the end of May is down but we have seen a drastic leveling off of our income taxes through June although Hank Solowiej said he does not know the reason for this. It is a little alarming to be so flat and members of the Audit/Finance Committee are keeping their eyes on it. Residents have the comfort of knowing Sandusky is the most transparent entity in Erie County and monthly financial reports are available on our website as well as our annual CAFR reports for many years back, the Audit/Finance Committee agendas and minutes and audit reports. Hank Solowiej encouraged people to check out our website and noted it is in a very easy format to understand. We are doing the best we can to be accountable to the commissioners and the residents. Dick Brady said as liaison to the Audit/Finance Committee, he wished to share the city recently went through an audit which is glowing and there were no findings of significance. The annual financial report will be filed by the end of the month and once the audit is complete, an outside accountant releases the information, usually in late summer or early fall.

The Vice President declared the Public Hearing closed.

Dick Brady opened a Public Hearing regarding a proposed zone map amendment for 1319 Tiffin Avenue. Rebecca Corrigan said a recommendation has been made by the Sandusky Planning Commission to rezone 1319 Tiffin Avenue from Residential Business to Roadside Business for Lamar Rentals, LLC. Members of the Planning Commission approved this as it will provide for a mixed use at this location and asked for approval by the commission. Wesley Poole asked what other businesses are in this area and Rebecca Corrigan said a billiard hall

operates at this location which does not fit the current zoning for this district. This rezone will make it compliant as well as for future uses as expressed by the owner. The Planning Department said there is additional roadside business across the street and this would be an appropriate change.

The Vice President declared the motion passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

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

ADOPTION OF 2015 TAX BUDGET

Budgetary Information: The Tax Budget will establish initial funding for 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 026-14R: It is requested a resolution be passed **adopting the tax budget for the City of Sandusky for the CY/FY 2015; authorizing the submission of the tax budget to the Erie County Auditor;** 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 Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this resolution. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Rebecca Corrigan, Chief Planner

ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FOR 1319 TIFFIN AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 14-066: It is requested an ordinance be passed **amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone Parcel #58-02879.000, located at 1319 Tiffin Avenue, from "RRB" (residential-business district) to "RB" (roadside business district);** and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1716 SADLER STREET

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase & 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 one hundred and ninety four dollars (\$194.00) required to be paid by the Purchasers. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately one hundred eighty three dollars and eighty six cents (\$183.86) per year in real estate taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-067: 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 #57-02378.000, located at 1716 Sadler 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 Scott Schell and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #4 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal
SALE OF PROPERTIES LOCATED ON HANCOCK STREET**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase & sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, deed preparation, recording and transfer fees, 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 two hundred and eighty nine dollars (\$289) required to be paid by the Purchaser. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately one hundred seventy three dollars and sixty cents (\$173.60) per year in real estate taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-068: 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 #57-65115.000 & #57-63925.000, located on Hancock Street, Sandusky, are 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 Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal
SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON PUTNAM STREET**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase & sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, deed preparation, recording and transfer fees, 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 one hundred and ninety eight dollars (\$198) required to be paid by the purchaser. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately one hundred and thirty nine dollars and eighty cents (\$139.80) per year in real estate taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-069: 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 #58-00474.000, 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 Naomi Twine and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #6 - Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal
SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON CLINTON STREET**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is 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. The City will recoup these expenses from the purchase price paid by the Purchaser and in part from the distribution of proceeds from the sale of Land Bank property sold for development pursuant to R.C. 5722.08(A) and held in the City's Land Bank account. The sale, rehabilitation, rezoning and occupancy of this property will revitalize the neighborhood and enhance surrounding property values. There are no delinquent real estate taxes owed on this property, therefore the sale of this property will provide the taxing districts with uninterrupted positive tax flow.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-070: 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 #58-02911.000, located at 1503 Clinton 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.

Discussion: Wesley Poole said a significant amount of items on the commission agendas are due to the work of Amanda Meyers and said he would like to recognize her work in turning the community around and improving our neighborhoods and this is the type of thing that helps with this. Wesley Poole said he recognizes the volume of paperwork and research involved and

thanked Amanda Meyers who has been doing them for years and made our program quite successful. Dick Brady said he added up the amount of dollars through this program and said the city just benefitted to the tune of \$31,470 on these parcels of land. Of more importance, the real benefit is the increase to our tax base and growing our community and allowing it to turn a corner. Julie Farrar said the program is getting bigger and with the partnership with Erie County, there will be a lot more land bank action and believes over 100 houses have been demolished. This gets properties back on the tax rolls and revives a community and makes her excited. Dick Brady said this is a cooperative effort with Erie County and this is one where the community and every resident wins. Scott Schell commended Amanda Meyers and the Law Department for all of their work since the inception of the land bank program and recalls what it took to get it started. The commissioners are proud of the program and are eager to be a partner with the Erie County Land Bank program.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

**ITEM #7 – Submitted by Hank Solowiej, CPA & Finance Director
ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS**

MOTION TO ACCEPT FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

Budgetary Information: On August 8, 2005, the City Commission authorized the sale of \$3,470,000 various improvement bonds for the following various purposes: Wastewater System, Water System, Fire Trucks, Grade Separation, Shelby Street Boat Launch, and 2003 Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Program. The city has an opportunity to refund the bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2014 through 2030, the year of their final maturity. Refunding bonds are issued to replace one set of bonds with another, usually at a lower interest rate. This is similar to a refinancing. This sale will allow the city to retire those outstanding bonds at an overall lower blended interest rate that is expected, based on the current interest rate environment, to save the city approximately \$97,000 in aggregate debt service expenses through 2030. All costs related to this sale are included in the issue. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends that the present value savings produced by a refunding should equal at least 3% of the par value of the outstanding bonds being refunded. The estimated savings based on the current interest rate environment is over 3.8% for this refunding.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-071: It is requested an ordinance be passed **providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$2,060,000 to refund at a lower interest cost the city's outstanding various purpose improvement bonds, series 2005, which were issued for the purpose of (i) improving the municipal wastewater system by acquiring real estate and interests therein for the expansion of the wastewater treatment facilities, by acquiring a combination sewer cleaner, cab and chassis, by separating combined sewers into separate sanitary sewers and storm sewers, together with all other improvements incidental or related thereto, in order to reduce infiltration and inflow to the municipal wastewater system, and by constructing, reconstructing and rehabilitating local sewer collection systems, all together with the necessary appurtenances thereto; (ii) improving the municipal water system by renovating, rehabilitating and otherwise improving the Big Island Water Works building; (iii) acquiring triple combination fire pumper trucks and appurtenant equipment for the fire department; (iv) eliminating grade crossings by constructing the U.S. 6/State Route 101 grade separation project; and (v) paying the property owners' portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments heretofore levied, of the cost of the city's 2003 program of constructing, re-laying and repairing certain sidewalks and constructing certain curbs and gutters and approaches, authorizing the redemption of the refunded bonds, the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement with respect to the refunding and related matters; and declaring an emergency.**

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to accept the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Wesley Poole thanked Hank Solowiej for helping to refinance and save the city money and the engineering and planning departments for putting together different projects. Everything the city is doing is going toward making this a better community and putting Sandusky in a position where people will want to move here and he appreciates the cooperation between department heads.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, P.E.

CONTRACT FOR CAMP STREET UNDERPASS PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The revised estimate for the total project cost based on bids including engineering, inspection, testing, advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$1,951,521. ODOT will fund 80% of the eligible costs in the amount of \$1,561,216.80. The City's 20% share of the eligible costs will be funded by the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$359,867.20 and the Capital Fund in the amount of \$30,437.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-072: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract with Schirmer Construction, LLC, of North Olmsted, Ohio, for the Camp Street underpass rehabilitation project;** 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 Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this ordinance.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the project will begin after the contracts are executed and the contractor sets the schedule. Completion is scheduled for late spring or early summer, 2015. Dick Brady said he was a commissioner in 2011 for a brief time and this project was on the horizon then; he hopes it will be completed before he finishes his term in office. It will be an attribute to the city to have this work done. Wesley Poole asked the impact with the Ohio Department of Transportation, going forward. Aaron Klein said the city will process the payments and be involved in the construction as the contractor needs us.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, P.E.

EAST END SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated amount of the consultant fee for professional services is not to exceed \$53,080, which will be funded with sewer funds. This cost does not include negotiated payments for the acquisition. The city is still in discussion with the county as to their financial responsibility for this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-073: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement for professional property & easement acquisition services with O.R. Colan Associates of Fremont, Ohio, for the east end sewer improvements project;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve this ordinance. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #10 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, P.E.**CONTRACT FOR PERKINS AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT DESIGN PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The contractor has requested an additional \$12,210 to rework the plans. The original contract was for \$21,650 per Ordinance 12-099. The total amount of the agreement, including the amendment, would be \$33,860, which will be paid with water funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-074: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement for professional design services with the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., of Beachwood, Ohio, for the Perkins Avenue waterline replacement design project;** and declaring that this ordinance 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 ordinance.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said two intersections had to be broken out by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) when they were working on the 250 Corridor project. When ODOT realized this was needed, the city wanted to repair approximately 1,000' of water line on each side of the intersection (East and West) prior to construction. When the project was bid, none were received. Aaron Klein said he spoke with ODOT about incorporating our plans with theirs and the city will not have to close this intersection in the fall only to have it closed a couple of weeks later for a second project. Also, with mobilization costs, the cost may be split to reduce it overall and this is a good plan and a good way to move forward.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #11 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, P.E.**SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE – BATTERY PARK MARINA**

Budgetary Information: Since the City of Sandusky is approving the application for a submerged lands lease for city- owned property and the submerged lands lease fees are paid for by the sub-lessee, no current negative budgetary impact will occur.

RESOLUTION NO. 027-14R: It is requested a resolution be adopted **pursuant to Section 1506.11 of the Ohio Revised Code finding and determining that based upon the representations and application filed by the City of Sandusky, the use and development of the territory so described, a submerged lands lease may be entered into by the State's Director of Natural Resources;** 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 Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve this resolution.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said it is his understanding Parcels #5 and #6 are not in the existing submerged lands lease and it has been requested they be included in the revised lease. These parcels are the city's responsibility at this time and are not in Battery Park Marina's lease. Wesley Poole asked if anyone knows this for certain as he cannot work with an "understanding". Don Icsman said this is about a submerged lands lease, it is not about the lease agreement with Battery Park Marina from 1985. This lease reflects the public areas and puts them to use to determine a fair rental value and this all started in 2009. A letter was sent to Patrick Ernst from ODNR about the application and the city provided everything they requested. A process was set up to publicly vet the renewal for this modification and a hearing was held on July 6, 2011; a final submission was made on September 27, 2012 with engineering information and legal descriptions; the resolution was requested in 2013. It was then delayed in 2013 as John Pheiffer from Battery Park Marina passed away. Don Icsman said the original lease indicates the pier and breakwall is to be open to the general public at all times. Battery Park Marina has no responsibility to repair or replace any damage to the breakwall due to any circumstance not within control of the developer. These areas have always been public and the city is responsible to repair it irrespective of what happens with the submerged lands lease. Dick Brady asked if it is the opinion of the Law Director the city is not incurring any additional liability with this lease and Don Icsman said this is correct. This is to approve the submerged lands lease to allow Battery Park Marina to set the rent based on its use.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #12 – Submitted by Thomas Schwan, Transit Administrator

TRANSIT SYSTEM SPARC ROUTE BUS SHELTER PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The original contract amount was \$67,690. The request to add an additional shelter is an additional \$12,950. The actual work performed in the field by the contractor will result in an increase to the contract of \$260. There was a total of \$12,690 remaining in the original contract that was not used. This amount included a \$10,000 contingency amount and some curb & gutter and curb ramps not needed. The revised contract amount will be \$67,970. The remaining ARRA grant money will fund Change Order #1.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-075: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to approve the first change order for work to be performed by KF Construction & Excavating, LLC, of Clyde, Ohio, for the Sandusky Transit System SPARC Route bus shelter project in the amount of \$260;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve this ordinance.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the city received money through a grant for the shelters and there was a cost savings for them and money available at the end of the project. Rather than giving it all back, the STS Director asked to spend the money on additional shelters and the city was given authorization to purchase another shelter at the corner of Washington and Jackson Streets for an additional \$260 above and beyond the original contract amount. Dick Brady said this is one of the few times in government when we got more than what we bargained for. Wesley Poole recognized Thomas Schwan and Aaron Klein for the work involved and for coming up with the approvals to get this additional shelter.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to accept a donation of four children's bicycles from Jason Feliciano for the Police Department which were raffled to participants at the recent Bike Rodeo. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,728.69 from Kathleen Jensen for a bench and plaque to be placed a Lions Park. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to accept a donation of four vertical poles from Sandusky City Schools to be used for the Team Depot project at Huron Park. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Wesley Poole asked if it is possible for members of the Sandusky Fire Department to look into the possibility of **dividing up the fire station closures between Station #3 and Station #7** in regards to the petition received from west end residents in order to share the burden brought about.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to have an executive session regarding pending litigation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dick Brady, Scott Schell, Jeff Smith and Julie Farrar, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

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Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to hold a public hearing regarding the city's HUD Plan on July 14 at 5 p.m. The Vice President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked the status, progress and due date of the EPA mandate on the city. Wesley Poole asked what mandate is being referenced and Dick Brady said he did not know. Sharon Johnson said she did not know if this was in relation to sewers or sanitary sewers; Don Icsman said there are a myriad of things which could be referenced and this is an ambiguous and overly broad request and his EPA files include air and water pollution, public water supply, treatment of solid waste, construction and demolition debris, hazardous waste, our sewage plant, industrial waste, the VAP program, the covenant not to sue with Chesapeake, and any week there could be ten or twelve letters or requirements. He has no idea how to respond to a general question about the EPA which has so many varied responsibilities. Don Icsman said until she (Sharon) figures out what she is asking for, he does not know how to respond. Sharon Johnson said a few years ago there was a mandate which required the city to respond and asked if this meant the city no longer has a mandate; Don Icsman said he did not say that and he does not know what she (Sharon) is talking about. Dick Brady asked Sharon Johnson to be more specific and the city will be transparent in responding. Sharon Johnson asked if there is a mandate to continue the sanitary and sewer separation; Don Icsman said there is a general plan which the city is working on.

John Hartman, 533 East Perkins Avenue, thanked John Orzech for assisting at the recent Sandusky Football Camp and thanked Andy Ouriel for writing a great article in the newspaper. John Hartman thanked Jeff Smith for his insight and reminded everyone of their gifts and to let people use their gifts and talents and not step on their toes - be positive and support them. The new city manager has a gift to make cities better and hopes he is not micro managed. John Hartman said there are a lot of empty seats here tonight and said the city needs economic development and this can be done through crime prevention and curb appeal. Julie Farrar said sometimes the city gets a bad rap, but the governor has cut our local government by fifty percent and eliminated its estate tax and there is no replacement for these monies. Sometimes things happen which are very negative to communities and some are out of our control. A new city manager will be starting and the city is trying to get more money to maintain its fire stations and these are the facts and are not the fault of anyone here.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked if Goodwill is responsible to cut nuisance grass areas and Jim Green said properties owned by the city are cut by city employees while others are cut by personnel from Goodwill. Tim Schwanger asked about the former G & C Foundry property as well as the former Hopper's Trailer Park. Don Icsman said the city does not control either property and they are both involved in litigation and covered by the city's nuisance laws. Tim Schwanger asked how many fire fighters are assigned to the fire station on Venice Road when it is open and Jim Green said three fire fighters are assigned. When staffing drops below twelve personnel, this station is closed due to its run volume. Tim Schwanger asked if the city has considered staffing the fire station on Venice Road with one ambulance and two fire fighters since the majority of calls are EMT or EMS related. Jim Green said the command staff has

looked into this but having two fire fighters at this station is not efficient because cardiac incidents require three or four persons due to the equipment utilized, and more personnel are sent from the central fire station for these types of calls. Tim Schwanger said a recommendation was made for defibrillators to be placed in police cruisers and asked if this has been researched. John Orzech said he was recently approached by a potential anonymous donor through the local foundation and the donor will be proceeding with this. The department is in the process of receiving these and they will be placed in cruisers. John Orzech said he does not know the exact number to be donated, but there are eight cruisers on the road at one time.

The Vice President announced a recess of the regular session at 6:04 p.m. Two executive sessions were held beginning at 6:10 p.m. The Vice President announced adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Clerk of the City Commission

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