

Dennis Murray **called the meeting to order** at 5 p.m. after **the Invocation**, given by Naomi Twine, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

City staff present: Dave Degnan – Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Planning & Neighborhood Development, Brad Link – Public Services Director, Don Rumbutis – IT Manager, Don Icsman - Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015, city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray asked for **a moment of silence in memory and honor of Rev. Lonnie Walters who passed away this weekend and was a patron saint for the poor in the community.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dennis Murray announced the opening of a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the City of Sandusky's zone map.

Angela Byington said an application was received for **an amendment to the Zoning Map for 211, 215 & 225 Meigs Street and 629 & 631 Washington Street which consists of six parcels from "R2F" Two-Family Residential to "DB" Downtown Business to allow the property to convert an existing structure into a brewpub and microbrewery named the Bait House Brewpub.** This would allow for the requested use of the subject parcels in the rezoning which are within reasonable proximity to existing parcels in the downtown business district. This district permits all stores and services permitted in the general business district, single-, two- and multi- family residential above the first floor and public uses. The subject properties are located west of Meigs Street and north of Washington Street and consist of the following land uses: vacant bait shop, law offices and a residential dwelling. The surrounding properties are "R2F" Residential to the North and south, "RMF" Residential zoning to the west and "PF" Public Facilities zoning to the east for city hall and the police station. The Planning Commission has considered this application and has recommended denying the application as presented, but to approve the rezoning of 211, 215, 0 and 225 Meigs which includes six parcels. The parcels not recommended for approval are the two fronting on Washington Street as this street is residential in nature. This recommendation is in line with the proposed land use plan and the existing comprehensive plan which proposes the property be for "downtown" use. Item #1 on tonight's agenda, Option B, provides an ordinance reflecting this recommendation.

Dick Brady asked if the failure to endorse Option A with Item #1 is based on the fact residences may be negatively impacted by the change in zoning. Angela Byington said the opinion is the rezone of these parcels to "DB" Downtown Business is not in the best interest of the residences along Washington Street. Wesley Poole asked if there is additional information supporting Option A (rezone of eight parcels). Dan McGookey said he has no problem to withdraw his application as it pertains to the parcels on Washington Street and is in total agreement with what the Planning Commission has recommended.

Dan McGookey, McGookey Properties LLC, 225 Meigs Street, said he supports the rezone of the former bait shop located at 215 Meigs Street as well as his law office at 225 Meigs Street as approved by the Sandusky Planning Commission to Downtown Business. The request for 215

Meigs Street is to return it to its former use (a bait shop) as outlined in the city's Code of Ordinances and he believes this will be a great success. Dan McGookey said he has been a good citizen and his record speaks for itself; he has been an attorney and paid taxes for the past 35 years in Sandusky and has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars improving these properties known as Picket Village. The fence will continue to be moved as he can afford to do it and this is symbolic of what towns like Sandusky should be. This is symbolic of a welcome attitude and he asked for support with the rezoning and the entertainment district.

There being no further public comment, the President declared the public hearing closed.

Dennis Murray announced the opening of a public hearing regarding an expansion of the city's Community Entertainment District.

Angela Byington said the city received an application from McGookey Properties, LLC for the expansion of the existing community entertainment district to include multiple properties located at the northwest corner of Meigs and Washington Streets. These are the same parcels being requested for rezoning for the purpose of opening a micro-brewery and restaurant. Community Entertainment Districts are established through the Ohio Revised Code and locally regulated through Chapter 1159 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Owners and operators of businesses in this district are eligible for a D5J liquor permit at a reduced price, and not more than one can be issued for each five acres of land located within the district; there is a cap of 15 permits per district. If the properties are properly zoned, they are eligible for inclusion in the entertainment district. If properly zoned properties are not contained within the district, the owners may apply for normal liquor permit which would likely have to be purchased on the open market. Staff's opinion is it may be premature to approve the expansion of the existing community entertainment district at this time as the city is currently undertaking the Master Plan process which should be complete at the end of the fall.

Dan McGookey, McGookey Properties LLC, 225 Meigs Street, said he understands these permits are limited and this is an important decision for everyone to consider and choose wisely. His assistant put the paperwork together for this application and noted the Community Entertainment District was established in October, 2010, and a map was drawn by John Hancock; Dan McGookey said the map shows this area is in the entertainment district although separated by Meigs Street. In Phase II of his plans, Dan McGookey said he would like to have a brewery and for this area to be known as the Brewery District and believes this will happen. This is an important step along the way and there is interest to invest in this project. Liquor permits would be ten times the amount compared to entertainment district permits so this is important from a financial perspective and people who may wish to back him may - or may not - come aboard depending on this. Dan McGookey said he does not know what lies ahead with the Marina District, including city hall and this will be the most important decision the city will face for the next several decades. The commissioners will form the shape and look of the city. Dan McGookey said his plans are totally consistent and compatible with what will happen to the city hall property and to deny him the right to a valued designation of entertainment district is totally inconsistent with what the city is going to do with this (city hall) property.

Dennis Murray said he has observed what Dan McGookey has done to this corner of the city which is very well maintained and very attractive and he (Dan) continues to work on it; the city appreciates this investment. We are looking, as a community, at a bottleneck down the road and liquor permits in the city have been important in expanding what truly has become an entertainment district. The way he understands this works is the entertainment district is created, and the city's sole ability to control where the permits are to by modify the map by adding or subtracting parcels. There are several permits sitting on a shelf and not being used and there may only be one or two more left in this district. Angela Byington said from what she can tell, there are nine active permits and five pending permits with one additional permit coming back into the market for a total of 15. Dennis Murray asked if the city has the ability to tell those with applications pending but not in use to "fish or cut bait". This is an important issue to look at and he would like to look at the city's options. Once up and running for two years, businesses are eligible to transition into a different type of license and the city needs to

look at this, but we do not have all of the expertise needed to fully consider this issue. Dennis Murray said he has suggested we may want to spend a few dollars to get the best liquor permit lawyer to get a better understanding of our options down the road. We do not know what will happen with this property and the Master Plan is particularly important; no matter what happens, it would be ideal to have a brewery across the street and the city will not be in competition with or supplement its revenues with this and we are not anxious to use one for ourselves. We do need to be cognizant there will be additional development in the city over future years and this momentum will continue; we need to know what options we have. Dennis Murray said he does not favor granting nor denying this and does not anticipate voting on it tonight, but wants to have a better understanding of what the options are.

Dan McGookey, McGookey Properties LLC, 225 Meigs Street, said he appreciates this but as part of this consideration, the city should also be thinking about what will be happening on this (city hall) property. As the commissioners think about this, their decision on his application will naturally flow. A limited number of permits are available in the entertainment district and the city must choose wisely and he expects nothing less. As part of this decision, the commission must take a leap of faith this area is worthy of the designation and he submits that it is. However this all ends up, Dan McGookey said private commerce will flow from the city hall property and the commercial development right across the street. It is totally inconsistent to say the parcel across the street is not worthy of a community entertainment district designation. Dan McGookey said a map was drawn up in 2010 for an additional parcel to be added into the district; it was initially set up by the commission prior to that.

Dick Brady said the city should vet this and get it right instead of getting it fast. The city should not rush to judgment on the future of this property (city hall) and the surrounding property and we are going to get this train where Dan McGookey wants it to go. Naomi Twine said Dan McGookey has indeed done well with the property across the street but does not want to feel rushed into making a decision tonight. Wesley Poole said he is specifically interested in what the city's options are with the State of Ohio dealing with permits which have been issued but are not being utilized. Jeff Smith said if the city denies this, Dan McGookey has the option to apply for a regular liquor permit. If granted, the city has just filled a huge gap and expanded the entertainment district. This would fill in the gaps between Meigs Street and downtown and he would like to see this happen across the street. Scott Schell said the city appreciates the investment made in our little corner of town and does not want Dan McGookey to think this project is not worthy because it is. These permits have been a terrific development tool for turning this area into a culinary destination; very little of this development would have happened without them. The city does have an extensive master planning process underway which will help to look at this corner of town as well as others. Once we get this information, we will be much better prepared to make a decision.

Don Icsman said the city controls the districts and can change the boundaries by adding or subtracting designated areas. The system of permitting is controlled by the State of Ohio so the city has no say once the district is established. The statute requires the decision to be made on whether it contributes to the entertainment, retail, educational, sporting, social, and cultural or art opportunities for the community, not on the scarcity of the licenses or what might be considered in the future. What is clear after speaking with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control's attorney is they do try to watch for persons sitting on licenses and they do not allow this. The commission does not have a formal role to play, but if we thought this was happening and notify the Division; they can respond and there are administrative code provisions regulating this. Whether this makes sense or not, this is the system and the permits are the Division's to issue. Don Icsman said the next permit within the district is all the city can control and if it furthers the interests mentioned in the statute, the city acts upon that, not what may be forthcoming. The permits can become scarce, but the reasons to object to an issuance or transfer are the same reasons for any other objection. Dennis Murray asked if the city has a right to have two entertainment districts and Don Icsman said the reason we have D5J's is because of our amusement park, Cedar Point; the other reason to create one is if there were to be \$50 million of investment made.

Vicki Bird, Wilbert Street, asked if there could be other areas designated as Community Entertainment Districts and Dennis Murray said he would like to explore whether the city may or may not qualify for this by meeting specific criteria; districts also must be contiguous. Vicki Bird asked the parameters for the existing district and was provided with a map.

There being no further public comment, the President declared the public hearing closed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager

AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP FOR MCGOOKEY PROPERTIES, LLC

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-071: It is requested an ordinance be passed **amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone six parcels from R2F two-family residential district to DB downtown 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 Scott Schell and second of Jeff Smith the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NON-PRODUCTIVE LANDS

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with these request for proposals is \$131 for title reports and transfer fees, plus the total amount of administrative staff time utilized and fees for the required newspaper publications. It is anticipated that these expenses will be recouped upon sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-072: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring that certain real property acquired through the city's land reutilization program and owned by the city identified as Parcel #58-01867.000 located at 230 Center Street and Parcel #57-02540.000 located at 1105 Second Street, are no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the city manager to proceed with a request for proposals process for the sale of property;** and declaring that this ordinance take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Naomi Twine the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Amanda Meyers said 230 Center Street was acquired through the forfeiture process at the end of 2014; it is a two-bedroom property and the exterior has been rehabbed. The property at 1105 Second Street was recently obtained through the foreclosure process and it is in a nice area of town and is a small, two-bedroom property with a detached garage. The property needs extensive rehabilitation and the Land Band Committee would like to provide someone with the opportunity to invest in it. Dennis Murray asked if the proposal is to advertise and accept sealed bids; Amanda Meyers said traditionally the city compares the bid with the rehab plans to determine what is in its best interest and there is interest in both of these properties. Julie Farrar said this ensures control to know how long the project will take and the purchasers are then required to live in it for a specific amount of time.

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

Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

ACCEPT TWO PARCELS THROUGH THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost of this acquisition will be approximately \$161 which includes title exam and transfer fees, of which the city will recoup upon sale. The taxing districts will not collect the \$2,626.82 owed in delinquent property taxes, nor the \$430.37 owed in penalties and interest, totaling \$3,057.19. The city will not collect the \$1,286.78 owed to the city in special assessments for weed cutting.

RESOLUTION NO. 017-015R: It is requested a resolution be passed **approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the land reutilization program;** and declaring that this resolution 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 resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Victoria Kurt, Recreation Program Supervisor

ESTABLISHING TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR PRESENTATION OF OHIO BIKE WEEK BY ADVANTAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. In consideration of provision of the normal services of the City of Sandusky Police Department, the City of Sandusky Fire Department and Public Services, Advantage Entertainment LLC shall annually pay the amount of \$17,500 for event years 2015 and 2016, \$20,000 for event years 2017 through 2021, and should the City and Advantage Entertainment LLC mutually agree to an additional five (5) year term, \$25,000 for event years 2022 through 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-073: It is requested an ordinance be passed **repealing Ordinance No. 12-025, and authorizing and directing the city manager to establish terms and conditions for presentation of Ohio Bike Week by Advantage Entertainment LLC from 2 p.m. on June 3, 2015 to 5 p.m. on June 7, 2015, and from year to year through the year 2021, for the event area, and further authorizing the city manager to take such actions as are deemed necessary and proper to implement the presentation of Ohio Bike Week in the city;** 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 Scott Schell the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said he owns part of the property utilized by Ohio Bike Week and he will abstain from discussing and voting on the legislation. Wesley Poole said he appreciates Advantage Entertainment for growing this annual event held every year in Sandusky and thanked everyone who helped to put this together. This event is important to the city's growth and continuation of the event. Eric Wobser thanked the Ohio Bike Week event managers, Victoria Kurt and staff in the police, fire and finance departments. This is a big production and this is a good agreement to keep the event in Sandusky for years to come.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**NASA BUILDING ACQUISITION**

Budgetary Information: Section 40 U.S.C. 545 (b) (8) allowed the City of Sandusky to submit written notification of our desire to acquire the property via negotiated sale. United States GSA is requesting \$1 for the property. This would be paid from the water fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-074: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to execute an offer to purchase for the building commonly known as the former NASA Big Island pumping station located at the Big Island Water Works plant;** 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 Julie Farrar the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this building is at the BIWW facility and owned by NASA. At this point, we would be acquiring only the building, not the piping system. We do not yet have an identified use for the facility, but because of the TTHM analysis and other algal issues the city has had, we can reasonably use it for any project. Wesley Poole asked what the process is behind the city owning the building but not the piping inside. Aaron Klein said last year when NASA released the Rye Beach pump station, they also released the piping along with it and this is something he is still looking into with NASA, Erie County and the GSA; the building is being released for \$1. Dennis Murray said the pipes would not be of much use to us but it is critical to have an agreement with Erie County to fund the rehab of the NASA/Rye Beach intake and these conversations have begun. Aaron Klein said they would like to bring the City of Huron into the discussion as well and there will be some critical decisions made during the next several months so these can be used as a secondary intake for our facility.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW PAR DBA VERIZON WIRELESS (LESSEE)**

Budgetary Information: The city will be due \$6,000 annually beginning on the date Lessee commences construction on the facility. Lessee will be subject to annual three percent rent escalations. Further, since the proposed land lease agreement will result in a co-location, the city will be due an extra \$150 per month under the terms of Section 12 (b) of the 2004 communications site option and land lease agreement.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-075: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a land lease agreement with New Par dba Verizon Wireless relating to the Milan Road cell tower;** 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 Wesley Poole the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Matt Lasko said the city has an existing 20-year cell phone tower land lease agreement at 2019 Milan Road dating back to 2004. The city has been approached by Verizon Wireless and they are asking to co-locate on the tower which is fairly common, and sign a new land lease agreement for an initial five-year term with five, five-year extensions. In order to do this, Verizon needs to build a co-location facility and lease an extra 1,010 SF to allow them to attach to the existing tower. They would still be subject to the original land lease from 2004 so if this is ever terminated, the new lease up for consideration will also be terminated. Under the terms of the new agreement, the city will receive \$6,000 annually subject to three percent

annual escalators which will also trigger an increase of \$150 per month to the original lease which the city will be due subject to the co-location of the new carrier. Matt Lasko said it would also be good for the commission to consider placing the "new" \$6,000 into the city's Real Estate Development Fund created recently; the new \$150 per month can still go into the general fund.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted for the "new" \$6,000 from New Par dba Verizon Wireless to be directed into the city's Real Estate Development Fund. The President declared the motion passed.

**ITEM #7 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GREATER OHIO**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. The funds are CDBG and have already been appropriated.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-076: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an amendment to the subrecipient agreement with the Volunteers of America (VOA) of Greater Ohio to provide the Help Against Homelessness program;** 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 Naomi Twine the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Angela Byington said the city currently has an agreement with the VOA to administer CDBG funds totaling \$60,000 for homeless prevention activities. We are nearing the end of the agreement and the VOA has asked for a line item change of \$6,000 from the emergency mortgage program or activity to the emergency utility payments to assist clients in need and allow them to spend these funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #8 – Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman
PURCHASE OF FOUR YAMAHA GAS POWERED GOLF CARTS**

Budgetary Information: This purchase will be made from the Mills Creek Golf Course account.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-077: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to purchase four Yamaha gas powered golf carts from Lake Erie Golf Cars, LLC, of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, for use at the Mills Creek Golf Course;** 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 Scott Schell the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Brad Link said we will get four new carts to add to the current fleet of 30; the four oldest will be set aside so when there are golf outings or busy days, they can be utilized. The city's maintenance crew does a great job of keeping the gas-powered carts running.

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

declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk

A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer of D5 (*sspirituous 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 from Michael A. Mccaran dba Crowbar, 206 West Market Street to Crowbar LLC dba Crowbar, 206 West Market Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Julie Farrar and Scott Schell, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation of time, labor and concrete from A & N Excavating to pour a slab for the bleachers at Kiwanis Park; the Panther Baseball Club currently uses and maintains the ball field and this improvement will help secure and balance the bleachers as people watch the games. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept a donation of property to be used for the East End sewer project from Joshua D. Didion, Trustee of Gilbert W. Didion Living Trust. The property was appraised at \$15,000; Mr. Didion will make an in-kind donation of \$4,000 toward the price of the property and this will be ratified through legislation at the next commission meeting. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$85 from Bay Harbor Marina as well as a donation in the amount of \$2.16 from Brycen Wobser for the Police Department's K-9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept a donation from Dave Waddington for the 2015 yard waste drop-off held at Barnes Nursery on Saturday, June 23 (amount is unknown). The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said the city was notified several months ago Akro Mils, a business on the west end of town, is beginning to consolidate a division of their plastics plant to the City of Wadsworth. This consolidation has been in place since 2013 when they notified Team NEO and we have been told there was no ability to impact this decision as it was made at the corporate level. This will affect 15 full-time employees who were notified of their options to be laid off or transferred. The metals division of Akro Mils will remain in Sandusky with approximately 65 employees staying here. The city was told this was a corporate decision and not based upon any negative issues with Sandusky and it was made prior to notifying the City of Sandusky. The company has pledged 250 SF of office space which is one of the more modern facilities in town available for development. Dennis Murray said it is unfortunate the city will be losing these jobs and is satisfied we have reacted as quickly and best as we could.

Eric Wobser said the **sodium permanganate repairs have been completed**; the system has been operational for over one month with no problems and this is great news for safety. Eric Wobser thanked Aaron Klein for his work with this project.

Eric Wobser said the **work being done by city staff, the Ohio Department of Transportation staff and their contractors, has been effective in mitigating traffic.**

Eric Wobser said **bids are being accepted for the traffic signal at Parish Street and Columbus Avenue** through May 28.

Eric Wobser said as a reminder, the City of Sandusky has a curfew in effect for those under the age of 18. The curfew hours do not apply when in the company of a parent/guardian, going to or from work, going to or from school functions or to church related activities for minors aged 14 or under: Sunday through Thursday at 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m.; minors 15 or older: Sunday through Thursday at 11 p.m., and; Friday and Saturday at 12 p.m.

Eric Wobser said the next meeting for the Bicentennial visioning process is scheduled for May 28 with the Sandusky Rotary Club as the kick-off to our public engagement process. The community survey has been launched and is available on the city's website as well as on www.Sandusky2018.com. Other public meeting dates, all beginning at 6 p.m., are as follows: June 1 – downtown tour with the State Theatre; June 18 - waterfront tour on the Goodtime; July 8 - central neighborhood walking tour with public discussion following at the Sandusky Library; July 16 - west side neighborhood walking tour with public discussion following at Lions Park; July 21 - east side neighborhood walking tour with public discussion following at Star Lanes; July 29 - south side neighborhood walking tour with public discussion following at Churchwell Park with Conestoga program. These dates are posted on the city's website. Dennis Murray said the list of public meetings is outstanding and he does not think the city has done anything like this before.

Eric Wobser said city staff is currently reviewing expedited means of being able to **abate high grass and weed** nuisances in order to limit the length of time before properties can be cut once they reach eight inches in height. Staff, in partnership with the law department, plans to make recommendations to City Commission in the upcoming weeks regarding suggested changes to the City's codified ordinances.

Eric Wobser said the Tax Incentive Negotiating Committee was created to review initial tax abatement for both the Community Reinvestment Area and Enterprise Zone applications, and to negotiate the terms of each agreement with the applicant. This committee body, after negotiating agreeable terms with an applicant, provides that recommendation to the City Commission for review and consideration. Members of this committee, preferably, are appointed by the City Commission and Eric Wobser asked the City Commission to make appoints representing the City Commission, the Sandusky City School (SCS) district, the City Manager's Office, the Finance Department and the Community Development Department.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to appoint Gina Deppert – SCS Treasurer, Wes Poole, Eric Wobser, Hank Solowiej and Matt Lasko to the Tax Incentive Negotiating Committee. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said the city will be conducting two CDBG projects this summer, in-house, including the grading and seeding of the gravel city lot between the Chesapeake Lofts and the Jackson Street Pier, new playground equipment and an ADA-accessible swing at Lions Park. Eric Wobser said the **splash pads at Lions and Huron Parks have been turned on** in time for Memorial Day.

Eric Wobser said the two **blighted houses next to the Cameo on Fulton Street will be burned/abated** by members of the Sandusky Fire Department on Wednesday, June 3 beginning a 9 a.m. This is a great training opportunity and supports a local business with demolition costs.

OLD BUSINESS

Dick Brady set he met with Brad Link today and a **purchase order was written for two solar powered stop signs at East and West Parish Street where they intersect with Columbus Avenue** and will highlight the danger at this intersection prior to reestablishing the traffic light.

Dick Brady asked Brad Link to pursue a **RFQ for surveillance cameras for the recycle centers which have been experiencing egregious illegal dumping.** These are very effective and inexpensive. Dennis Murray said occasionally mattresses are placed on tree lawns and Brad Link said when the city receives complaints, they are stockpiled and then taken to the landfill. Dennis Murray said this is unfair to the taxpayers and being obligated to pay for trash for those not wishing to take care of it. Communities with multiple trash haulers usually offer a bulk item pickup so everyone is collecting and paying for the large items which do not fit in the trash containers provided. Dennis Murray asked if the property owners can be cited for the city to recoup some of these costs and Brad Link said there are occasions when the city can issue citations. This must be trash and there must be evidence of who dumped it.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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Dennis Murray said the city is working to rectify an **issue at the Venice Road and George Street area as when approaching this intersection from the East, travelers are turning right onto George Street instead of using the new roadway (S.R. 6).** The city has contacted providers of GPS so their mapping can be changed to reflect the new roadway rather than having drivers turn onto George Street which is a dead end.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Hartman, 533 East Perkins Avenue, said safety issues were discussed at the last Sandusky Crime Prevention Council specific to the Sandusky Bay Pavilion and they support locking the gates at 10 p.m. and removing shrubbery which blocks views. No one has yet been seriously injured here, but at some point, they will. Occasionally, people are very diligent to point out things at fault which is the easy part; it is just as diligent to speak to solutions or answers to issues.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked about the \$17,500 in matching funds for security with Ohio Bike Week and asked if the city will now match the new amount of \$25,000. Eric Wobser said he is unaware of any financial match for Ohio Bike Week; this money is meant to match our expenses for safety services. This does not come quite to the total amount, but the city is not doubling this amount for in-kind services. Sharon Johnson thanked Dick Brady for getting cameras for the recycle sites. Sharon Johnson said the Sandusky Bay Pavilion property needs to be addressed and there are two holes in the roof of the building. Dennis Murray said staff has been directed to come up with numbers or options to make repairs with different contractors.

Terry Burton, 2212 Milan Road, said he and his wife purchased one of the bank properties from the city last winter and have just started to renovate it. Terry Burton thanked the city for the opportunity to do this and stated many negative things are said about the city, but this is a very good program and he is proud to be given this opportunity. The inspectors and city staff have helped get a lot of things done and it has been a positive experience for them. Dennis Murray said it is nice to hear this from a resident and the overwhelming majority of time the city does get things right.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said the grass needs to be cut at the corner of Olds Street and West Monroe Street; businesses which are closed down or vacant need to be taken care of.

The property at 1910 Wilbert Street also needs attention and Issue 8 funding was set aside for these types of things. The former Hopper's property needs to be cut. Vicki Bird asked if the sand box can be removed at the Wilbert Street Park and toddler swings added. Dick Brady said the city will be dealing with the grass cutting issue in a much stronger effort. Dennis Murray said the city has a lengthy notification process after which due process is done, the city can cite the owner, but we do not collect a lot of this money and we are looking at options to change this process. High visibility properties or those which might affect safety are a high priority.

The President announced a recess of the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., the commission went into executive session. The President announced adjournment at 7:03 p.m.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
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