

Brady called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after a moment of silence for the victims, families and friends who were affected by the tragedy in Orlando, Florida, over the weekend, the Invocation given by Dick Brady, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to excuse Dennis Murray. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

**City staff present:** John Orzech – Police Chief, Dave Degnan - Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Brad Link – Public Services Director, Don Rumbutis – IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Justin Harris – Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, 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 the May 23, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked where the city's fifty percent will come from to pay the salary of the Land Bank Administrator (Item #9).

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Bayfront Corridor Committee & Save Our Shoreline Parks Committee, asked if the new wayfinding signage will include locations of waterfront public access points (Item #3). Tim Schwanger asked how the new submerged lands lease payments will take place for both the back payments and current/new payments (Item #4). Tim Schwanger said our parks need to be in better shape before putting laws on the books based on a complaint basis such as the proposed prohibition for smoking in Shoreline Park (Item #12).

Ryan Whaley, 316 East Water Street, commended city leaders for considering a smoking ban in a public park. This may not be the most enforceable law on the books, but there are children using the park and they should not be subjected to second hand smoke and he would want to move if someone were smoking next to him. Cigarette butts do end up in the park and in the lake.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Tim Oberfell, Perkins High School teacher, said two of his students are here tonight to talk about a project to improve the city-owned cemetery, Oakland Cemetery & Memorial Park. Tim Oberfell introduced Tate McCune and Hannah Major to present "Preserving the History of Our Deceased". Tate McCune said cemeteries are an important connection to the deceased are a symbol of a thriving community, have historic value and symbolize prosperity. Oakland Cemetery was established in 1850, is a city-owned and funded property encompassing 64 acres of land. The land was given to the city by Jane S. Williams, an heir to the Beatty Tract. The Chapel at Oakland Cemetery was built in 1885 and is a property listed on the National Historic Register. The Chapel offers funeral services and weddings, but was last renovated in 1975 and is in a state of disrepair. The first mayor of Sandusky, Moors Farwell, is buried here. In Oakland Cemetery, there is an issue with deterioration of buildings and surroundings as well as dead trees and a gate which does not function properly. The walls in the chapel are peeling and are deteriorating and some of this has been caused by a bee infestation. The carpet is also in disrepair. The plan outlined by the students includes writing a grant to the Erie County Community Foundation to increase the budget for the cemetery. This would allow for future funds to be appropriated to clean up the building and surrounding area as well as the potential use of cemetery endowments for the purposes identified. Cemeteries in general are important to the community and bring people together such as when the procession and service was held for former Perkins Township Fire Fighter James Dickman.

It is estimated the costs for repairs would be:

Wall replacement and bee extermination fee	\$ 5,000 - \$ 8,000
Carpet replacement and new installation	\$ 2,000 - \$ 3,000
Repairs to gate	\$ 3,000 - \$ 4,000
Removal of dead trees	\$12,000 - \$16,000

This brings the total costs for supplies and materials to somewhere between \$22,000 to \$31,500. The costs were arrived at by researching businesses online and speaking with active construction workers and contractors. If a grant was applied for through the Erie County Community Foundation, they could potentially raise \$1,000 to \$20,000; monies not provided from this source could be raised through fundraising efforts. Making these renovations would benefit Oakland Cemetery by providing a more uniform, organized building for funeral services and by strengthening the foundation of the community. Naomi Twine thanked both students for presenting this information and said it is sometimes difficult to speak in front of people but they did a fine job and appreciates the time spent. Eric Wobser thanked the students - and Tim Oberfell - who is putting students to work in practical ways to see how community government works. Mr. Oberfell was recently featured in a book and is helping students to understand how to make their community a better place. Dick Brady thanked the students and said this is a credit to Perkins school system and liked that the presentation included a solution to making the repairs at the Cemetery which is a benefit to the city.

Bryan Evans, Studio Graphique, said he would like to begin by providing some background information about how this project evolved, and to show the final design of the **wayfinding signage**. The process began in October, 2015, by finding ways to realize the different branding elements for the city and is to be incorporated with the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration in 2018. The brand is more than a logo; it is how the city presents itself and how it can position itself for future growth. Some of the character traits which helped during the process were awareness by the people of Sandusky, being authentic in our history and uniqueness, having an entrepreneurial spirit and people with vision to leverage our assets, loyalty and pride to Sandusky and a balance of a vacation-minded mindset in our historical downtown and natural settings. The target audience was identified as well as advantages to our community including a Lake Erie lifestyle, progressively-minded people, an established urban core and generational roots with a sense of loyalty. A brand strategy was spelled out for the city: *For residents, entrepreneurs and investors with a connection to the Erie Shores and Islands region, the City of Sandusky offers abundant opportunities to live a vacation and make a life. This is a city focused on its future, leveraging a vibrant and historic downtown, the perks of Lake Erie living and centralized access from surrounding cities and metropolitan areas. Combined with an appealing cost of living, these assets provide a lifestyle that balances hard work and the satisfaction of being valued by your community with the benefit of a vacation mindset.* This is our foundation and speaks to our place and the people who call Sandusky home. The wayfinding program was designed basically to make people comfortable in finding their way to a destination. This makes the experience of arriving at a specific destination a more positive and rewarding experience as well as highlighting some of the amenities offered. The downtown area has a distinct character from other areas and deserved a little different look and the designs differ. Travel paths into Sandusky were identified from the surrounding areas and for the most part, the recommendation is to continue using these same paths. One slight change is on the Milan Road entrance just past Perkins Avenue; traffic destined for downtown Sandusky will be split down Milan Road to Perkins Avenue and then Columbus Avenue. For those leaving Cedar Point, we should try to capture some of the traffic and point them into our downtown. Gateways to downtown were identified and two different types of signage were created for these areas. Primarily the businesses on the signs are visitor-based destinations. The next step is to lay out a family of signs including "Trailblazer" identifying Sandusky with an arrow, "Gateway Elements", directional signage and secondary directional signage listing specific destinations. Also part of the wayfinding plan are parking identification signs, banners and pedestrian orientation kiosks. There are criteria to be followed regarding size and number of messages per sign so they are both usable and helpful. A complete family of the types and scale/size of the signage was shown including the downtown wayfinding signs. The gateway sign has fabricated aluminum elements with fine detail indicative of the water

and boating with a pattern of overlapping blues. These signs sit on a limestone base and some will have the Lake Erie Shores & Islands logo who are partners in this project. The primary directional sign has a sense of depth with layered panels. Emblems will be added to the back side to avoid having a large blank space. The downtown signage is similar to the gateway signage but decreased in scale and public parking signage is important to let people know where spaces are available. The final element is a downtown wayfinding pedestrian kiosk which is a two-sided sign to hold maps and other information. Bryan Evans thanked the folks from Lake Erie Shores & Islands who helped play a part in making this happen.

Larry Fletcher, Executive Director of Lake Erie Shores & Islands, said when this was initially presented to his board, they were not quite ready to make the investment. They worked with Eric Wobser and Studio Graphique to get to where they felt their recognition would be identified and are very happy with the end result.

Nikki Lloyd thanked Bryan Evans for making this presentation and said currently the sign directing people to our waterfront is not visible until after passing the Cedar Point signage. Nikki Lloyd asked if “historic” downtown could be used and Bryan Evans said for the sake of messaging and keeping things simple, they do not recommend this wording to keep the signage as concise as possible. Nikki Lloyd asked what businesses will be identified for exit signage and Bryan Evans said they will be similar to the wayfinding signs. Wes Poole asked if the list has been completed of sign locations and Bryan Evans said this has been completed as well as the message for each.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted for Items #1 and #2 to be taken from the table. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

#### **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.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** 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.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.**

*Discussion:* Casey Sparks said Items #1 and #2 were before the commission a few weeks ago and since that time, a Public Hearing was held to reconsider them so all interested parties had an opportunity to speak to them. Both were unanimously approved by the members of the Planning Commission.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.**

#### **TABLED 5.9.16**

**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.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** 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.**

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.**

*Discussion:* Casey Sparks said the Planning Commission heard this again at their May 30 meeting and is a rezone of 16 parcels on behalf of Cedar Point; this application was approved unanimously. Greg Lockhart asked if Cedar Point has stated what the use will be and Casey Sparks said it will be for Commercial Recreation. Alex Etchill, John Hancock & Associates, said this is an expansion of Cedar Point's campus, although the details have yet to be decided.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.**

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

**GRANT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE ERIE SHORES & ISLANDS FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The city committed \$75,000 toward this project; received \$150,000 from the federal government through the Metropolitan Planning Organization and committed to raising at least \$75,000 more. Accepting this grant eliminates the need for the city to contribute additional city funds toward the project and allows the scope of work to expand beyond \$300,000 to ensure that wayfinding is completed in full. Monies will be received by the city in three equal payments in October of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-083:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Inc., dba Lake Erie Shores & Islands for the wayfinding and signage project;** 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.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this grant agreement is for the wayfinding and signage program with Lake Erie Shores and Islands for \$150,000; the city will receive three installments of \$50,000 each during 2016, 2017 and 2018. The city committed \$75,000 of Issue 8 funding toward this project with \$150,000 also coming from the Metropolitan Planning Organization; the city needed to raise at least \$75,000 more or possibly an additional amount. This \$150,000 will allow for the project to become a \$375,000 project and will expand the scope of the project and the number of signs. As far as public access, several are shown on the kiosks and wayfinding signage in the downtown area. There will be a detailed design and the signs will be able to be modified as necessary. Images on the downtown kiosks can be changed annually and there can be a logo to identify them as such. There is still some work to be done before going out to bid and it is anticipated to be completed by April or June, 2017. Dick Brady said he has abstained on discussion and voting on this particular item because it may be a conflict of interest for a company which he owns. Wes Poole asked if information can be put together about the means of updating the signage and Aaron Klein said this can be provided when it goes out for bid.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #4 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE FOR 701 EAST WATER STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** As leaseholder, the city has been obligated to pay to ODNR the sum of \$132,832.07 for the lease period of March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2017. The city will pay \$132,832.07 to ODNR. Pursuant to the city's lease agreement with Sandusky Bay Development Company (SBDC) as well as ODNR, SBDC will reimburse the city for its use of the submerged land

lease. Each year starting on March 1, 2017, this same process will occur for the annual payment of \$18,976.01.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-084**: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a replacement submerged lands lease with the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, for property located at 701 East Water Street; authorizing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to make payment to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management for the submerged lands lease File #SUB-0385-ER for the period of March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2017; 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 Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this has been going on for a long time and it is good to see it coming to an end. This is a sublease with the Sandusky Bay Development Company. The final amount came to \$18,976.01 making a total of \$132,832.07 through February, 2017. The exact boundaries are detailed in the lease and originally ODNR had approved the area inside of the marina which was under water and is not submerged land; this has been removed. The city will be reimbursed by the State of Ohio fifty percent of the value of the lease. Wes Poole asked how the payments and reimbursement work and Justin Harris said in the past, ODNR would deal directly with the tenant or the sub-lessee but this is no longer the case. ODNR will only accept monies from municipalities so the city sends payment to the ODNR and they (ODNR) reimburse the city fifty percent of the cost of the lease immediately. Sandusky Bay Development will then make these payments, as outlined, to the city. The value of this land is subject to change after February 28, 2017. Hank Solowiej said this will cover payments from Sandusky Bay Development for the period March, 2010 through February, 2017. Dick Brady said this payment plan will make the city whole.

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

**ITEM #5 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**ENCROACHMENT LICENSE WITH TIER 3 LLC FOR 217 & 223 WEST WATER STREET**

**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.

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 16-085**: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Tier 3, LLC to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city's rights-of-way, adjoining property located at 217 West Water Street, as described in the grant of a license for encroachment, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, marked Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein; 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.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this is on the north face of the Hotel Kilbourne property at 217 – 223 West Water Street. They are installing a deck on the first floor with a stairwell going down to the ground level on Shoreline Drive. A Certificate of Appropriateness was received from the Downtown Design Review Board. Wes Poole said a picture included and asked what the decking will look like. Aaron Klein said the deck will be at the first floor level and Ryan Whaley (owner of Hotel Kilbourne) said the deck is on the Shoreline Drive side and the material has been approved

through the Design Review Committee. It will be the same size as the deck at Hot Dog Tony's which is next door.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**B. [ORDINANCE NO. 16-086](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Tier 3, LLC to provide for the use of a certain portion of the city's rights-of-way, adjoining property located at 223 West Water Street, as described in the grant of a license for encroachment, a copy of which is attached to this ordinance, marked Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein;** 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Wes Poole, 5. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

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

**CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR EMERGENCY WATER MAIN RELOCATION AT CEDAR POINT**

**Budgetary Information:** Change Order #1 and final will increase the contract with Haynes Construction from Norwalk, Ohio, by \$65,137.16. The original contract amount was \$249,779 and the revised contract amount would be \$314,916.16. The costs associated with the change order would be paid from the water fund.

**[ORDINANCE NO. 16-087](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first and final change order for work performed by Haynes Construction of Norwalk, Ohio, for the water main relocation at Cedar Point project in the amount of \$65,137.16;** 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Greg Lockhart asked what this increase includes and what transpired. Aaron Klein said a geotechnical investigation was completed to see if the excavation walls will hold and to ensure the appropriate bedding is placed at the appropriate depth. The technical report revealed the material was good and the excavation walls should hold. When they started digging, the excavation started to significantly cave in and the width more than doubled and additional stone had to be added along with joints and asphalt. The valves did not have the appropriate cover and with the ground potentially shifting with the water table and weight of the trucks hauling roller coasters and steel, they needed to be the appropriate size. One additional valve was added to allow flexibility of opening the new main or the old main and there is now 200' of redundancy to have the ability to operate three or four valves. Dick Brady said construction is not a perfect science and sees this happen often in his business.

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

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer****AUTHORIZATION TO BID FIFTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$350,009 and will be paid with capital funds (Issue 8 - \$175,009) and Ohio Public Works funds (\$175,000). The city applied for and was awarded Ohio Public Works funds in the amount of \$175,000 for the Fifth Street reconstruction project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 027-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Fifth Street reconstruction project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said he is glad this is being done and travels Fifth Street almost daily. There is a lot of Cedar Point traffic, vehicles traveling to and from the Fire Department and a lot of truck traffic. Aaron Klein said this project is scheduled to begin after August and the project area is from Sycamore Line to 200'± East of Hollyrood. Traffic will be maintained in all directions using flaggers and it should be completed by November. Dick Brady said he chose to use First Street rather than Fifth Street because of its condition and is happy to see this being completed.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the resolution passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #8 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer****CONTRACT WITH ED BURDUE FOR DEMOLITION OF 925 WEST MONROE STREET**

**Budgetary Information:** The project cost based on the proposal is \$31,250. This project will initially be paid for with funding through the EMS account since the structure was commercial in nature. The city will then bill the property owner for the cost of the project. 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. 16-088:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **approving the emergency demolition work at the property located at 925 West Monroe Street, ratifying the award to and execution of the contract with Ed Burdue & Co., LLC of Sandusky, Ohio;** 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.**

*Discussion:* Greg Lockhart said he does not see additional bids for this project and said this should be done for fairness. Matt Lasko said he does not like to ask the commission for ratification and this only happens in emergency situations which are very rare. Unfortunately, there was a fire at this property on May 31 and the Chief Building Official deemed it 95% deteriorated due to fire, water and structural damage. In these circumstances, the city's codified ordinances do permit, under emergency situations, to immediately rectify and eliminate the emergency without going through the traditional bidding process. Matt Lasko said this is the first time he can remember having to do this and he reached out to Ed Burdue as his company is local, he was also doing some demolitions in the same area and had equipment close by which was relevant and important to this scenario. This payment is proposed to be bridged with EMS funding and the city will ultimately bill the property owner if not paid after a reasonable amount of time (30 – 45 days). In almost every single scenario, a public bidding process is done and this is one rare time where we are asking for ratification of the contract. Wes Poole said he understands the need for

the emergency and asked the Law Director to explain the legal basis from the Charter for this rationalization. Justin Harris said the Charter allows, in emergency situations and because time is of the essence, that when the wellbeing, life, safety and health are at risk, the city administration can take all means necessary to eradicate dangerous conditions. Matt Lasko spoke with the Law Department the morning of the fire and there was the capability to do so. The reason Ed Burdue was chosen was based upon his location and the cost associated with eradicating this safety issue. Matt Lasko said if we were to go through the traditional bidding of the asbestos survey, there would be a 45 – 60 day wait time and this building is in close proximity to those to the west and the east. Dick Brady said this decision was made with the Chief Building Official and the Chief Development Director and he feels certain comments and expertise of the Fire Chief were also involved regarding the structure. Matt Lasko said the morning of the fire, George Poulos, Chief Building Official, went to the site, deemed it 95% deteriorated and structurally unsound and contacted the property owner. Fortunately while the fire investigation was going on, the property owner had the opportunity to remove some belongings. Matt Lasko said similar to the fires at 712 and 716 West Adams Street, the city was reimbursed directly by the insurance companies. For this instance, we will try billing the property owner first after receiving an invoice from the contractor which the city would pay from the EMS fund and, in turn, bill the property owner who will have 30 – 45 days to reimburse the city. If the city is not reimbursed, we will invoice the real estate taxes and the county would begin the foreclosure process. The property would then be turned over to the city and we would then be the owner of the real estate. Wes Poole recognizes in an emergency the city has the authority to remove buildings, but he is not certain it is appropriate or the city can simply assign a contract of this nature. The charter is clear and for formal bidding, there is a process which we do not have to follow in this case, but for charges over \$1,000, three estimates must be obtained. If there was time to get one estimate from the vendor chosen, between then and now, the requirements of the Charter could have been satisfied. Wes Poole said he is extremely uncomfortable with using elements of the law in certain line items to get around what we are spending the community's money for. We should not be picking and choosing who is going to be winners with large sums of money without a solid reason. Wes Poole said he does noticker with the Building Official's ruling, but the building has withstood two severe storms and there is no problem with it. In addition, if it was such an emergency, people would not have been in the building salvaging items; the streets were not blocked and the sidewalks were accessible. There are a lot of things that could be questioned about our authority and will vote no in order to uphold the laws of the Charter and there is no rush to do this. Wes Poole said the vendor is an excellent one but if people are going to participate in bidding, there has to be a level playing field and it needs to be done right. Dick Brady said he disagrees with this analysis and will always err on the side of caution. If the Chief Building Official rules a hazard to life and safety, he will approve any means at almost any cost to remove and abate the issue. The fact this building has withstood a couple of storms and is still standing does not give him any assurance it will be standing five minutes from now. We should be proactive in situations like this and not risk life and safety. Greg Lockhart said he agrees with the Chief Building Official and Fire Chief about the building coming down, but this does bring to mind what transpired when Ed Burdue was pursued about taking the building down and why a phone call was not made to other contractors. It is relatively simple to make three phone calls and seek the lowest bid. Justin Harris said this was an emergency situation but the actual decision to go with Burdue was made instantly. Additionally, there was a suspicion of arson and the twelve days since the fire time span is due to the investigation. Greg Lockhart said this would have allowed additional time to call other entities and Justin Harris said the decision had already been made this was an emergency.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Nikki Lloyd, 5. Nays: Wes Poole, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd, 5. Nays: 1. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #9 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer****AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (ECLRC) AND ERIE COUNTY FOR BLIGHT ELIMINATION AND PROPERTY STABILIZATION**

**Budgetary Information:** The city shall initially be responsible for one hundred percent of the cost of the Contract Administrator, but shall invoice the ECLRC for fifty percent of the cost of the Contract Administrator monthly for reimbursement. All expenses are to be paid from the General Fund but will be all or partially reimbursed from administrative fees provided by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency on a per project (demolition) basis.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-089:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation for the management of future operations of ECLRC activities related to the Hardest Hit fund 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 Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko said we know Erie County and the City of Sandusky currently maintain separate and distinct land banks. Most recently, we have partnered through a Memorandum of Understanding for the city to transfer eight or ten properties to the county to be demolished through the Hardest Hit program administered by the county. We have recently been made aware Congress allocated \$2 billion for this program and Ohio will receive \$190,000 – 200,000 in demolition and foreclosure funding. For Erie County and Sandusky to be competitive, we needed to develop a broader capacity to work on this grant administration. Eighty five to ninety percent of the programming dollars in Erie County have gone to the City of Sandusky and we are proposing a partnership between the city and the Erie County Land Bank for the city to administer the hardest hit program for two years. We are still awaiting notification of these funds becoming public, and have 100 – 200 homes which can be demolished. This is an initial two-year agreement and the grant does call for the city to hire a contract administrator to manage the day-to-day activities. There will be a budgeted figure of \$85,000 annually for this person who will become a city employee and receive city benefits as a non-bargaining employee. These costs will be split 50/50 and will initially be paid by the city and reimbursed by Erie County. With each demolition, administrative fees can be provided back through a \$1,000 flat fee, or ten percent of project costs. Most demolitions are \$10,000 –\$20,000 once abatement costs are added in. These administrative costs will also be split 50/50 with the city and the county. The money will come from the city's general fund and secondarily through receipt of administrator revenues from the county. Approximately forty properties would need to be demolished to get to this \$85,000. Matt Lasko said this agreement was considered by the Erie County Land Bank Board and was approved. Dave Waddington said he supports this and asked if Matt Lasko abstained on this at the county land bank and he affirmed this. Dick Brady said this has been reviewed by both sides and this could not have been taken advantage of so long as we were in protracted litigation with Erie County and this has been resolved.

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

**ITEM #10 - Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman****DISPOSAL OF VACTOR TRUCK & PURCHASE OF SEWER CLEANING TRUCK**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of this purchase will be paid from sewer funds. The funding for this purchase was included in the recent utility rate study and for which was appropriately budgeted.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-090:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring the 1997 Vactor Jet truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one new Gapvax sewer cleaning truck from M-Tech of Cleveland, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services**

**Cooperative purchasing program;** 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 Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Brad Link said the current vector truck has served us for 19 years and we have definitely gotten our money out of it. If it is not sold on [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com), the company we are purchasing the new vehicle for will provide \$15,000 as a trade-in.

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

**ITEM #11 - Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman  
PURCHASE OF THREE 2017 FREIGHTLINER CAB & CHASSIS FROM MIDWAY, INC.**

**Budgetary Information:** The purchase of the two single axle cab and chassis will be paid with sewer funds. The purchase of the tandem axle cab and chassis will be paid with water funds. The funding for these purchases were included in the recent utility rate study and in the five-year capital improvement plan for which were appropriately budgeted.

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 16-091:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1990 GMC 7000 Chassis truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one 2017 Freightliner M2-106 single axle cab and chassis truck from Midway, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Waste Water Treatment Plant; 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 Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Brad Link said all three of these cab and chassis (A, B and C) are the same and there will be universal parts for them. This particular truck allows us to haul materials to the landfill and the current vehicle has reached its useful life.

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

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 16-092:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one 2017 Freightliner M2-106 tandem axle cab and chassis truck from Midway, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Water Distribution Division; 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 Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* This is a new truck for Water Distribution and in times of emergency and to be safe, when materials need to be removed during excavation, a bigger truck bed is being purchased to allow for this.

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

**C. [ORDINANCE NO. 16-093](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed **declaring a 1997 Ford F800 truck as unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the city charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one 2017 Freightliner M2-106 single axle cab and chassis truck from Midway, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Sewer Maintenance Division; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* This new truck is for the Sewer Maintenance Division.

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

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

**AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT SMOKING AT SHORELINE PARK**

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

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **amending Part Five (General Offense Code) of the City of Sandusky's Codified Ordinances by establishing Chapter 521.101 to prohibit smoking in Shoreline Park.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.**

*Discussion:* Dave Waddington said he supports this legislation, but asked the boundary for the park and if electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are included. Eric Wobser said the sidewalk is not part of the park so that would be the boundary; further, e-cigarettes are not included at this time as there has not been enough comprehensive research about them; this legislation is for tobacco products only. Dave Waddington said he has done some of his own research and sitting three feet away from a smoker, even outside, can expose someone to the same level of secondhand smoke as if one was inside. This may offend someone, but is the right thing to do for kids and families. Greg Lockhart asked how this got on the agenda and Eric Wobser said several months ago and based on feedback from some members of the community, this was mentioned in his City Manager's report; the commissioners asked staff to research the issue. Greg Lockhart said he did not see the research. Eric Wobser said he, Chief Orzech, Brad Link and Law Department staff met several times and looked at other cities and their smoking bans in parks. It was decided in lieu of a recommendation, several distinct options including a modest approach to try something in one of two parks. Through liaisons, these staff members shared this recommendation and the strategy was to try a modest approach in one park this year and after a trial period, determine whether to expand the smoking ban over time. Naomi Twine said Chief Orzech did discuss this with her as she is the liaison to the Police Department. Wes Poole said the commission asked for research but he has not yet seen research to support this decision. There is no basis, other than several staff members deciding to make a recommendation. Nikki Lloyd said when she read through the information, there is research and it sounds like Dave Waddington did his own, and she had some conversations with staff about benefits of not being exposed to second-hand smoke. Nikki Lloyd said a brand new playground has been installed and we are attracting the children of the community to come down and play and need to keep them healthy. Smoking is very bad for asthmatics, terrible for pregnant moms and we should be looking to staff to research and make a recommendation or propose legislation. Greg Lockhart asked if

the research shows this is about litter and Eric Wobser said it is primarily about public health and second hand smoke. There is also the issue of legislation and the city already has smoking bans in places of public assembly which helped get to this recommendation. A pilot program would be an incremental approach and we are concerned with how to change the culture because this will not be left completely up to the Police Officers to enforce. Eric Wobser said he was part of a smoking ban in parks when he lived in Cleveland and the enforcement was modest, but during a three- to five-year period, people reading the signs and opting to not smoke on their own, or by reminders from others in the park, they started to see a decline. There are three concerns: the health impact, the concern about littering and the location which is very busy with a pavilion and playground. If we look to expand in future years, Shoreline Park is the recommended place to start. Greg Lockhart said it came to mind as he listened to someone with grandchildren who smokes in the parks that smoking is not as prevalent as it used to be. This is an encroachment on personal liberties and we are attempting to place a law on individual responsibility. If we choose this park today, it is a test on our liberties and it is not up to the commission to encroach on this in Shoreline or any other city park. If this is complaint driven and there are no complaints, it will be okay to smoke in the park. There are cigarette butts strewn outside of city hall and we should perhaps regulate individuals by increasing littering fines before placing a ban on smoking in public places. Eric Wobser said this is a first reading to have time for deliberation and we solicited feedback from the public as well as the Sandusky Register, and the vast majority of respondents were in support of a smoking ban. We do not look lightly at restricting rights of any individual which is why we are looking at a pilot program in one park. We also have to look at the rights of individuals who want to use this park free of the impacts of inhaling second-hand smoke including young children who are still developing and are most likely to suffer negative consequences. Wes Poole said when the commission asked for research, he was looking for something that applied to this park which indicated individuals were being subjected to smoke and absent of this, he believes parks are owned by smokers **and** non-smokers, and asked where smokers will go. A real case about kids being subjected to second hand smoke any more than they would be walking across a grocery store parking lot is absent. In his research of the park, the area where children play is approximately 250' x 75' and did not see one cigarette butt when he walked through it. There are benches around the exterior of the play equipment and people who smoke who are probably as far away from each other as between him and the back of this room. We sit on a lake with prevailing winds continuously and the point is he does not think we are solving a problem. There are politically correct anti-smoking Nazis who say people should be kept from smoking, but there is no case which supports people are being exposed to smoke in Shoreline Park. There is a road which runs out to the lake and there are benches approximately 20 yards apart. Wes Poole said he spoke to a couple of gentlemen this weekend who were on the handicapped fishing ramp and asked them if, in their experience, people smoking in the park has at any time disrupted their ability to enjoy the park; they said it has not, and one of them smokes occasionally. The reality is, we are solving nothing but we are penalizing and demonizing people and does not think we should be making second class citizens in the City of Sandusky and this is what this does. Wes Poole asked what will happen when this expands to Churchwell Park and this is an unfair use of our power. Wes Poole asked what the criteria is which decides what we are measuring at the end of a three month trial period. Eric Wobser said there was a wise man who once said you cannot determine whether you need a bridge based upon how many people swim across the river and to actually look at who is using the park now as a determination whether they would benefit from a smoking ban defeats the purpose of understanding there are many families who would use our parks but for the fact they cannot get there and experience a non-smoking environment for their children. Part of what we will measure as we look at this and to the future is whether we find more families who may have avoided our parks in the past and an increase in visitation. As a resident with young children, Eric Wobser said there is a great deal of smoking which takes place at Shoreline Park and oftentimes, challenges with parents deciding whether to stay with their children or get up and remove them from a dangerous situation. We hear this from people who use the park and this (smoking bans) is happening in larger cities. We are not rushing to implement this citywide, but are taking a very modest approach. Nikki Lloyd said she is in this park almost everyday and runs through smoke clouds; an asthmatic could be thrown into an asthma attack. In her walks, she has seen parents pushing their children on a swing while smoking and picks up cigarette butts and other garbage. Nikki Lloyd said she has a nephew who was born premature and her sister would not take him to parks where smoking was

permitted and has left Shoreline Park because of multiple smoking parents in the playground area. We need to be forward thinking to have a healthy place for our residents to live, breathe and enjoy life and is still in support of this. Dick Brady thanked everyone for a very spirited discussion and said we spent about one half of an hour talking about smoking tonight, but passed legislation worth over \$2.5 million dollars, but dissention and discussion is a good thing. Wes Poole asked for baseline numbers for complaints we are starting with to determine if more families are coming to the park because of instituting a smoking ban. Naomi Twine said she does not need any data on this and there are people on both sides of the aisle. This process is a good one and trusts the research and data submitted and shared and communicated. People can now express their position on the trial basis and for the most part, the State went to the voters and asked about banning smoking in restaurants with a big backlash but as people move to a more healthy environment we will have these types of issues. Greg Lockhart said he does need the data and although not a smoker, recognizes there is a liberty at challenge and he stands on this and would like to hear more from the community. Greg Lockhart said he grew up with a mother who smoked and now that people go outside to smoke, we are saying we do not want to allow it in a public park. Smokers are taxpayers too and he will have this opinion whether about breastfeeding or handicapped persons. We cannot regulate personal liberties with laws.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Nikki Lloyd, 4. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady and Nikki Lloyd, 4. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 2. The Vice President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.**

**ITEM #13 - Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Clerk of the Commission**

**A request was received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new D5A 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. for hotel or motel with 50 or more rooms for transient guests*) for Jayambe Dining LLC dba Sportsman's Tavern, 1530 Cleveland Road, Sandusky. It is requested the City Commission authorize the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, 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: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Upon motion of Greg Lockhart and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept donations from John and Jean Orzech (\$100), Mad River Harley donation box (\$15), Berardi's donation box (\$50.21), Norma Wible (\$50), North Bay Realty dba Bill Lewis Realty (\$200), Milan 1640 Ltd. dba Shore House Tavern (\$200), Daly's Ltd. (\$200), Smith's Top Notch LLC (\$200), Janice Zupancic (\$25), Millicent and Daniel Estep (\$100), Evan Estep (\$50), Paige Doster (\$10), Kademos, Wisheart, Hines & Lynch Co., LPA (\$500), Beverly Matthews (\$10), M & M Cycle (\$500), Victor Grant (\$50), Erik Mohr (\$100), Nancy Naderer (\$10), George & Donna Behrend (\$100), Amy Keller (\$10), Charles & Lisa Ohlemacher (\$50), Mark & Rhonda Rice (\$50), Dr. & Mrs. Kaftan (\$250), Anonymous (\$50), Ed Ohlemacher (\$50), Jen & Scott Dahlgren (\$25), JFS Cares/Employees of Erie County Job & Family Services (\$250) and from Captain John's Nautical donation box (\$20.49) for the K-9 fund. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

Eric Wobser said as part of the terms of the **loan given to The Leaking Boot** by the City of Sandusky, there was a condition the owner reopen a restaurant by June 30, 2016. Based on the fact a significant amount of activity had not been realized, the city reached out to the owner (Rick Semersky), who provided an update. The city provided a letter to Rick Semersky laying out conditions it would take to extend this agreement further. The good news is, he is current on the \$100,000 loan and has also invested over \$50,000 for demolition of the building as well as over \$10,000 in repairs to the building. For a few reasons, Rick Semersky is unable to meet the June 30 deadline, but feels confident he will be able to meet the deadline through 2016. The

conditions the city asked for are a timeline, a plan with benchmarks including when he will submit an application for a brewing license with the state, when he will submit all of the necessary permits for the City of Sandusky and ultimately will have this to us by one week from today so the city will be able to extend the deadline to December 31, 2016. This loan is due in full in June, 2017 regardless of whether the restaurant is up and is current on payments. Rick Semersky is in the middle of a \$6 million investment with a brewery in Cleveland and other ancillary businesses and one cannot hold a liquor license and a brewery license at the same time and he decided to get the license in Cleveland first which slowed down applying for one in Sandusky. This is not an ideal situation but under the circumstances, and the fact he is current with his loans, feel confident he can open with this extension to the end of the year. Dave Waddington asked if signage can be provided on the doors to this former café so people know it will be opening and Eric Wobser said he will follow up on this and understands they may have an Open House on July 4 so people can see the progress being made inside.

Eric Wobser said the **recycling bins located on First Street and Cement Avenue** are for Sandusky residents to recycle. Cameras have been installed and police are monitoring and making arrests for illegal dumping occurrences at these sites. To date, eleven arrests have been made and the city will continue to ensure the cleanliness of these locations is a priority.

Eric Wobser said a **Public Hearing** is scheduled for June 27 at the City Commission meeting, regarding the **2017 Tax Budget**. This is required according to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.30.

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

Eric Wobser said **Caldwell Street Phase I** is essentially complete except for final numbers and payment.

Eric Wobser said the city received four qualifications for the **Sheldon Marsh Intake Rehabilitation project** that was rebid.

Eric Wobser said **the city has become a member of the Cleveland Water Alliance (CWA)**, whose mission is to “collaborate with partners who support our goals for accelerating innovation, increasing collaborative research, advocating sound public policy, and education on freshwater preservation and stewardship”. CWA is very active in the preservation of Lake Erie and economic development opportunities as well. The organization was interested in Sandusky’s membership because of our proactive approach regarding algae toxins and other pollutants, collaboration on biodegradation, interest in expanding potable water sales to the region, green infrastructure and economic development.

Eric Wobser said the Sandusky Main Street Association will be hosting a public meeting regarding the potential **expansion of two historic districts** in the downtown as follows:

- Water Street from Jackson to Wayne Streets; and
- Columbus Avenue between Water and Market Streets (east side only)

This will significantly expand these two districts into one much larger district covering the downtown area. The consultants, Marous Brothers Construction, will have an on-staff Historian at the meeting to explain the benefits of this proposed expansion, and detail what it means for property owners within the existing and expanded district. The meeting will be held on June 21, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station at 600 West Market Street. Any questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Jim Gerken, Executive Director of Sandusky Main Street at: [jim@sanduskymainstreet.org](mailto:jim@sanduskymainstreet.org), or 419.706.1148.

Eric Wobser said three **Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative** proposals were received. The city is working to finalize a contract and scope of services with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative. It is anticipated this contract will come before commission at the June 27 meeting for consideration.

Eric Wobser said the city was recently notified by the **Ohio Development Services Agency the city's application for funding through the abandoned gas station program** was approved. The city will be receiving \$100,000 in grant funds to permit the demolition and cleanup of the former Sunoco Gas Station at 1651 Tiffin Avenue. This cleanup will include removal of any remaining liquid in the storage tanks, removal of two underground storage tanks, removal of any contaminated soil, demolition of outside structures and outside restoration for the importation of backfill. This will be completed no later than June, 2017 per the agreement. Eric Wobser thanked the city's consultants for their hard work in getting this site listed and for their assistance with making application. We are excited about cleaning this up as in conjunction with the adjacent site (former Hopper's trailer park), it creates a site at the gateway to the city and we have already had interest in it. Once both properties are cleaned up and under the city's ownership, an official project can take place here.

Eric Wobser said **storm clean-up is almost complete**. We will continue to pick up debris over the next week. If we have missed a pile or brush from a tree lawn tree, please call 419.627.5884. Eric Wobser thanked all of the first responders who helped during the storm clean-up process, especially Forestry, Property Maintenance, Street and Greenhouse staff. Thank you to also to the companies which came in the night of and the days following the storm: Tree Experts, Buckeye Tree and Crane and Edwards Tree Service. The city also received very positive response from Cedar Point and FirstEnergy regarding the cleanup efforts made to help deal with power line issues. Dick Brady said this storm was a huge inconvenience and like other major storms, never happens between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on a weekday. There were no injuries or loss of life and city crews were on it within ten minutes and stayed with it as long as it took to clean up and the city measured up very well.

Eric Wobser said **25 trees have been purchased through our Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant** to be planted at Oakland Cemetery.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dick Brady asked for a report about **Ohio Bike Week**. John Orzech said he will be providing an after action report but there were no major incidents to report. No motorcycles were stolen this year which was a first. We are not sure if attendance was as high as it had been in previous years as there were activities at other locations including the fairgrounds. The band on the barge downtown was nice and opened the venue to not being as condensed as it usually is. The motorcycle noise was not as noticeable and there were no major events and the costs will be down a little because of the smaller crowds and officers being sent home early. Dave Degnan said Fire Marshal Rucker was at the event and there were only the normal calls, no accidents or fires and their costs may be a little less as well. Brad Link said Advantage Entertainment did a great job with cleanup once again.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington said there will be a **Coffee With Commissioners** on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m.

Dave Waddington said Aaron Klein will host a meeting regarding the **Capital Projects Plan** on June 23 at 6 p.m.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding property acquisition. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding collective bargaining. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 6. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing on July 11 at 5 p.m. regarding the proposed rezoning of 1314 Prospect Street. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said to consider a designated smoking area at Shoreline Park rather than prohibiting it completely. Two years ago, Tim Schwanger took the Huron Park ballfield under his wing with Team Home Depot but the field still needs some work (needs to be drug) and would like this to be done by next week if possible as he is starting a pickup league. There was a meeting of stakeholders for the East Bay visioning meeting held last week and Tim Schwanger said there are not that many residents on this committee and asked if others can be invited who are residents as they are interested in the redevelopment. Dick Brady said we can make an effort to reach out to other stakeholders and bring them to the table.

Willie McCarty, 632 East Adams Street, said the Police Officers have been given another duty to make sure no one is smoking at Shoreline Park and asked how many officers it will take for this patrol. There could be designated areas for no smoking such as near the play equipment and education is better than segregation. Willie McCarty said he has been taking care of property at the corner of East Adams and Meigs Streets which is now a community garden; the structure next door has been demolished and he would like to expand the community garden. This property has been left an eyesore and he would like the city to take care of this.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked if the wayfinding signs will be electronic as they are very expensive. These signs do not impress her and asked why we have to go to this expense. Sharon Johnson asked the cost of the storm damage, how many trees were taken down and if the funds will come using Issue 8 money; Dick Brady said the city will be developing these costs in the near future. Sharon Johnson asked if there was an exception to the rule about a conflict of interest as the Director of a non-profit agency will be coming under contract with the city to run the Land Bank program and if the grant allowed for this exception. Matt Lasko said there is a certain amount of time which needs to pass before a former acting City Commissioner can return in an employment role which has passed in this case. As far as a non-profit director becoming an employee, this is absolutely and unequivocally not a conflict of interest. The grant itself does not create loopholes or exceptions but we do have an individual with significant relationships with the Erie County Land Bank which adds to the credibility of the partnership. A person without these relationships would do the city a great disservice. Sharon Johnson asked what good the county land bank is if they do not have enough resources as the grant had to be administered to them. Sharon Johnson said she is not clear when the \$100,000 is owed by the owner of The Leaking Boot. Matt Lasko said this originally was a two-year \$100,000 loan with four bi-annual or semi-annual interest payments of \$1,750; the first two payments have been made and two more are due, one December 1, 2016, the second June 1, 2017.

Matt Morgan, 1003 West Osborne Street, thanked everyone for a good Ohio Bike Week and as a downtown merchant, is happy about it, supports and appreciates city staff. Mat Morgan thanked the city for the quick cleanup and response after the storm and said it was sad to see such large trees down. Matt Morgan said he is happy with the wayfinding signage and navigating around down is an important thing.

**At 7:50 p.m., the Vice President announced a recess of the regular session. At 8:03 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 9:17 p.m., the commission returned to open session and the Vice announced the meeting was adjourned.**