

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

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

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 Neighborhood Development & Planning, Brad Link – Public Services Director, Don Rumbutis – IT Manager, Trevor Hayberger – Acting Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015, city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sam Sidoti, 2145 Remington Avenue, said he represents the Tony Spino Trust and Christine Sidoti and is here to support the submerged lands lease for 225 East Shoreline Drive (Item #5) and can answer any specific questions.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

ACCEPTING TEN PARCELS THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost of these acquisitions will be approximately \$510 to pay for the title exam and transfer fees which the city will recoup upon sale of the property. The city will not collect the \$360,307.44 owed to the city in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the \$148,337.40 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all of part of these costs may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 029-15R: 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 Naomi Twine and second of Jeff Smith the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Amanda Meyers said these are part of the planning process for properties already in foreclosure and noted these are already vacated properties.

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

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Amanda Meyers, Paralegal

SALE OF PARCEL THROUGH LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the total amount of the title examination, deed preparation, escrow fees and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The city will recoup the expenses from the purchase price paid by the purchasers. The sale,

rehabilitation and owner occupancy of this property will stabilize and revitalize the neighborhood and enhance surrounding property values.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-103: It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the land reutilization program identified as Parcel #57-02540.000 located at 1105 Second Street, Sandusky, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property**; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of 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: This property will be rehabilitated and the city has had success with this program to date; this has been fully vetted by the Land Bank Committee. Amanda Meyers said we are working toward owner-occupancy with these properties. Dennis Murray thanked the Chesser's for their investment and said he hopes this is a long-time home for them.

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

AWARD 2015 STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT TO ERIE BLACKTOP, INC.

Budgetary Information: The cost of the project based on the bids, including in-house engineering and inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$303,997.95 to be paid from the capital projects fund. The funding for this project was made possible through Issue 8.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-104: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the 2015 resurfacing project**; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of 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 resurfacing project is being funded with Issue 8 funds and the contractor will probably not start until October.

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

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

CHANGE ORDER FOR WATER STREET REHABILITATION AND PAVING PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The original contract with Speer Bros., Inc. is for \$1,237,389.10. Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$22,200.90 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 nineteen percent of this cost in the amount of \$4,218.17. At this time, eighty percent of STP ODOT funding is already providing the maximum amount available for this project; however, there is TE/TA ODOT funds available to help cover light pole and foundation costs. ODOT's share of this change is \$10,704.72. The city's share of Change Order #2 will be paid with sewer funds in the amount of \$7,278.01.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-105: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to approve the second change order for work performed by Speer Bros., Inc. of**

Sandusky, Ohio, for the Water Street rehabilitation and paving project in the amount of \$22,200.90; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Dick Brady said two of the three components are due to a light pole and foundation while one is for an under drain we are trying to match aesthetically to what is already in this neighborhood. Aaron Klein said this was shown in the plans and is the under drain along the edge of the curb although there was not a bid for it. This is necessary and the contractor has checked the pricing with ODOT. The cost will be picked up by OWDC, ODOT and sewer funds.

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

SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE FOR 235 E. SHORELINE DRIVE

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact.

RESOLUTION NO. 030-15R: It is requested a resolution be adopted pursuant to Section 1506.11 of the Ohio Revised Code finding and determining that based upon the representations and application filed by Christine L. Sidoti, Trustee for property located at 235 East Shoreline Drive, the use and development of the territory so described, a submerged lands lease may be entered into by the State's Director of Natural Resources; and declaring that this resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole 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.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said submerged lands leases are typically done by the State of Ohio and as part of the formal process, the city must weigh in on them. Dennis Murray thanked the Sidoti's for their investment in our city and for the wonderful perch sandwiches. They are great ambassadors for our community and people from outside the state and area come here for their great product.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. 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 Matthew Lasko, Chief Development Officer

DEMOLITION OF 712 AND 716 WEST ADAMS STREET

Budgetary Information: The project cost based on the bid is \$20,900. This project will be initially paid with Issue 8 funds from the Community Development capital projects fund. The city will be reimbursed the full cost of the demolition as required per the Ohio Revised Code. Until the time of reimbursement, the city will charge and assess all costs related to the demolition against the premises respectively as a municipal lien.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-106: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the emergency demolition work at the property located at 712 and 716 West Adams Street, ratifying the award of the contract to Ed Burdue & Co., LLC, of Sandusky, Ohio; authorizing and directing the city manager to execute the contract in relation thereto; 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.

Discussion: Matt Lasko acknowledged Dave Degnan and John Orzech and the employees in the Police and Fire Departments for their responses to this fire and said they did a tremendous job ensuring no loss of life and getting as much debris out of the way as quickly as possible. Typically when there is a house fire, fire funds are used through a process where the city's Finance Department awaits funding from the insurance company in the event the owner does not take care of the damage. There are scenarios, however, where the damage and risk of collapse is so severe, we can move quickly in an emergency fashion. This is a little delayed as we were awaiting the Ohio State Fire Marshall's report which was received today and we can now move forward. Both properties are insured and we want to move forward with demolition quickly and then receive reimbursement from the insurance companies. Although this is an atypical process, it is worthwhile, and the Chief Building Official (Scott Mularoni) has identified these as 90 to 95 percent damaged.

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

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson, Sandusky Transit System Manager

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VEHICLE LIFT FROM SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM

Budgetary Information: The total cost based on the quote for the purchase of the two-post vehicle lift including delivery and installation is \$14,426. This cost will be paid with the remaining funds from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-107: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to expend the necessary funds for the purchase and installation of a two-post vehicle lift from Snap-On Industrial of Crystal Lake, Illinois, in the amount of \$14,676.47 for the Sandusky Transit System;** 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 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: Julie Farrar said the reason we went with Snap-On Industrial rather than the second vendor is because they could complete the work in a timely manner. Marvin Ranaldson said the amount is slightly above what was originally submitted but wanted to get this approved as soon as possible due to the grant deadline. We chose Snap-On Industrial because they are able to get the product installed on-time in order to obtain the money from the federal government. Dennis Murray said this will aid us in repairing our vehicle fleet and will help with efficiency. Marvin Ranaldson said the more resources on-site, the more we can subtract from our bid with the next contractor. Dennis Murray said the STS is on-budget and thanked Marvin Ranaldson for the work he has been doing.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 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 Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning RFP FOR PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT FOR 1610 CAMPBELL STREET

Budgetary Information: The city does not have an estimate of the cost of the service; however, believes it will be over \$10,000. The cost will be paid with Issue 8 funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 031-15R: It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to proceed with a Request for Proposals process for a Phase II environmental site assessment of the property located at 1610 Campbell Street, Parcel No's. 57-01396.000, 57-01394.000 and 57-01393.000, and formerly known as Wisteria Hills Farms/Esmond Dairy;** and declaring that this resolution 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 resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Wesley Poole thanked the staff for putting this together and said it is a positive move toward cleaning up these properties.

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

**ITEM #9 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF GREATER OHIO FOR FY 2015
CDBG
(HELP AGAINST HOMELESSNESS)**

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will award the Volunteers of America a total of \$10,032.96 for the Help Against Homelessness program for CDBG program year FY2015. This award shall be paid from the CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-108: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio to provide the Help Against Homelessness program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$10,032.96 from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Dick Brady said from time to time his company is the beneficiary of this program and will abstain from voting on this legislation. Arielle Blanca said the fiscal year 2015 will run from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, and there are six subrecipients we will provide funding to. The funding agreement has already been approved, this is to sign the agreements with them.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. 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 Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION OF ERIE, HURON &
RICHLAND COUNTIES, INC. FOR FY 2015 CDBG (EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR AND ACCESSI-
BILITY MODIFICATIONS)**

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will award the CAC a total of \$73,195.43 for emergency home repair and accessibility modifications during the CDBG program year FY 2015. This award shall be paid from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-109: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc., to provide emergency home repair and accessibility modifications and to expend an amount not to exceed \$73,195.43 from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds**; 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: Dennis Murray said the city is appreciative of the work done by the CAC and appreciates their staff being here. We look forward to continue working with the CAC and helping residents in need.

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

**ITEM #11 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2015 CDBG
(2-1-1 INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES)**

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will award the Erie County Health Department a total of \$8,500 for the 2-1-1 Information & Referral services for CDBG program year FY 2015. This award shall be paid for with CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-110: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Erie County Health Department to provide a 2-1-1 Information & Referral Services program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$8,500 from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds**; 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 Scott Schell 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: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #12 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS FOR FY 2015 CDBG
(CITIZENS CIRCLE PROGRAM)**

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will award the Center for Cultural Awareness a total of \$11,670.64 for the Citizens Circle program for CDBG program year FY 2015. This award shall be paid from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-111: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Center for Cultural Awareness to provide a Citizens Circle program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$11,670.64 from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds**; 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray,

Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. 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 Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2015 CDBG
(SANDUSKY CITY CHOOSES HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM)**

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will award the Erie County Health Department a total of \$10,000 for the Sandusky City Chooses Healthy Living program for CDBG program year FY 2015. This award shall be paid for with CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-112: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Erie County Health Department to provide the Sandusky City Chooses Healthy Living program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds;** 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. 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 Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
AMENDMENT TO SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR
FY 2014 CDBG (COMMUNITY WELLNESS OUTREACH PROGRAM)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-113: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an amendment to the subrecipient agreement with the Erie County Health Department to provide a community wellness outreach 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. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Scott Schell, Dick Brady, Jeff Smith, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Julie Farrar and Wesley Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**ITEM #15 – Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager
AMENDMENT TO SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR
FY 2014 CDBG (COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM)**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 15-114: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an amendment to the subrecipient agreement with the Erie County Health Department to provide a community gardening program;** 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 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: Dennis Murray said this program is slated for some changes after the first of the year and the Erie County Health Department will no longer be providing for these; this program gets neighbors out and involved, and helps people understand how food is grown and provide a healthier living. These gardens have been established during the last couple of years and hopes we continue to provide ways to support them.

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

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept an in-kind donation of a spray pump for Mills Creek Golf Course from Mike Pisarsky (\$500 value). The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,618 for the purchase of a park bench to be placed in Washington Park in memory of Wayne Towslee from Kimberly Towslee of Norwalk, Ohio. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser thanked **John Orzech and Victoria Kurt for spearheading the Touch a Truck event.** This event was a great success because of all of the hard work done by them and other staff members.

Eric Wobser said **he participated in a police ride-along on Friday night** to better understand the challenges officers in the Police department encounter.

Eric Wobser said he is excited to announce **the new IT Manager, Stuart Hamilton, will start working for the city next Monday and will be introduced** at an upcoming commission meeting.

Eric Wobser said **the contractor for Water Street has completed Stage 1** (Shelby to Lawrence) and will proceed to Stage 2 (Lawrence to Wayne) on Monday, August 10. This will include a six-week road closure between Decatur and Jackson Streets for streetscape improvements. Intersections will remain open and detour signs will be provided accordingly. This section of road will be reopened each evening and during the weekends.

Eric Wobser said the city has received a **Covenant Not to Sue for the former Sandusky Cabinets** property from the Ohio EPA.

Eric Wobser said the **dredging of Sandusky Harbor** will begin with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the week of August 10 and continue for two months. This will be done the same as in previous years.

Eric Wobser said he participated in a discussion with Kent State University, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio EPA and the US Geological Service to **analyze the effects of biological treatment for harmful algal blooms.** Bowling Green State University may use the footage to create a documentary.

Eric Wobser said **personnel from the Police and Fire Departments will be serving popcorn at the Red Wagon** during the week of August 10. Fire personnel will be at the Red Wagon on August 11, 13 and 15 and Police personnel will be there on August 10, 12 and 14.

Eric Wobser said **the last public meeting for the Bicentennial Visioning Process** will look at Downtown Sandusky and the potential opportunities and current challenges. This meeting will take place Wednesday, August 12 at 6 p.m. at the Sandusky State Theatre and we would love to have anyone attend who works, lives or visits downtown Sandusky to be part of planning Sandusky's future.

Eric Wobser said a **Phase II Environmental Assessment is still underway at the former Hopper's Mobile Home property. A Phase I Environmental Assessment for the former G & C Foundry property has commenced** and all projects should be complete by mid-August. Proposals for scope and cost for a **Phase II Environmental Site Assessment will be requested for the Wisteria Farms property.**

Eric Wobser said **ridership was up nine percent on the Sandusky Transit System from July, 2014 to July, 2015 while SPARC ridership was up nine percent.** On-time performance was also up while customer complaints were down.

Eric Wobser said **Tree Experts will begin work on August 17** and persons who have trees on the removal list should be aware they will receive notification when the company will be at their residence. The project should be completed within thirty days.

Eric Wobser said tonight is the last **Movie By the Bay for the season at the Paper District Marina.** The show *Maleficent* is featured and begins around 9 p.m. and Eric Wobser thanked Dockside Café for sponsoring tonight's movie event.

Eric Wobser said **Scott James started working in the Property Maintenance Department** on July 27. Scott grew up in Sandusky and has many years of experience in property maintenance/janitorial work. He has moved home from Columbus to accept this position and we are excited to have him join our team.

Wesley Poole asked for an update regarding the **parking situation on Washington Street at Wayne Street** which Marty Brasch spoke about at the last commission meeting. This problem has not been resolved and Wesley Poole asked for an explanation of why we changed the parking signage and its justification. Eric Wobser said this came to the city's attention through the Planning Department because of general sign maintenance program. The building owner indicated to the city there was no congestion at all with these spaces and the city was asked not to try fixing a problem which did not exist. These spaces had been unsigned for a few years without complaint and the city asked the building owner to go back to the retail tenants; the owner reported they spoke with their tenants and all but one agreed and they did not think there would be an issue with the signs indicating unrestricted parking. Angela Byington made the decision to restrict two of the spaces to two-hour, and designate one for handicapped parking as a hopeful compromise although we were aware the Journal Entry stated otherwise. Marty Brasch then came to the last commission meeting and was frustrated with the city for making the change which led to officials revisiting this. Eric Wobser asked staff to revisit this issue by monitoring the area before finalizing any change as he walks past this every day either going to or from work and has not personally seen all seven spaces full at any given time. This does not mean we would not want to go back to two-hour parking; it means through our observation, there always seems to be parking spaces available. Wesley Poole said essentially there are six spaces here, two of which are handicapped and the sign states "All day parking" for them; the issue is it is a matter of policy downtown parking is provided for customers and businesses and it is two-hour parking on Wayne and Washington Streets all the way to Hancock Street already. The four spaces closest to this business deal with patients and should be included and have access as well as the rest of the downtown businesses. The staff's decision to provide personal parking spaces for specific business owners is inappropriate. The reality is, this is the root of this issue and suggested for two years it was not any problem and the city should have spoken to someone other than those who were trying to get special parking for themselves. The only time Marty Brasch got any relief is when he called the Police Department to enforce the parking restriction. Wesley Poole said everything stated by Eric Wobser is relatively accurate, but it is not precise. The problem is, the city should not be identifying

special privileges for specific owners just because they ask for it. His brother works downtown and he would love to have all day parking for him so he can slide in a space and not have to walk or move his car every two hours; this is an inappropriate thing to do and the city commission should ensure everyone is treated fairly and evenly. We have to weigh whether it is fair or appropriate to change policy and this is not an operations issue. Wesley Poole said we should go back to two-hour parking until we come up with a better reason than the one lobbied for by business owners who do not want to walk and move their car every two hours as a justification to change the policy. This opens the door for all of the business owners in downtown to request parking. Eric Wobser clarified it is neither accurate nor precise to say these parking spaces are for a building owner. With the public parking spaces currently, and without restrictions as to the hour, we would never privatize on-street or public parking spaces. Eric Wobser said these are not designated spaces for a business owner and he is not opposed to a two-hour time restriction and he understood Angela Byington was working to find a compromise with the only request received. Angela Byington said she has been trying to find out what the actual request was of Marty Brasch as she spoke to three of the businesses to find out their opinion; they had no objection to the all-day parking and these tenants reached out to the building owner to speak with Marty Brasch. Staff from the Planning Department goes by the building each day and has not seen at any time when a few spaces are always available and Angela Byington looks forward to speaking with Marty Brasch. The Department put a lot of time into evaluating the restrictions within this area and other available parking in the area. The original request was for all-day parking in this entire area which was not done so as to leave some available for temporary parking. Dennis Murray said he is okay with monitoring this for a while and would like to see further compromise. Wesley Poole said he understands but when signs are put up with arrows indicating "these four spaces all day parking" and not for specific people, the fact of the matter is in the morning, prior to the businesses opening, there are no customers. Employees and owners get here first and open the doors and this is the effect. There are three businesses which the city spoke to and no one has followed up with Marty Brasch. Naomi Twine asked the city's policy about communicating with property owners versus tenants and Eric Wobser said there are no restrictions and staff can do as much outreach as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Birdia Edmon, 1305 Cleveland Road, said her water bill has doubled and she personally has a problem with this and everybody else does too because they are talking about it. Dennis Murray said the water rates increased by 25% and asked Ms. Edmon to speak with Hank Solowiej after the meeting to look at her history and usage.

Jim Scavio, 1426 East Larchmont Drive, said he has the same problem with his water bill. He emptied and then refilled his pool in mid-June because of a leak in the pool and the water bill previously was \$17 while the sewer had been around \$30 per month. After filling the pool, he was billed \$52 for water (which he does not have a problem with) and \$125 for sewer which is four and one half times the normal bill. Jim Scavio said he did not use the sewer and when he asked about this, he was told the city already knows about this but there is nothing which could be done about it. Dennis Murray said there are some communities which offer residents the opportunity to have two meters, one tied to sewer usage and one tied to water usage but Sandusky does not offer this option and it is expensive to install a second meter. Sandusky determines sewer charges based upon water consumption although this is not the case with this particular incident. Hank Solowiej said credit is not offered for filling pools but a separate meter can be installed. Wesley Poole asked about separate meters and Hank Solowiej said people can ask about it and we can provide information.

At 6:05 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 7:32 p.m., the commission returned to open session and the President announced the meeting was adjourned.

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