

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

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

**City staff present:** John Orzech – Police Chief, Jim Green - Fire Captain, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Victoria Kurt – Recreation Program Supervisor, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Don Rumbutis – IT, Marvin Ranaldson – STS Administrator, Justin Harris – Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Erin Cremean, Sandusky City Schools (SCS), introduced Dave Danhoff, Assistant Principal at SHS and three Senior high school students who participated in the **Global Internship program**: Stanley Gilbert III who interned with NASA Plum Brook, Amanda Miles who interned with the City of Sandusky and Eleecia Chavarria who interned with Thor Sport Racing. Local businesses interested in participating in the program may contact Erin Cremean at SCS. Dave Waddington said this program provides students with a sense of direction and appreciates the efforts of Erin and the global internship program.

Marvin Ranaldson, Sandusky Transit System (STS) Administrator, said he has been the Administrator for just one year and would like to recap the progress of the STS during this time. In 2015, the STS provided 200,000 trips to Erie County residents; of these trips, 60,000 were demand response trips anywhere in the county costing \$4/trip or less, and 72% were for the elderly or disabled. STS is a lifeline for people to get to work, to doctor appointments and to social interactions. According to ridership statistics, 140,000 persons use the SPARC service each year. Sandusky has the highest population density in the region and is a lifeline for the entire tourism industry in Erie County. Thirteen percent of Sandusky residents do not have access to a vehicle and 22% are over 60 years old and also below the poverty line. STS is in partnership with MV Transportation, is the largest provider in Erie County and has been since 2007. STS operates 33 vehicles and employs 33 persons including one administrator; 25 are Sandusky residents. In 2015, the STS used 102,508 gallons of fuel and spent \$214,140 driving 751,000 miles. STS provides demand response service which costs approximately \$22.14 per trip while the SPARC service costs approximately \$4.63 per trip. Going forward, in order to control costs, we must move demand/response trips into the SPARC system. Ridership is up a little over one percent so far in 2016, service hours are down two percent, and trips per hour are up by 3.2%. We are seeing more ridership with our SPARC service which is a goal of the longer-term plan. STS has consistently taken more money from the city than people believe it should and we need to focus on efficiency. Overall, the STS has grown 71% in five years and ridership has grown tremendously in a short period of time. As a result, the system growth exceeded the capacity of staff to manage. Other transit operations have a dedicated funding system, but Sandusky's does not. If there were dedicated funding for transit operations, this would place a value on what transit provides to the community, would be a flexible revenue source excluded from certain federal restrictions and would provide a cushion for rainy days. Transit funding in Ohio has been cut over 85% in the past 14 years and Ohio spends \$.63 per person on public transit and ranks 39<sup>th</sup> out of 46 states which fund transit. In 2015, Marvin Ranaldson said he was hired to rebuild the system and began to evaluate operations with the goal of making transit sustainable over the long-term, making difficult changes as to how it is operated and budgeted for. The budget was revised and local match funding increased by 25% which allowed the city to renegotiate the existing agreement with our service provider. Three

areas were identified for improvement including staff knowledge of transit operations and funding, the lack of staff engagement and accountability, and the lack of a short- and long-term plan for transit. As a result, a new general manager was hired, performance metrics were established and enforced, communication between transit and city staff is now encouraged and a long-range plan was designed for capital and service improvements. We are aware a new service provider will come aboard next year which will be more expensive and we will need to emphasize our fixed or flex service routes. We will spend approximately \$2.7 million this year, most of which comes from the Federal government. The city's contribution is approximately seven percent, two percent of which are in-kind services. We have new contracts with Erie County Job & Family Services, Serving Our Seniors and Medicaid certification which will increase our revenue. In 2016, Fare Zone 3 will be added as a new fixed-route. The STS will be getting new vehicles, making technology investments and making service changes allowing more flexibility in the future. Fare Zone 3 went into effect March 1 and has been specifically designed to better account for the additional expense of covering all of Erie County. There is now flexibility to increase fares for those locations which cost the most money to get to. A new fixed route network will put service where the people are and make the system more attractive to use. There will be an 82% increase in stops which will provide an 18% increase in access to jobs and a 6% increase for access to workers. Complementary Paratransit will be introduced making able-bodied persons who can access a bus stop ineligible to use the demand/response service (they must use the fixed route service). New paratransit vehicles will reduce costs for fuel and will provide better access to rural areas more efficiently. We are also looking to replace our SPARC vehicles, most of which are currently much larger and less efficient. Once the new vehicles arrive, we will be reducing the fleet size from 31 to 29 vehicles, improving fuel economy and reducing maintenance costs. This will also end spending money to repair vehicles which are beyond their useful life. At the maintenance facility on North Depot Street, new garage doors were installed to accommodate the entire fleet, added an additional vehicle lift and new shop equipment. This year, foundation repairs are being made due to a four-inch gap between the wall and the floor due to settling. A new dispatch center will be installed with a federal grant to improve the security of the facility, the efficiency of transit operations and to better accommodate the public. Technology investments will also be made by purchasing tablets enabling real-time vehicle location and dispatching (through a TIGER grant). This grant is to foster innovation in transportation and will provide \$186,000 to upgrade this software. The E-Fare system is scheduled for 2018 and will make the service more customer friendly, make it cashless, reduce fraud and integrate with multiple funding sources. Potential service changes in the future include changing our fare structure. Greg Lockhart asked if there will be an improvement in travel time and Marvin Ranaldson said the SPARC route is not direct and the new routes will be made *more* direct. Greg Lockhart asked if the new technology and updates to the system will be an issue for the elderly and those below the poverty line and Marvin Ranaldson said there will still always be an option to use a phone, but research has shown it is much more convenient for clients. The most important thing to note is the rider will receive a notification fifteen minutes before the vehicle arrives that it is on its way and people are not waiting outside any longer than they have to and this is a performance improvement. Dave Waddington asked if there are negotiations with Erie County about contributing toward funding and Marvin Ranaldson said he believes this is more of a political discussion. Dennis Murray said this has been discussed at the Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings and he has also spoken to Eric Wobser. This is a fair question to ask and we may want to look at a regional transit system at some point in time to share with the costs. A lot of services are subsidized in the city as we are in the business of providing service, but we continue to look to partners in the larger community in order to be able to share some of the burden. Eric Wobser said the Strategic Plan document does have recommendations in the connected city portion with regional collaboration for transit services and we will be looking into this with other partners in the future. Dick Brady said this system was moved from an urban system to a rural system based on population and what we have is a funding problem. We should attempt to pursue changing this back to an urban system as we serve 77,000 residents, not only the 25,000 in our corporate limits. Marvin Ranaldson said the challenge is the State provides more funding for rural systems than they do for urban systems and the TIGER grant would not be offered for urban systems.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

Dennis Murray said Items #1 and #2 are currently tabled, and anticipates they will remain tabled until the first meeting in June.

**TABLED 5.9.16**

**ITEM #1 - Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner**

**AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP FOR PROPERTIES NEAR 629 WASHINGTON STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no impact to the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone a portion of Parcel #56-01241.000, located at 629 Washington Street, from “R2F” Two-Family Residential district to “DB” Downtown Business district.

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**ITEM #2 - Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner**

**AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP FOR SIXTEEN PARCELS**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no impact to the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone sixteen (16) parcels from R1-40 Single-Family Residential district to “CR” Commercial Recreation district.

**ITEM #3 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact with this item and the licensee must maintain liability insurance for this use. The property owner is responsible for recording fees to the Erie County Recorder’s Office.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-080:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Cattien, LLC, to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city’s rights-of-way as described in the grant of a license for encroachment; 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:* Aaron Klein said this will be for a permanent encroachment for an outdoor patio at Small City Taphouse, 202 Columbus Avenue. In the past, they had a temporary encroachment and this will be made permanent with permanent fencing. A Certificate of Appropriateness was issued by the Downtown Design Review Board and the goal is to get this installed prior to the Memorial Day holiday.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd 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 Maria Muratori, Economic Development Specialist**

**Budgetary Information:** The city will be responsible for providing \$24,000 in grant proceeds from the economic development capital projects fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-081:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$24,000 to Sandusky Renaissance Properties, LLC, in relation to the property located at 217 East Water Street; 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.**

*Discussion:* Maria Muratori said this grant is specifically for 217 East Water Street which will be the new home of Boom Town Coffee. The owner/applicant is Sandusky Renaissance Properties, LLC comprised of equal holdings by Bob Hare and Doctors Murcek and Biedenbach. Sandusky Renaissance Properties also owns 213 – 215 East Water Street which is the home of Hearth Tavern and Zinc. Bob Hare also renovated his own personal residence across the street and has an interest in improving this entire block. Boom Town Coffee will be operated by established restaurant operators Cesare and Andrea Avallone who provided a letter of interest to lease this space for a five-year term. This grant application was presented to and approved by the Economic Development Review Committee in January. The \$24,000 grant is for two façade renovations and improvements, one on Water Street and one on Shoreline Drive. Bob Hare said they are in the final planning stages for the building improvements and there are some challenges with the existing building. Existing stone and masonry will be used to fill in where there used to be windows; the space below this will be a setback garage door with pedestrian access to a street level entrance on the Shoreline Drive side of the property. The Water Street façade will mirror the existing Hearth façade. The front will be the coffee shop (30' deep space), there will be a 16' mezzanine allowing passage into the Zinc portion of the building. This mezzanine will overlook the lower dining area. Cesare Avallone said part of his goal is to have a split level with a walkout basement and a patio for flexible meeting space, live music venues or a private dining area. The coffee shop will sell espresso based coffee drinks and will introduce a new proprietary technology called Boom Town nitro coffee. Dick Brady said this is exactly appropriate for what the program was designed for and \$24,000 against a total investment of \$275,000 is great leverage and he appreciates these persons for taking advantage of the program.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #5 – Submitted by Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning**  
**Budgetary Information:** The project cost based on the bid, including advertisement and miscellaneous costs is \$22,400. The project will be paid with FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-082:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Premier Concrete of Norwalk, Ohio, for the CDBG FY 2015 residential demolition project #4;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 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 accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd 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 John Orzech, Police Chief**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for a new L-3 Flashback HD digital cruiser video system and accessories is \$6,636.28. The grant will fund \$4,977.21 (75%) and the matching funds of \$1,659.07 (25%) will be paid with funds from the Police Department's operating budget. Due to the effects of the economy, the match portion may be waived and a request for a waiver for the match will be submitted with the application.

**RESOLUTION NO. 026-16R**: It is requested a resolution be passed **approving the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for funding through the FY 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant program for the Sandusky Police Department**; 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 Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* John Orzech said this grant opportunity recently presented itself and this will allow the cruiser to be outfitted with equipment.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd 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 #7 – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5J Liquor Permit (*spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only: beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m. in a community entertainment district*) for Jami S. Tallman LTD, LLC dba Scarlett O’Hair Salon, 123 – 125 West Market Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objections to this request.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**ITEM #8 – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5J Liquor Permit (*spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only: beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m. in a community entertainment district*) for McGookey Properties LLC dba Baithouse Brew Pub, 215 Meigs Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objections to this request.**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dick Brady, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$12,000 for the K9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Donald Nath to be used to purchase children’s educational items for the Fire Department. The President declared the motion passed.**

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from Arthur Shoe Tree for the Sandusky Fire Department 5K. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$250 from Platinum Restoration for the Sandusky Fire Department 5K. 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 \$25 from Tom and Leah VanAman, \$200 from Firelands Plumbing, \$36.04 from the donation box at Dairy Queen during the May 13 fundraiser and \$275.92 from Cedar Point collected at the Dairy Queen fundraiser 13 for the K9 Fund. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, it is requested the commission accept a donation of ten basketballs from an anonymous donor for Police Officers to distribute to children. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd the commission voted to accept three grants totaling \$42,000 for the Battery Park/Sandusky Bay Pavilion/City Hall Master Plan which is a fifty percent match. Of this amount, \$6,000 comes from the Erie County Community Foundation, \$30,000 from the Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation and \$6,000 from the Wightman Wieber Foundation. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said 46 (of 47) Police Officers have attended eight hours of “Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” training.

Eric Wobser said last week, several **staff members from the Finance Department attended training** in Blue Ash, Ohio, for the upcoming **financial software upgrade project**.

Eric Wobser said the next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is June 24 at 7:45 a.m.

Eric Wobser said work will begin immediately following Ohio Bike Week on the **Jackson Street parking lot**.

Eric Wobser said a meeting was held last week with stakeholders regarding the **wayfinding signage project** and their feedback will be incorporated and final recommendations will be made at a City Commission meeting in June.

Eric Wobser said two qualifications were received for the **Sheldon Marsh Intake Rehabilitation project**. Per the ordinance, the project was re-advertised to obtain additional RFQs.

Eric Wobser said the city was notified by Senator Sherrod Brown’s office today we will be the recipient of new federal funds from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Brownfield program to assess, clean and redevelop contaminated land** to boost local economies and protect the health and environment in communities. A total of \$400,000 has been awarded to Sandusky and we are one of only seven communities in the State of Ohio to receive this funding. This includes \$200,000 for hazardous substance grants and \$200,000 for petroleum grants to conduct environmental site assessments. Both grants will be used for assessment and cleanup activities, and to conduct site selection prioritization. Eric Wobser thanked Aaron Klein, Matt Lasko and Angela Byington for their work in putting together a grant application for this purpose. Issue 8 funds are being used to assess environmentally hazardous sites but this grant will help us with Phase I and Phase II planning and free up more of the blight elimination dollars and the eventual remediation of properties such as Wisteria Farms.

Eric Wobser said city staff held an open meeting to discuss the topic of **transient rental use** on May 17. There was a good discussion and staff is taking public comments and continuing to

research the topic and possible options. A second meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

Eric Wobser said the city has received three proposals for the **Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative** and is currently evaluating them.

Eric Wobser said a Notice to Commence was issued for **the demolition of 729 Warren Street and 1110 First Street**. The project will be complete by May 31.

Eric Wobser said the **Wightman Wieber Kids Fest Safety Celebration** took place Saturday, May 21 at the Battery Park Marina and thanked the staff at the marina, members of the KidsFest Committee, city partners and all city staff for making the event a success.

Eric Wobser said **Ohio Bike Week** takes place June 2 – 5 in downtown Sandusky and road closures will begin June 1. Eric Wobser said many visitors will be coming to Sandusky for this celebration.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington thanked Aaron Klein for helping to get the **trees planted at the entrance to the Canoe Launch facility** at the end of River Avenue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Wes Poole said he has started celebrating **Ohio Bike Week** already and introduced a new t-shirt featuring Sandusky, our waterfront and Cedar Point. The Harley Davidson corporate offices are taking notice of this fine event and this year will be a HOG (Harley Owners Group) Pin Stop providing commemorative pins to members attending Sandusky's event. Mad River Harley and Advantage Entertainment does a lot for this nationally-recognized event.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to schedule a Public Hearing on June 27 at 5 p.m. regarding the 2017 Tax Budget. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Charles Gibeaut, 2098 Cleveland Road said there is a lot of immunity in Sandusky history including for parking in handicapped zones, barking dogs in residential neighborhoods, parking of unauthorized vehicles in his driveway and for houses of prostitution. Charles Gibeaut asked if this immunity will stretch over for the loud noises from motorcycles during Ohio Bike Week and asked how many citations have been issued for loud motorcycles during the last month. Dennis Murray said he does not know the answer to these questions and Naomi Twine asked Chief Orzech to follow up after the commission meeting.

Ken Smith, 1337 LaSalle Street, said he coaches baseball at Amvets Park and volunteers have been cleaning up this area but they need assistance. The park is in shambles and there are things coming this way, but the season opens June 4 and kids are already practicing. Ken Smith said he grew up playing baseball here and he and other coaches are trying to get the kids to be responsible and clean the area, but they need help. Dennis Murray thanked Ken Smith for all he does and for the way he is approaching this. This park is a disgrace and has been for several decades in the making and the city recently received funding to make major improvements, but understands this was not well coordinated with the practice schedule. Regardless, Dennis Murray said the city is committed to improving this park and has the capacity and funding to do it. In addition, the city hired a part-time employee this year to make sure the ballparks are taken care of on a weekly basis. Eric Wobser said in the short-term, staff was at the field today cleaning and weed whipping to the extent possible; the dirt is scheduled to be brought in this week, and significant other improvements are coming prior to the first game. Some of the more elaborate improvements made possible by Leadership Erie County (LEC) and Erie Materials are coming and the grant agreement was formalized on May 20. We launched a five-year capital improvement plan to lay out improvements for infrastructure, including in our parks. Our ballfields are important including those at Kiwanis Park and at Dorn Community Park

which are in better shape because of Priority Use Agreements with other entities. Amvets Park is in need of significant short- and long- term improvements because of neglect in the past. Victoria Kurt thanked Ken Smith and Howard Carr (the league director) who has been working closely with the Recreation Division as well as many volunteers who have helped clean up the park. The 2016 LEC class has raised approximately \$17,000 for the park (including the \$10,000 contribution from Erie Materials) and improvements are coming and the fields will be playable for the first game of the season. Ken Smith asked if any other donations can be solicited through fundraisers or in-kind assistance and Eric Wobser said to work through Howard Carr and Victoria Kurt. Dave Waddington said this is more of a safety issue now and hopes we put some love out here this week. Last year there were shingles and glass lying in the ballfields.

Dr. Eugene Sanders, Sandusky City Schools Superintendent, said initiatives are occurring in the district which are part of a transformation effort aligned with the city's rebirth and he is very optimistic about our city and our schools. The district has been engaged in a transformation plan for the past couple of years which is being designed to restructure our schools both from a student and parent experience as well as a collective experience throughout the entire community. This work is going well and there are about 3,500 students and approximately 500 individuals employed in the district with an approximate \$44 million budget. They are committed to making a difference in the lives of children in collaborative work with the city. Dr. Sanders said he will be going to Columbus tomorrow with about 35 students to attend the Ohio Senate meeting to provide an opportunity to expose students to government work at the state level and gain perspective about their role as residents. Dr. Sanders thanked the city for allowing a couple of SCS students to intern. For about one year, SCS has been speaking with others in the community about their "Building a Dream" campaign for the future of the students. It is anticipated the Board of Education will redefine the next phase of this vision and will be communicating it to the residents.

Dale Kriss, 2238 Pipe Street, said he has heard about a study to put restrooms on the Jackson Street Pier and Dennis Murray said the city has spoken recently about spending money from the Chesapeake Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) to pay for a study of potential uses of this site. Currently there is no plan and we are in the very early stages. Dale Kriss said this is the last place anyone in bad shape can drive to and watch boats come in and Dennis Murray said there is no scenario where all of the parking on the Pier will be eliminated. There will be lots of opportunity for public input once there is a proposal to consider. Dale Kriss said Pipe Street and Remington Avenue are being used by Cedar Point buses. They also used to go through the Ranchwood subdivision but Perkins Township erected signage prohibiting them from traveling through the neighborhood. It took forever to get Remington Avenue repaired and this street was not built for this kind of traffic. In addition, there is no drainage on Pipe Street and this needs to be looked at. There is a ballpark being built on Cleveland Road and Dale Kriss asked where all of the bus traffic will go. Dennis Murray said there are a couple of different questions about how to handle the traffic from all of our visitors and asked Aaron Klein and John Orzech to speak with Dale Kriss after the meeting. Wes Poole said he is not certain if these are permitted, but the commission should evaluate whether they should be after a recommendation is made.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked who will pay for the restaurant on the Jackson Street Pier as she heard taxpayers will pay for it. Dennis Murray said there is no plan to build anything at the moment and the city is simply looking at options. Money could potentially come from Chesapeake TIF dollars but we do not currently have a plan, do not know how much it will cost, and do not have money budgeted for anything. Eric Wobser said there is no sense we will even have a restaurant on the Jackson Street Pier, this was simply a conceptual idea. We will go through a design process and it is premature to talk about. There are potentially two options - one of which would be similar to Dockside Café which was built by the city and is leased; the other would be to maintain ownership of the land and let someone else build a facility similar to the arrangement at Battery Park Marina. Regardless, it is premature because we have no idea whether anyone will go here. Sharon Johnson said the money in the Chesapeake TIF is paying off the debt because that person failed on the bonds and this money is tied up; Dennis Murray said there has not been a failure with the bonds – the TIF is paying off the debt, it is not

coming from the general fund. Naomi Twine said it is important to emphasize there are no plans at this point in time for the Jackson Street Pier; we are seeking proposals from people to make suggestions and people need to relax as nothing has been finalized. Wes Poole proposed the commission acknowledge the citizens are extremely satisfied with the use of the pier now and if we add enhancements to make it a place for people to go, they simply are improvements, not changes in use. Dennis Murray said this is a large piece of property which can be used for more than what it is today and there are a lot of folks who want something a little better and the city wants to look at options. Staff is committed to have an open and transparent process.

**At 6:45 p.m., upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn. 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