

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

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine.

City staff present: Dave Degnan– Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Brad Link – Director of Public Services, Don Rumbutis – IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Trevor Hayberger – Acting Law Director, Sally Poggiali – Senior Accountant Auditor, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, asked about the expenditure for truck equipment (Item #10) and said she does not recall this being proposed to be spent from Issue 8 funding for infrastructure. The loan for these trucks is a five-year term with interest and hopes this is wrong as she is not happy with it.

Rick Scheel, representing South Central Block Watch, 2025 Hayes Avenue, said a question has come up about delivery times for the vehicles (Item #10), and why it is being requested to pass this as emergency legislation if the delivery time is not for another six or seven weeks. Rick Scheel asked if the city looked at state bid contracts for cooperative purchasing and asked to see the bid specifications for the equipment. He asked about moving from the 108HD chassis for heavy applications with snow plows and dump trucks and whether the city looked at this.

PRESENTATION

Dick Brady made a **presentation to former City Manager Frank Link**. A plaque which has been at the former Surf's Up property was donated to Frank Link in honor of his over twenty years of service to the city. This plaque was taken from the site and is being donated as the pool was dedicated during Frank Link's tenure as the City Manager. Frank Link said it was a privilege to serve his hometown for 21½ years and was very optimistic about the pool when it opened, but people did not wish to pay to use it so it never succeeded as he thought it would.

PUBLIC HEARING

Dennis Murray opened a Public Hearing regarding a proposed alley vacation West of Sycamore Line.

Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner, said this proposed vacation is for a portion of an alley located West of Sycamore Line and East of 723 Garfield Avenue and 515 Sycamore Line. This application was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on December 16, 2015, and the portion to be vacated is approximately 95' x 15' and is currently unpaved. The applicant, Dave Trent, owns the property at 515 Sycamore Line, and the adjacent property owner has signed off on the proposed vacation. The other portion of this alley is located south of this area and is currently utilized and will remain a dedicated alley; the Fire and Police Departments have approved the vacation.

The President declared the Public Hearing closed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

SECOND READING**ITEM #1 – Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner****REZONING OF 302 & 420 SUPERIOR STREET****Budgetary Information:** There is no impact to the general fund.**ORDINANCE NO. 16-011:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone two parcels from General Manufacturing District to Public Facility District.**

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at second reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner**VACATION OF PORTION OF ALLEY WEST OF SYCAMORE LINE****Budgetary Information:** There is no impact to the general fund.**ORDINANCE NO. 16-012:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **vacating a portion of an alley located west of 515 Sycamore Line and East of 723 Garfield Avenue, within the city, as set forth on the vacation plat, a copy of which is marked Exhibit A-2, attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 13 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Amanda McClain, Paralegal**SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1208 FIRST STREET THROUGH THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM****Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, deed preparation, and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The city will recoup the cost of the expenses from the sale. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately \$289.34 per year in real estate taxes, which will increase once construction of the new service bay is completed.**ORDINANCE NO. 16-013:** 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 #57-03385.000, located at 1208 First Street 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 Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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 Amanda McClain, Paralegal**SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON HARRISON STREET THROUGH THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this purchase and sale agreement is the total amount of the survey, title search, deed preparation any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The city will recoup some of the cost of the expenses from the nonrefundable earnest money deposit required to be paid by the purchaser. The taxing districts will begin collecting approximately \$94 per year in real estate taxes.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-014: 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 part of Parcel #59-00811.000 and part of Parcel #59-00810.000, located on Harrison Street, Sandusky, are no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, 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: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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 Amanda McClain, Paralegal**AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this request for proposals is \$51 for title report and transfer fees, plus the total amount of administrative staff time utilized and fees for the required newspaper publications. It is anticipated that these expenses will be recouped upon sale.

ORDINANCE NO.16-015: It is requested an ordinance be **passed declaring that certain real property acquired through the city's land utilization program and owned by the city identified as Parcel #57-01531.000 located at 604 Taylor Street, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to proceed with a Request for Proposals process for the sale of property;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, 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: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson, Transit Administrator**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH MV CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSIT SERVICES**

Budgetary Information: STS operations and administration are funded by the Federal Transit Administration, State of Ohio, local contributing agencies, local contributing private entities and the daily farebox collections.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-016: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the contract for transportation services between the City of Sandusky and MV Contract Transportation, Inc., for services related to the operation of 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 Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Marvin Ranaldson said this contract extension is for one final year and CY 2017 will go out for bid in the next few months. In addition, revisions have been made according to the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Transportation Administration. These changes allow us to become more flexible and more in line with their guidelines. This will also make the service provider more accountable for the services they provide.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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 Angela Byington, Planning Director

PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP FOR FORMER G & C FOUNDRY PROPERTY (CHANGE ORDER #1)

Budgetary Information: The original agreement with Mannik & Smith Group is \$24,365. The change order will be invoiced on a lump sum basis of \$1,900. The total cost of the professional services for this project is \$26,265 and will be paid from the Community Development Capital Projects fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-017: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first change order for professional services performed by Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., of Maumee, Ohio, for a Phase II environmental site assessment for the property located at 2806 West Monroe Street and formerly known as G & C Foundry in the amount of \$1,900;** 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 Nikki Lloyd, 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 after completion of Phase II, this property can be redeveloped at commercial or industrial standards; however, we are asking for this additional assessment to assess the water in the flooded basement and look at three unlabeled drums. The assessment will tell us what is in these areas and how much it will cost to eliminate it. This property will then go to the Land Bank Committee and ultimately the City Commission regarding its disposition.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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 and Planning

CDBG FY 2015 RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PROJECT #3

Budgetary Information: The total estimated cost for this project including advertising and miscellaneous expenses is anticipated to exceed \$10,000. The cost will be paid with FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds and Community Development Capital Project funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 009-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed CDBG FY 2015 residential demolition project #3; 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 Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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

AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH FIRELANDS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – CHIP PROGRAM YEAR 2015

Budgetary Information: The City of Sandusky will provide Firelands Habitat for Humanity a total of \$20,000 for the joint new housing construction program during the CHIP program year 2015. This program shall be paid from CHIP grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-018: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and approving an amended agreement with Firelands Habitat for Humanity for services for the new construction program related to the city's Community Housing Impact & Preservation program;** 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 Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Arielle Blanca said the city has already entered into a joint letter of agreement with Firelands Habitat for Humanity to build a new property and an extension to the performance date was requested, but this will not change the original completion date.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. 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 Troy Vaccaro, Chief Foreman

PURCHASE OF TWO 2016 FREIGHTLINER CAB & CHASSIS AND SNOW & ICE REMOVAL KITS

Budgetary Information: The total cost of this purchase is \$319,766 and will be paid with capital projects funds. This project was made possible through Issue 8 dollars.

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-019:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two 2016 Freightliner M2106 cab and chassis from Midway, Inc., of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Street Department;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington 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: Brad Link said the Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, Troy Vaccaro, has done extensive research and trucks of this size are not offered through the cooperative purchasing program. This truck was chosen as the alternative truck is designed more for highway use and has a longer wheel base which does not allow for the same maneuverability. The city has a good track record with these vehicles and our street sweeper is a Freightliner model. We would like to purchase inventory and have several trucks using the same parts. There is a two-year bumper-to-bumper warranty and a five-year power train warranty and the outfit will be

purchased through Henderson on a national purchasing program. The detailed bid specifications are available for anyone who might wish to see them. Wes Poole asked if the new vehicles will replace current ones and Brad Link said they will eventually. Brad Link said both existing and new vehicles and equipment are similar in size and capabilities and we will get more power, fuel economy and longevity with the Freightliner. The trucks being replaced are more than 18 years of age and their replacement is long overdue. Regarding the financing, Eric Wobser said a capital budget is being put together for 2016 around \$1.8 - \$2.6 million, and includes \$1 - \$1.2 million of Issue 8 infrastructure funds. This supplements infrastructure funds used in the past to supplement the capital fund and streets fund with CDBG dollars. The public greatly wants to see resources put out on our streets, but we cannot provide these services without updated IT or vehicle technology. The vast majority of our fleet is over 20 years old and we have set aside approximately \$200,000 specifically for vehicles, as approved on a year-to-year basis. This will allow us to ensure this is stretched as far as possible through financing mechanisms. Sally Poggiali said with various purpose notes, the city will front the \$300,000 and will put the notes out for bid in September and include this in our borrowing; the net effect will be zero as the proceeds will be coming in and \$300,000 going out for the expense. In 2017 when the note expires, we will renew it and at that time, we can pay down a certain portion of this debt and issue a new note. This happens from year to year and currently the interest rate is one percent which is very low. Dick Brady said he appreciates these thoughts and the reality is whether business or government, it makes all the sense in the world to leverage dollars and finance these types of capital items. It would be irresponsible not to do this, especially with a guaranteed cash flow. Wes Poole asked when the budget projections will be received and wants to make sure it makes sense to him. Beyond this, we are reaching a point where we have a finite amount of money and many things to fund, and we also need to discuss why we are purchasing something in one area without replacing others in different areas. The commission needs to determine what a priority for the city is. Eric Wobser said Aaron Klein is working with all of the Department Heads and hopes to provide these priorities to the commission each year and get their feedback and approval. Dick Brady said Troy Vaccaro is to be commended for holding equipment together way beyond its useful life. This is somewhat a product of our economy, but the city has not had a vehicle replacement program since 2002. Dennis Murray said he is happy the city is going to have a capital budget since it has not for over a decade and we have not had the ability to do anything without money.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 16-020**: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase and installation of two single axle dump bodies and snow removal kits from Henderson Truck Equipment of Bucyrus, Ohio, for the Street Department**; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington 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: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #11

ORDINANCE NO. 16-021: It is requested an ordinance be passed **ratifying, accepting and approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Sandusky, an Ohio Charter Municipal Corporation, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #1519, the collective bargaining unit for certain employees of the City of**

Sandusky for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rule and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Eric Wobser said this is a three-year agreement and it looks like the total impact to the general fund over the course of the three years is \$50,000, or \$16,000 per year. This is less of an impact to the general fund than in the previous contract and was made possible by the AFSCME members through health insurance and by increasing their contributions for both single and family. There are other additional points including structure changes with vacation time, adjusting pay steps for employees, and modest changes with the Water Plant's pay structure to attract employees to the second shift. Trevor Hayberger said we were able to get the health insurance out of the contract and the premiums are similar to the FOP employees. Dennis Murray said the negotiating team did a great job in presenting a fair contract. The city is getting a handle on health care costs by taking this out of the contracts.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 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 Dennis Murray, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$50 per month for a total of \$600 in CY 2016 from Dave Waddington for the City Greenhouse. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$400 from JOIN Restaurants, LLC and McDonald's toward the K-9 Fund. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from TSGS, Inc. and McDonald's toward the K-9 Fund. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation of \$17,500 from the City of Vermilion in support of Sandusky Transit Service in Vermilion. Eric Wobser noted STS provided 4,400 trips for Vermilion in 2015 which is an increase of twelve percent from 2014. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$108 from Jeff Krabill for Facer Park fertilization. Eric Wobser stated Mr. Krabill also donates his time to take care of this park during the summer months. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser introduced **Amanda Miles who is currently interning in the City Manager's office as well as the Recreation Department.** Ms. Miles is working through the Sandusky City Schools Global Experience internship program.

Eric Wobser said **the positions of Assistant Plant Operator at the WWTP plant, second shift Operator at BIWW, Fleet Mechanic in Public Services, Housing Manager in Community Development Office and Law Director are currently open.**

Eric Wobser said the **internal (staff) committee members looking at special events has been making** headway on ideas for external membership on the committee. Recommendations will be brought forth at the next City Commission meeting.

Eric Wobser said he attended a **Bicentennial Commission work session** last Saturday at the Sandusky State Theatre. This was facilitated by Ron Parthemore and all of the members of the Bicentennial Commission were in attendance.

Last week, **the city hosted a landscape design firm** which does these types of projects as well as art projects in communities. They are interested in working with the Bicentennial Commission to understand how they can be part of this celebration. They met with local artists, gallery owners and musicians who are excited about being a bright part of the city's future.

Eric Wobser said the **State of Ohio has set mandatory continuing education training requirements in 2016 for law enforcement officers**. These continuing education hours will include required hours in everything from human trafficking to de-escalating crises with an emphasis on mental illness. Our residents will see the impact of this continued education.

Eric Wobser said **Fire Marshal Steve Rucker has been asked to be a speaker at the upcoming Model Performance Fire Prevention Symposium**. This event takes place March 10 - 12 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Eric Wobser said **Hank Solowiej is an advisory member of the Sandusky State Theatre Board of Directors and attended a meeting with State Senator Randy Gardner** on Thursday, January 28 regarding a **grant proposal for the historic Sandusky State Theatre**.

Eric Wobser said the next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is Friday, February 19 at 7:45 a.m.

Eric Wobser said the **yard waste disposal contract** is being advertised for bids this week and will be considered by the city commission after the bid opening.

Eric Wobser said staff in Public Works has been working on the **Cedar Point Water Main project** and noted deficiencies including:

- The existing 16-inch main was installed in 1959
- Over the past 19 months, there have been three main breaks on the Cedar Point water main north of the parking toll booths and into the main parking lot
- A previous break in the same section occurred in 2011
- Approximately 12 hours to repair each break with a 24 - 48 hour boil alert
- The current water tower and 8" main on the Chaussee only provides enough full-time fire protection for offices; all visitors in the park, campground, hotel or other locations - and seasonal employees in the dorms - must leave the premises for safety if the 16" main is shut down
- Employees start arriving in April and Cedar Point opens May 7; hence, the city is requesting a project completion date of April 22, 2016
- ORC bidding requirements are to open bids 15 days after first advertisement; we advertised on an emergency basis based on public health and safety concerns on Wednesday, February 3 and are scheduled to open bids Friday, February 12
- Requesting permission to proceed with this schedule and provide a tentative award to the approved contractor prior to the February 22 commission meeting; will request formal approval on February 22 to enter into a construction contract
- The Engineer's estimate is \$239,754 for 1,919 linear feet of 16" wrapped ductile iron pipe and appurtenances; asphalt, curb and other repairs included; plans were finalized on February 1
- Because of two other main breaks in 2003 and 2004 on other sections of the pipe, we will look at analyzing the entire 16" main from First Street to the new main in the capital budget

Eric Wobser said he takes asking for this large of a repair on a very serious emergency basis and noted Aaron Klein has been working very closely with the park and it is out of concern for the health and safety of the workers and potential visitors we are asking for this consideration tonight.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to direct Aaron Klein to proceed with this schedule and give a tentative award to the contractor prior to the February 22 meeting.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said this is the portion of waterline underneath the parking lot and asked if the pipe under the Causeway is the same age. Aaron Klein said it is, but there have not been as many main breaks in this area. The section being repaired has experienced four breaks since 2011 and the most recent two were around Thanksgiving. The city immediately got a consultant on board to do this section. Dennis Murray said next year another portion of the pipe will be recommended for replacement. Aaron Klein said the plan is to analyze the remaining pipe to see which sections need replacement. There is technology which can show sections in need of replacement rather than replacing the entire line. Dick Brady said the pipe which has caused so many problems will not be abandoned; it will become a backup and there will be redundancy in this system for the first time. When there are these kinds of calamities, Cedar Point may be made whole by an insurance policy, but as a city, we also suffer financially. When factored into this cost, it makes good prudent sense to do this.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Dick Brady and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said the city is currently reviewing **six proposals submitted to complete a Phase II environmental assessment at the former Thaker Aluminum property on Olds Street.**

Eric Wobser said the city is in receipt of results of the **Phase II environmental assessment for the former G & C Foundry property on Monroe Street.** We are proposing additional testing to complete characterization sampling, which will provide guidance and a cost estimate for the disposal of the water and drums currently on site.

Eric Wobser said the city is currently reviewing results of the **Phase II environmental assessment for the former Wisteria Farms property on Campbell Street.**

Eric Wobser said he would like permission to appoint **Abbey Bemis, Al Nickles, Paul Koch and Angela Byington to the newly established Economic Development Review Committee.** This represents sound financial and business advice as well as thinking about the planning and zoning aspects of business changes.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approved the appointment of Abbey Bemis, Al Nickles, Paul Koch and Angela Byington to the Economic Development Review Committee. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser asked the commission to **consider making its liaison appointment to the Economic Development Review Committee. Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to appoint Dick Brady as the liaison to the Economic Development Review Committee. The President declared the motion passed.**

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve donating the plaque from the former Surf's Up to Frank Link. The President declared the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Waddington said **Orlando Pace will be inducted into the Hall of Fame and would like the city to have a nice sign welcoming drivers into the City of Sandusky** noting this accomplishment, and reach out to invite him to a future meeting. Eric Wobser said it would be a great thing to honor his legacy in this area.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to order in new legislation regarding the Recreation Board to keep a majority of the members as city residents.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said he is on the Recreation Board and would like to see Jason Werling remain on it regardless of his new residency in Perkins Township. There are many non-residents who the city could benefit from. Eric Wobser said the boards and commissions are still being reviewed and recently a meeting was held regarding the recommendations. For non-statutory bodies, it does make sense to allow non-resident members to expand the field of candidates. Jason Werling is a good example of someone who is passionate about the community but is no longer a resident. Dennis Murray said he also supports this and Jason Werling is a great addition and we should look at broadening this.

The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray announced a **Public Hearing is set for March 14 regarding the CDBG annual action plan.**

Dennis Murray said a **vacancy still exists on the Oakland Cemetery Board.**

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to appoint Dominic Wells for a term ending October 10, 2017, and Joe Hayberger for a term ending October 10, 2020, to the Human Relations Commission; additionally, to appoint David Brink and Bob Runner to the Income Tax Board of Review for terms ending December 31, 2017. The President announced the motion passed.

Wes Poole said there were **questions asked tonight about legislation** and thanked members of the public who come to the meetings and ask questions. Many of them are pertinent and they bring things to the table others may not think to ask.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Johnson, 723 Garfield Street, said bicycle safety is an issue in Sandusky, specifically while riding on sidewalks. It is not uncommon to see accidents occur and the city is not keeping up with the rest of the world regarding bicycle lanes. This is for safety and reducing injuries without a lot of cost. Dennis Murray said a big portion of the city's Master Plan addressed including bicycle paths and bicycle lanes throughout the city and these observations are absolutely correct. Wes Poole asked if there is a staff person to show the plans to Mr. Johnson so he can offer his opinion. Bill Johnson said cyclists do not always know to travel with traffic and obey traffic laws rather than being run off of a street. Greg Lockhart said A & B Hobbies (and Bill Johnson) are an asset to the community and we should continue to support this small, local business. They are friendly and knowledgeable about bicycles.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said she hopes the city does not get into a rut of changing to all outsiders on boards and commissions and to think about whether or not top priority will be given to residents. Dennis Murray said the discussion included a requirement to allow discretion for a minority to be non-residents. Sharon Johnson said she is not against replacing vehicles, but with taking a loan against the Issue 8 infrastructure account.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Clerk of the City Commission

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