

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

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith 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, Lynne Gast-King – Assistant Law Director, Sally Poggiali – Senior Accountant/Auditor Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to excuse Julie Farrar. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015, city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked how the city arrived at the list of streets for resurfacing (Item #10).

Jennifer Brindley, 547 50<sup>th</sup> Street, said it is a very good idea to pass legislation to increase EMS fees and reallocate monies for demolition of vacant and abandoned buildings in order to keep our fire fighters safe and clean up the city (Item #14).

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, asked if this legislation was for blighted buildings or industrial areas (Item #14) and wants to make sure the west end fire station will stay open and staffed.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

#### **ITEM #1 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

#### **\$25,000 GRANT & \$125,000 LOAN TO TIER 3, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 223 WEST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing \$25,000 in grant proceeds from the Community Development Capital Projects fund and \$125,000 in loan proceeds from the Economic Development Capital Projects fund.

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 15-086:** It is requested an ordinance be **passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to Tier 3, LLC in relation to the property located at 223 West Water Street;** 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 with regard to Items 1A, 1B and 2, Ryan and Nicole Lloyd are here and can answer specific questions about the project. This project is the renovation of 223 West Water Street which will be converted into a nine room boutique hotel and lounge and is a \$1.2 million project in totality. The city was approached to provide a financing package and Ryan and Nicole are working with Civista Bank and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority as financiers for the project. The Housing & Economic Development Committee met on May 27

and a multi-tiered finance package was proposed and is now before the commission for consideration. The first is a \$25,000 grant for blight elimination and façade improvements which would be proposed to come from Issue 8 blight elimination funding (Item #1A). A \$125,000 loan is also up for consideration (Item #1B) with two tiers:

- 1) \$100,000 is being proposed as must-pay debt, seven-year loan at four percent interest; and
- 2) \$25,000 four percent loan with deferred payments and accrued interest – this is forgivable over the course of five years provided the business remains operational and in compliance with city codes.

The city would be collateralized on the mortgage with the 223 West Water Street property. It is also important to note the city's funds are proposed to come into the project last so we will be assured the project is making significant progress. Dick Brady said the city is not breaking new ground with this kind of deal but what is unusual is there are two relatively young entrepreneurs who are going to spend upwards of a million dollars in our city and we are going to give them the catalyst to start this process. Dick Brady said he is thrilled with the idea of a boutique hotel downtown and this is exactly the right prescription we need with our fine restaurants and cannot think of a more appropriate way to invest our dollars into a successful project. Dennis Murray thanked Ryan and Nicole for this investment of cold, hard cash and said their investment (with Volstead) has attracted good attention to our region.

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

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 15-087:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and approving a loan agreement in the amount of \$125,000 to Tier 3, LLC in relation to the property located at 223 West Water Street;** 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 Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

**CRA TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIER 3, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 223 WEST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund, as 25% of the increase in value will be subject to real estate taxes during the abatement period. The project will also help sustain construction jobs in the local economy and will create an estimated ten full-time equivalent employment positions that will be subject to city income tax.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-088:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **ratifying the Community Reinvestment Area agreement and Community Area Compensation agreement with Tier 3, LLC; authorizing the city manager to execute the Community Reinvestment Area agreement substantially in the same form attached to this ordinance;** 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 under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko said the city put a downtown Community Reinvestment Area into place many years ago to spur economic and residential development downtown. This allows applicants to seek tax abatements for up to ten years at one hundred percent on the cost of actual physical improvements to the real estate. Through the Tax Incentive Negotiating Committee, Ryan and Nicole were seeking ten-year, seventy five percent abatement on the cost of improvements and anticipate putting in just over \$900,000 in physical improvements; it may not appraise this high post-construction, but this is what they could go up to. It should be noted the Sandusky City Schools did consider this on June 29 and unanimously supported this abatement. Through the CRA agreement, the city collects an annual fee of \$200 to administer oversight of the abatement. Dennis Murray said while this is a tax abatement for this parcel, up until recently, the schools were not collecting any money but now will be collecting additional monies on the 25% valuation and will collect the full value of the real estate taxes.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. 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 Marvin Ranaldson, Transit Administrator**

**NECESSITY TO PROCEED WITH VEHICLE LIFT PROJECT FOR SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

**Budgetary Information:** The engineer's estimate for the total project cost including advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$16,000 and will be funded by the remaining funds from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**RESOLUTION NO. 023-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Sandusky Transit System vehicle lift project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Scott Schell the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Marvin Randalson, Sandusky Transit Administrator, said in 2007, there were two lifts in the maintenance facility and one was removed when the city changed contractors as it was not city property. As a result, it takes longer for vehicles to be repaired and maintained and they are being sent out for repair; it is more about the time they are off the road than costs. This will help speed our ability to keep our fleet up and running. This new lift cannot accommodate the 40' vehicles, but this work is sent out anyway.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. 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 Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning  
PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR 2513 VENICE ROAD**

**Budgetary Information:** The project cost will not exceed \$14,500. The cost will be paid with CDBG funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-089:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement for professional services with Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for a Phase II environmental site assessment for the property located at 2513 Venice Road and formerly known as Hopper's Mobile Home Park;** 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 Jeff Smith 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 is considering taking ownership of this property and in order to do so, we need to complete our environmental due diligence. A Phase I environmental site assessment was completed in October, 2014, and there was one recognized environmental condition noted in the summary. It is possible there is contamination from the former Sunoco property and it is in our best interests to complete a Phase II environmental assessment. Seven firms were contacted directly for proposals and the city received two responses; the lowest was Mannik & Smith Group and the not to exceed amount is \$13,800 (although originally noted as \$14,500). Wesley Poole said the city is taking steps now to put the city into a position to do something with this property as soon as possible. Dennis Murray said it is sometimes frustrating to spend money to make land developable in the city, but as an older community, these are the issues we face. We need to make this investment for other development to occur.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. 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**

**WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT NOMINATION FOR ALGAL BLOOM ISSUES**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact at this time for submitting the nomination forms.

**RESOLUTION NO. 024-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **approving the submission of water supply revolving loan account nomination forms for harmful algal bloom infrastructure improvements through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency;** 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 Scott Schell the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said algae has become an issue in Lake Erie and the city commissioned a study recommending several projects, some of which we would like to move forward with right away totaling \$2.6 million. The city recently became aware, in discussions with the EPA, the ODNR and others, the federal government made \$50 million available. The city has these projects ready to go and would like to move forward with applying for no-interest loans for these four projects. This is the first step to submit a nomination form and if they like the projects, we will then submit an application and receive funding. The city will not have to pay interest as the money was already included in the rate study and we had expected to take out OWDA loans at approximately four percent, but we would be saving this if we can get this no-interest loan from the EPA. This savings would mean approximately \$190,000 per year over 20 years (\$3.5 million to \$3.8 million). Aaron Klein said currently, once we know algae is coming into the plant, we start dosing it with chemicals. When we see there is a potential for algae, we start increasing the chemical feed throughout the plant. The retention of the water in the distribution system was causing the elevated TTHM's (a byproduct of the chemical treatment process). Doing this project and getting a better understanding of how to properly dose the chemicals will not only save for the remote areas/customers, but will also save in chemical costs because we will not have to dose as much. We are looking at a sodium permanganate feed point to be extended down the intake, improving the emergency intake which we currently have in place and getting reimbursed for the study regarding algae toxins and TTHM's. The buoy system which is being utilized by BGSU/Firelands College will look more at the algae at the surface so we can understand it. This could go along with helping with the toxins in our water. Dennis Murray said the EPA was also participating by telephone in a recent meeting and they were very complimentary of the work being done by Aaron Klein, Doug Keller and our

consultants and said Sandusky is at the forefront of these issues on Lake Erie. Dick Brady said the city will be spending thousands of dollars with this issue in the future and two good things can come out of it. We ought to be doing loans for zero percent interest and for a small community like Sandusky to be out in front of this issue is a good thing, and it sets a standard for a community with a population of 25,000. Dennis Murray said the paperwork can be a nightmare to get through but appreciates the work being done.

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

**ITEM #6 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**BIDDING FOR EAST END SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The engineer's estimate for the total project cost including construction (\$4,327,721.50), inspection, bidding services, advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$4,760,493.65, which will be funded entirely with sewer funds with partial reimbursement from Erie County pursuant to the Sewer Services agreement. This project was included as part of the rate increases. We anticipate applying for a low interest OWDA loan for this project, but applications cannot be completed until after the bid opening.

**RESOLUTION NO. 025-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed east end sewer improvements project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Dick Brady the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this project is for design services and easement acquisitions for a sewer project which is mentioned in our general plan to help reduce overflows throughout the city. We will be putting in new sanitary sewers on Remington Avenue from Laurel Street to Cleveland Road. The sewer will go down Cleveland Road to Farwell Street and will increase capacity and redirect some of the flow from current lift stations; capacity will be increased on Farwell and extended into a force main to Third Street. In addition, we will be doing a lift station at East Oldgate and increasing its capacity. The East End sewer improvements are from the Foxborough area to Farwell Street and will help the situation. This will also help with the county situation where sometimes pumps have to be turned off because there is not enough capacity. Dennis Murray said this is a massive project and this was already included in the rate study. While the general plan has been submitted to the Ohio EPA, we continue to have dialogue and ask questions as they have not yet signed off on whether what we are doing is sufficient. Aaron Klein said another meeting is set with the EPA for next week to come to an agreement on these issues. This was shown in the rate study and we would be looking at an OWDA loan for this project as well and this will allow us to obtain bids.

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

**ITEM #7 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, P.E.**

**WATER STREET REHABILITATION & PAVING PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #1**

**Budgetary Information:** The original contract with Speer Bros., Inc. is for \$1,237,389.10. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$19,332.76 will be paid out of the Bid Item #118 – Special Contingency \$90,000 and the original contract amount will remain unchanged. The Ohio Public

Works Commission grant will fund 19% of this cost in the amount of \$3,673.22 and the city is responsible for the remaining funding of \$15,659.54. At this time, 80% of ODOT's Surface Transportation Funds are already providing the maximum amount available for this project. The city's share of change order #1 will be paid with sewer funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-090:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to approve the first change order for work performed by Speer Bros., Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Water Street rehabilitation and paving project in the amount of \$19,332.76;** 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 Jeff Smith 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 project is being managed by Jane Cullen and the plans call for the soil to be removed and placed back into the excavation over the sewer and water lines. The city knew there would be fill here, but we did not have borings; the geotechnical borings taken show the soil was better than what actually came out. We encountered railroad ties, bricks and rocks and we could not put this back in and justify getting proper compaction between the sewer and the road. Hopefully this \$19,000 will buy us more life for the road and will pay off in the long run. Dick Brady said this is one of the change orders which ensures projects are being installed per specifications by the Public Works Department. For a few dollars, we are not going to risk less than a very good installation and if this change order were not approved, that is what we would be doing with the quality and integrity of the road. Wesley Poole said he appreciates the staff in Public Works doing this right the first time. Dennis Murray said this essentially means pay for it now or pay for it later and is similar to what Erie County is going through right now.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. 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 Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**ROOF REPAIR AT WASTE WATER LABORATORY BUILDING**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for this project is \$14,684.12 for materials, equipment, delivery and installation, which would be paid from the sewer fund. This work is included in the recent rate increase.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-091:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of a new roof for the Waste Water Treatment plant laboratory through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, cooperative purchasing program from Duro-Last Roofing, Inc., of Saginaw, Michigan; and declaring that this ordinance take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**Upon motion of Scott Schell 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:* Dennis Murray said we have a badly leaking roof and it is time to replace it so we do not incur further expenses with laboratory equipment. Aaron Klein said a lot of the city's roofs are bad, but this is the one identified as a top priority because of the equipment and potential contamination. Wesley Poole asked if there is a game plan for other roofs; Aaron Klein said we included \$100,000 in the rate study this year to repair them. This one could not wait any longer before proceeding with others.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole,**

Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. 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 Aaron M. Klein, Director of Public Works**

**GOODTIME LEASE AGREEMENT, 2015 - 2018**

**Budgetary Information:** The three-year lease calls for an annual rent of \$15,500 per year payable in three installments per year that will go into the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-092:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a three year lease agreement with Lake Erie Island Cruises, LLC, for primary use of a portion of the dock facilities located on the Jackson Street Pier;** and declaring that this ordinance 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 under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said he understands we are renewing our current lease with the Goodtime and extending it for another three years and Aaron Klein affirmed this.

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

**ITEM #10 – Submitted by Aaron M. Klein, Director of Public Works**

**2015 STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$168,804.50 and will be paid from the capital projects fund. The funding for this project was made possible through Issue 8. All projects listed above exceed \$5.5 million for 2015 roadway construction projects.

**RESOLUTION NO. 026-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2015 street resurfacing project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the city manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Scott Schell the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said direction was received from members of the Audit/Finance Committee about this although we do not yet have the completed pavement condition rating report. The consultant was a bit delayed because of the snow lasting longer into the year. Aaron Klein said he looked at the list the city already had from the prior year which was broken down into concrete and asphalt streets. If this project were to be bid in July, it would have to be bid and under contract as quickly as possible to allow the contractor time to do the work. Asphalt is the quicker route and if asphalt was added with concrete, streets, curb, gutter and sidewalk repairs and curb ramps, these projects would have been started this year but completed next year and he did not want this as there is a lot more damage to the base if this happens. Aaron Klein said he drove all of the asphalt streets on the list and found the ones which did not have curbs and from this list it was evident, with the money we had, these were the streets we needed to do. There may be other streets needing pavement but he wants to do a full project and do it right and this is part of the reason these streets were chosen over others. The Public Services Department will be repairing Central Avenue and other streets throughout the city which will buy us some time on these roads. We will also be doing sewer work on Remington Avenue and will get Pipe Street done this year and two roads will be completed in

this area. It was decided these are the priority streets for the money available. Dennis Murray said this is a piece of the overall scope of city projects and Eric Wobser said it is important to remind ourselves these are six new projects we are doing this year in addition to seven road projects including Warren Street, Water Street, Curran Street, Perkins Avenue, Columbus Avenue and Camp Street as well as the traffic signal replacement at Columbus Avenue and Parish Street. Over one million dollars in new infrastructure money was set aside in the budget with Issue 8 funds along with capital dollars available from previous years. These six projects are roughly \$420,000 in additional monies bringing the total investment (with grant monies) at \$6 million. This is a robust infrastructure improvement for the city and we hope to build on this every year and it is in addition to investments made with other projects (play equipment, tree removal, etc.). Naomi Twine thanked Aaron Klein for the work he has done and said he is very well educated and has great foresight. Wesley Poole said we have more to do but he is extremely happy with the work staff has put together and done in the last year. Dick Brady said he drove all six of these streets and found we have 108 miles of roads and these streets account for less than three miles of the total volume of roads and he will be slightly over 100 years old when all of our roads are done; he knows this pace will be picked up and this is the tip of the iceberg. Eric Wobser said the Public Works Department is in the process of developing a capital plan for 2016 and beyond and this will provide us with a plan for the next five years. This will provide a great snapshot of where the city wants to go as well as a comprehensive listing of all infrastructure projects needing to be undertaken.

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

**ITEM #11 – Submitted by Aaron M. Klein, Director of Public Works**

**ASPHALT & PAVING MATERIAL PURCHASE FROM ERIE BLACKTOP**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost for asphalt materials to be supplied solely for this in-house street resurfacing project is \$120,000. The total project cost including planning, striping, base repairs and other work is estimated to be \$160,000. The cost of all work on this project, including this material, will be paid from the capital projects fund. The funding for this project was made possible through Issue 8.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-093:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to expend funds to Erie Materials, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for asphalt and paving material to be supplied for in-house street resurfacing projects;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

*Discussion:* We have not done full lane road repairs in-house for some time so there will be a cost savings doing this without a contractor. This was an opportunity to save some money on five of the six roads discussed in Item #10; we are utilizing Erie Materials for the material as it must stay warm enough when applied and they are the closest supplier.

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

**Dennis Murray introduced Senator Randall Gardner** who has been at the forefront in protecting Lake Erie and recently worked for legislation to bring a sports park to Erie County and Sandusky and has been trying to find time to attend a City Commission meeting. Senator Gardner said it is an honor to represent the City of Sandusky and Erie County and 120 miles of the District. The state budget has just passed and the historic tax credit program has been

important for Sandusky and others; this provision may have been suspended, but it was removed from the budget so this local government program could continue. The sports park came from business leaders and community elected officials and he tried to facilitate Erie County moving forward with this. This holds promise to move the county forward and provides an opportunity for local government to move forward. The City of Sandusky Schools did well, but not all schools in Erie County did. At the end of the budget process, the Governor vetoed funding for some area schools. Senator Gardner said there was a suggestion by Veterans in the city which would designate a portion of U.S. Route 6 as "Army Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway" and provided a copy of SB 190. While it is not typical to make a promise legislation will pass, Senator Gardner said he is confident this legislation will become law and said we will succeed in providing this honor to Army Specialist Odums. Senator Gardner said he will return to Sandusky and spend time with anyone who has issues for which he can provide assistance and he is willing to take an opportunity to drive through communities to see what might be achieved together.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said she grew up on the west end of town and is pleased Senator Gardner is helping to keep our water clean and she would like to once again swim in Sandusky Bay. It is important to have people fight for this. Senator Gardner said this was SB1 and he took this issue on because he thought it was important to do but Mother Nature, through heavy rainfall, is not going to be good as far as algae is concerned. Last year was challenging in the far west end of Sandusky and for the most part did not impact our region and he is very confident Sandusky's water treatment facility is professional and said the city does a fine job of protecting its water supply. Naomi Twine said she is happy to see SB190 go forward; Rev. Odums (Army Specialist Odum's father) does a lot of work at the Ohio Veteran's Home and people have asked about legislation to honor him. Dennis Murray thanked Senator Gardner for coming by and for the work he does and for understanding the issues.

**ITEM #12 – Submitted by Brad Link, Director of Public Services**

**CONTRACT WITH TREE EXPERTS FOR 2015 TREE REMOVAL PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost of the project based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$75,322.50, with \$50,322.50 from the capital projects funds and \$25,000 from the sewer fund. This project was made possible through Issue 8 and storm water funding.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-094:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract with Tree Experts of Huron, Ohio for the 2015 tree removal 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 under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Brad Link said the bids did come in slightly under what was expected and we will be able to utilize this overage amount to remove trees which fall down after a storm. We are excited about Tree Experts starting this process and this is just the beginning of what we are going to do and working toward taking care of all of the city's boulevard trees.

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

**ITEM #13 – Submitted by Brad Link, Director of Public Services**

**PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR SHORELINE PARK**

**Budgetary Information:** This purchase will not negatively impact the general fund. This purchase will be paid for out of Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$66,520.89.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-095:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to purchase playground equipment from David Williams & Associates of Alliance, Ohio, for Shoreline Park;** 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 Jeff Smith the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Naomi Twine, Wesley Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #14 – Submitted by Dave Degnan, Fire Chief**

**USE OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FEES FOR REMEDIATION AND REMOVAL OF BLIGHTED STRUCTURES**

**Budgetary Information:** The initial sum of \$400,000 generated annually by the fees, rates and charges provided in Chapter 961.01 shall be utilized to defray the cost of operation of the Division of Fire. Any amounts generated annually by the fees, rates and charges in excess of the sum of \$400,000 shall be attributed to and become part of the funds and accounts related to the Division of Fire and shall be used to defray the costs of equipment and capital improvements and for the remediation and removal of blighted structures as deemed necessary by the Fire Chief and the Chief Development Officer or his/her designee.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-096:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **amending Part Nine – Streets, Utilities & Public Services Code, Chapter 961 – Emergency Medical Services, Section 961.01 – Charges, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow;** 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 Dick Brady the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Scott Schell said there are a lot of layers to this issue and asked Dave Degnan to discuss some of the background, our EMS fund, and where we stand in relation to other communities. Dave Degnan said Ruby May with PCSO is also here tonight to address questions specific to billing for these services. The last time an increase was recommended was in 2007; in 2014, there was a slight change with the allocation toward the general fund. Currently when someone is treated by our EMS, they are not charged if they are not transported. Charges are according to the services provided: Basic Life Support, \$300 + \$6/mile; Advanced Life Support, \$465 + \$6/mile; and Advanced Life Support II, \$573 + \$6/mile. In comparison to other departments in Erie County, Sandusky charges less while our run call volume is higher. Perkins Township charges \$1,090.17 for Advanced Life Support II and Sandusky's is significantly less at \$573.00. Dave Degnan said the increase for Basic Life Support is proposed to be \$430, or an increase of \$130. Advanced Life Support I would be \$500 or an increase of \$35 per call. Advanced Life Support II is being proposed to increase to \$625 or \$52 more per call plus increasing mileage charges to \$11/mile. Naomi Twine asked what happens if these fees are not approved for increase. Dave Degnan said last year, \$885,000 was brought in through EMS billing and starting in 2015, changes are in effect as to how insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are covered and we could expect to lose \$36,000 – \$43,000 right off the top and now is the time to do this. Dick Brady asked what our uncollectables are currently and asked if we knew for certain whether these dollars will come from insurance companies rather than from people's pockets. Ruby May said it would be a combination of both; currently, the city collects between 58% - 60% of their charges. With an increase, this percentage would probably stay similar, but her concern is Medicare reimbursement rates are currently higher than what the city is charging, so these are actually unclaimed funds available which have not been utilized.

As far as the allocation of monies, Dave Degnan said he recommends passing legislation to change the current language in Sandusky Codified Ordinance Section 961.01 authorizing funds from the EMS account to be utilized for the remediation of blighted structures inherently

dangerous to any firefighter conducting fire suppression or rescue operations within these buildings. The City of Sandusky has numerous buildings more than a century old and some of those same buildings have been vacant and/or abandoned for a decade or more. A building, like a person, has a life span of 75 to 100 years. Beyond this age, without significant reinvestment, a structure becomes badly deteriorated. Wood shrinks and rots, mortar loses its adhesive qualities and steel rusts. Unless there is a great effort at preservation, these older buildings will eventually partially and quite possibly completely collapse resulting in civilian and firefighter injuries and/or deaths. A building, abandoned for several years, exposed to rain, snow, summer heat and freezing temperatures will collapse more quickly in a fire than will occupied buildings. In April, 2009, The National Fire Protection Association published a research paper titled, "Vacant Building Fires", by Marty Aherns that provided the following statistics: from 2003 - 2006, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated average of 31,000 vacant building structure fires and 4,500 fire fighters were injured annually at these incidents. Only six percent of all reported structure fires were at vacant buildings, but they accounted for 13% of the firefighter injuries at structure fires. From 1998 - 2007, 15 fire fighters were killed in vacant building fires; 43% of vacant building fires were intentionally set (25% of all structure fires). On December 22, 2010, two Chicago fire fighters were killed when the roof of an 84 year old vacant and abandoned building collapsed onto them sixteen minutes after arriving on scene of an interior fire. This building had been vacant and abandoned for five years and the owner had been previously cited for deteriorating conditions. Fire fighters in the United States and Sandusky alike are skilled professionals and aggressively attack any fire they are called upon to fight. At times, this aggressive approach to interior fire attack has resulted in multiple unnecessary fire fighter injuries and deaths even though there were no trapped victims in need of rescue. In an effort to reduce fire fighter fatalities, the International Association of Fire Chiefs has created a set of rules a fire officer should follow before sending fire fighters into any dangerous situation. Two of those rules can create a conflict for the officer and fire fighters responding to a fire in a vacant and abandoned building: do not risk firefighter lives for lives or property that cannot be saved. We must extend vigilant and measured risk to protect and rescue savable lives. Fire fighters are compelled to risk their lives even at the slightest possibility that a savable victim is still inside and could die if they do not act. On December 3, 1999, five fire fighters and one fire officer died in an abandoned warehouse in Worcester, Massachusetts after becoming lost while searching for possible homeless people still in the building. The homeless man and woman who caused the fire escaped unharmed before any fire fighters arrived. The tragic deaths of the six fire fighters in Worcester, as well as the two Chicago firefighters, would have been avoided if these vacant buildings had been demolished. Dave Degnan said as the Fire Chief, he has a unique opportunity to offer the financial means to remove blighted structures from city neighborhoods effectively eliminating any chance anyone could be injured or die in those vacant buildings. The EMS account is adequately funded and the department's facility, equipment and operational needs are all being met. The excess funds in the account can be directed towards demolition, making a strong impact in our neighborhoods through the removal of these deteriorating vacant structures. He has been working closely with Eric Wobser, Matt Lasko and Fire Marshal Steve Rucker in the planning process of this endeavor and all agree this is the best course of action to take. Dennis Murray said with the projections made, the EMS Fund will remain adequately funded for the foreseeable future even with this drawdown and future equipment and supply needs have been taken into account and he is satisfied with this analysis. Dennis Murray said as he reads this legislation, it is left to the discretion of the Fire Chief to determine what are the most important buildings are to be taken down, whether commercial or residential. This will be part of the evaluation process. Dave Degnan said by using these monies to remove blighted structures, there will be a check and balance. The buildings which pose the highest risk will be taken down to make Sandusky safer for civilians and fire fighters. Dick Brady said he understands we are going to make criteria for the selection process and these criteria will have to be followed and the property ownership first turned over to the city. Eric Wobser said we have not yet determined the specific criteria to obtain ownership; what we have done to this point is to first get a sense of how much money is in the EMS fund which currently has approximately \$1.9 million. Typically with a fund like this, an appropriate amount is determined for a reserve balance and this particular fund is utilized like a capital fund for vehicles, equipment and facilities; this current legislation utilizes the overage of this fund for the

demolition or remediation of significantly blighted structures. This is significantly overfunded and we are currently able to tap into approximately \$1 million for demolition in 2015 and reevaluate in early 2016 to make an additional recommendation as to what might be available for each of the next five years. To the point of ownership, Eric Wobser said we are developing a list of blighted commercial structures including the former American Crayon property and the former Wisteria Farm property. The city must also evaluate the current ownership and liabilities associated with all of these properties but we would like to keep the flexibility as first and foremost these funds are available because of the safety hazards associated with these buildings. If the condition of the building allows us to demolish without having ownership, we could recommend this, but we would ask to have the flexibility for public safety reasons to go onto a property before ownership is garnered by the city. Our first priority is to save the lives of our citizens and fire fighters and if one of these buildings were to catch fire or collapse, it would be a great danger. Matt Lasko said we will be looking to quickly develop a list of candidates based on the risk to citizens and lives of fire fighters. We are developing this list from past research and a list the fire department already has and we have a good foundation to make some quick recommendations based on the level of funding and on their severity. Eric Wobser said to remember \$250,000 annually is already allocated from Issue 8 funding for the elimination of blight and this reallocation adds to this amount and can be used on the smaller structures. The scale of this for a city the size of Sandusky is great when other resources such as the Erie County Land Bank are also considered. Cuyahoga County has a population of 1.2 million and they are considering taking on considerable debt in issuing a \$50 million bond package for demolition but they have over 10,000 structures identified for demolition. When the Western Reserve Land Conservancy surveyed our property, we were looking at 100 – 200 properties in total so for a city of 25,000, \$1.5 million plus \$250,000 in addition to our CDBG funds on a per capita basis is rather upward in the State of Ohio. Dennis Murray said maybe in as few as five or six years, we may demolish all of these structures in the city. Eric Wobser said we also need to stimulate development while taking care of these issues.

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

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Eric Wobser **welcomed Orin McMonigle who will be the future superintendent of BIWW** when Doug Keller retires this summer. Aaron Klein said the city went through a very extensive process interviewing qualified candidates and he is spending time learning as much from Doug Keller as he can before he (Doug) retires at the end of this month. Orin spent eighteen years in the water treatment field, fourteen of which were in a municipal plant, most recently for Lorain. Orin McMonigle said he is excited to work for the City of Sandusky and to start working on all of the current projects.

Eric Wobser said the city received **Ohio EPA approval for our Toxic Algae Contingency Plan as required by the Ohio Revised Code** and prepared by Doug Keller, BIWW Superintendent.

**The Perkins Avenue Signalization project is substantially completed and the poles are in the ground.**

**The city is accepting Requests for Qualifications for the wayfinding signage project and these are due July 22.** There is \$150,000 currently available in our MPO funding for this project.

Eric Wobser said the **National Night Out and Touch a Truck event** is being held August 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Paper District Marina on Shoreline Drive. All are invited to this community, family-friendly event.

Eric Wobser said interviews will be held on July 14 and 15 **for police officer and fire fighter candidates** and we are also performing background checks for them.

Eric Wobser thanked the 40± community members and staff who came to our **central neighborhood meeting** at the Sandusky Library for the Bicentennial visioning process. We are looking forward to updating the commission with feedback gathered after the public input session concludes. The neighborhood meetings will continue in the month of July and all will start at 6 p.m. and have a walking component: July 16 - West side neighborhood, Lions Park; July 21 - East side neighborhood, Star Lanes; and July 29 - South side neighborhood, Churchwell Park with Conestoga.

Eric Wobser said the city issued **274 high grass and weed violations so far in 2015** and the overwhelming majority have been corrected by the owners. Goodwill is now regularly maintaining 77 properties and they will continue to do so throughout the growing season. The city will continue to monitor properties and issue violation notices through the season and residents are still encouraged to report new high grass issues to our Code Enforcement Division at 419.627.5913.

Eric Wobser said the city is in the beginning stages of reviewing **potential candidates for one- and two-family residential demolitions** to occur in the latter half of 2015. These will be in addition to the demolitions already contracted out and occurring in July and August. Funding for these activities will come from a combination of FY 2015 CDBG dollars and Issue 8 blight elimination funding. Tearing down this city is not necessarily the best long-term goal to building it up and many can be rehabbed rather than demolished.

Eric Wobser said the city today, with the help of Erie County Soil and Water, **erected a fence at the north side of the property demolished in the 100 block of East Water Street**. Run-off was going into the street and possibly into Sandusky Bay.

Eric Wobser said **A & L Metal Processing is almost finished adding additional metal coating production lines at their facilities and expanding from their original George Street facility into a second facility on Superior Street**. The \$1 million plus investment includes the addition of up to twelve skilled labor positions.

Eric Wobser said the **new play equipment for Lions Park** has been received and is being paid for with CDBG funding. The city will soon be constructing this playground on the North end of the park and it is ADA accessible.

Eric Wobser said **D.J. Loomis and Tom Speir have each been promoted to Chief Foreman in the Property Maintenance and Horticultural Services Divisions respectively**.

Eric Wobser said storms in the recent past have brought down tree limbs all around town and citizens can call 419.627. 5884 to report **downed trees or limbs**.

Eric Wobser said a decision has been made for **the city's new IT Director**; Stuart Hamilton is a native of Scotland and an impressive individual. He and his wife spent the better part of the last decade in Seattle where he managed IT for a \$90 million non-profit organization. He most recently worked in Ashtabula and this is an opportunity for him to work closer to home as his wife's family is from the area.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Jeff Smith, the commission ordered in legislation with the proposed changes to Charter Section 17 - Law Director and Assistants, and to Charter Section 18 - Department of Finance Audits, as outlined by the Chairperson of the Charter Review Committee on July 1.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said this would require the recommendation for both positions to be appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the City Commission. Wesley Poole said he is not in favor of this change as the newspaper indicated all of the commissioners thought it was a good idea.

**Roll call on the motion: Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith and Scott Schell, 5. Nays: Wesley Poole, 1. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said the Paper District Marina is looking trashy with the goose droppings and the trailer in the parking lot which is advertising. It does not appear there is a gate around the garbage containers and trash is blowing all around in this area. Sharon Johnson asked for an organizational chart which includes names and titles of city personnel since there are so many new employees sitting around the table. The chains to the Meigs Street Pier at Battery Park need to come down as this is public property and she is concerned about handicap accessibility. Dennis Murray said he is outraged about this chain and it needs to come down; there is an upcoming meeting about handicapped access and no one has a right to put chains around city property. Brad Link said he spoke with officials at Battery Park Marina this morning and the temporary sign and chain will be coming down so it is accessible to anyone who is handicapped. Wesley Poole said the chains are annoying and he does not know what purpose they serve, but they do not deny access to the pier in any way, shape or fashion. Sharon Johnson asked where the boundaries are as someone was recently cited for trespassing.

Nicole Lloyd, 316 East Water Street, thanked the City Commission for their support and said it has been wonderful working with city staff and they are excited to complete the demolition and begin working. Ryan Whaley, 316 East Water Street said it is great to see support and leadership from the commission. The project will go well and it will be a great way to attract more to the area and he has already had a few journalists say via social media they cannot wait to check out Sandusky, Ohio.

Mike Zuilhof, 243 East Market Street, said the Meigs Street pier at Battery Park continues to look forbidding to the public and he has watched out of town persons look it over and see chains and gates up for no apparent reason. People are cynical and when they talk about this being open, no one believes the city and do not think they have credibility.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said she supports the idea of utilizing EMS funding to remove blighted properties. She has never met Senator Gardner and unless clean water issues are addressed, Sandusky will not move forward. Vicki Bird said she used to work at Damon's and there are people who like to make it seem they are unable to walk on the Pier but it is public and to close it off is disrespectful. Vicki Bird and Jennifer Brindley presented a pillow with the Issue 8 logo and red, white and blue to the city. Vicki Bird said the U.S. Constitution has had amendments made to it and thank goodness because otherwise slavery might still be legal. The City Commission hires the City Manager and there are other positions below this. The entrance to Lions Park needs to be taken care of. It would be nice to add additional picnic tables to the park so people have a place to sit when eating their lunch provided by the food vendor in the park. Dogs should be kept away from the splash pad.

Jennifer Brindley, 547 50<sup>th</sup> Street, said she has owned a business for over 15 years and has seen more happen in the last year than in a long time and supports the Charter Review changes. We have a great city manager and are getting a lot more done with him. Jennifer Brindley said she would be interested in hearing the point of view expressed by Wesley Poole. Wesley Poole said his concern with the charter changes is similar to the U.S. Constitution: changes should be positive and should address something not going well. The presentation made by the

Chairperson was very well done, but when asked what the problem is to be solved, the answer was to add consistency. This does not say anything to him and essentially the U.S. Constitution was not written with the assumption George Washington would be President forever. Eric Wobser is doing an incredibly good job but we do not change the charter which the expectation it will affect the city manager for the next 50 years. The Law Director and Finance Director control and are responsible for things extremely important to our day-to-day business and when there is no longer control over their actions by the citizens, it is a recipe for a potential problem. People should think long and hard at whether or not they want to secede control and whether or not we get direction from these folks and put it in the hands of one person (the city manager). Any city controlling advice from the Finance Director and Law Director is not a good idea.

Carol Hay, 1024 Hayes Avenue, said there are a lot of things going on and hears from the newspaper there are a lot of Charter Review issues. The city needs to take a strong look at Lions Park because of the parking lot and potholes. The gravel beach is in need of a good contractor to simply add sand. Dennis Murray said he recollects the cost was prohibitive to create two walls and is something which will always be in our minds and as techniques change for capturing sand, this opportunity might present itself in a more cost effective way.

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Clerk of the City Commission

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