

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

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

**City staff present:** John Orzech – Police Chief, Dave Degnan - Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Brad Link – Public Services Director, Don Rumbutis – IT, Trevor Hayberger - Assistant 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 June 13, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The Vice President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked for an explanation of the Neighborhood Initiative program with Kent State University (Item #8).

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dennis Murray presented a Proclamation to Davion Fisher who is a 2016 State Champion in the Long Jump, Division I, for Sandusky City Schools.

Steve Ernst, Advantage Entertainment, presented a check in the amount of \$3,500 for the K-9 fund. Advantage Entertainment generated \$3,500 and \$500 was provided by the Kasper Auto Group during Ohio Bike Week.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,500 from Advantage Entertainment and \$500 from Kasper Auto Group for the K-9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Dannie Lewis, 2016 Leadership Erie County class, presented a check in the amount of \$16,468.18 for the K-9 fund.**

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$16,468.18 from the 2016 Leadership Erie County (LEC) class for the K-9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**

John Orzech said on behalf of the entire Police Department, these fundraising efforts are appreciated. When approached about a need for the department by the class, K-9 Justice was about to retire. Very thoughtful and rational projects have been completed by LEC classes and are appreciated. John Orzech said he also appreciates Advantage Entertainment who put out a challenge to members of their group for matching contributions and through this challenge, over \$5,000 was raised. With the donations to be accepted later tonight, the total donations are just over \$37,000 because of other community efforts and the new K-9 will be brought onboard in the near future.

Larry Robison, 2131 Pipe Street, presented a Petition signed 60± residents of Pipe Street and the surrounding neighborhood regarding traffic issues. They are having a terrible time and only look for the situation to get worse when the sports complex opens on Cleveland Road as the two major streets between it and Perkins Avenue are Pipe Street and Remington Avenue. The petition provides an overview of the problems as well as some solutions which may help although some at the city may have better solutions. This is a traffic control problem with vehicles that should not be driving on Pipe Street as well as safety issues with 9' busses in a 10' lane of travel. There are no sidewalks and pedestrians are at risk. He and his neighbor, Dean Scheel, would be willing to sit at the end of their driveway(s) and count traffic if the city wishes for them to. Dennis Murray thanked these gentlemen for presenting their thoughts in a

neighborly way and said he knows these are stressors for the residents. This is a GPS issue and may also be a signage issue and the city's staff will work through these issues and follow up in the near future through the City Manager's office. Wes Poole asked for something to be done with this relatively quickly as legislation may have to be prepared. Dick Brady said options will be presented at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**The President declared the Public Hearing for the 2017 Tax Budget open.**

Hank Solowiej said prior to 2011, this requirement was waived, but this is now a compliance requirement tested when the auditors perform the annual audit. The hearing helps the Erie County Auditor to set property tax rates, to allocate local government funds and to help in planning for the next year. This document does not tie the city down to any numbers, it is complying with the ORC requirements for submittal. The next deadline will be the draft budget which is due to the City Commission by November 1. This is an opportunity for the commission and public to comment, and to answer any questions. Hank Solowiej said there is a wealth of financial information available on the city's website including monthly and annual reports for the past five years, an Issue 8 report and the annual CAFR report.

**The President declared the Public Hearing closed.**

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

### **SECOND READING**

**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. 16-094:** 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 second reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading.**

### **SECOND READING**

**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. 16-095:** 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 second reading. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading.**

### **SECOND READING**

**ITEM #3 - Submitted by Brad Link, Public Service 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 AS AMENDED:** 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 Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at second reading.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said he was absent at the last meeting and understands there was quite a bit of discussion and wished to offer an alternative to this legislation which may bring some harmony to the issue. This is a public health issue and children in playgrounds are unfairly being exposed to secondhand smoke and found other communities with complete smoking bans in public parks. This is a little bit much for Sandusky and he favors a different approach of placing a ban within 25' of playground equipment as this seems to be a fairly universal measure. Dennis Murray said he would also like to see a very serious fine for littering, and would propose for the fine to be \$150.

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to modify the legislation to prohibit smoking within 25' of playground equipment in city parks.**

*Discussion:* Greg Lockhart said he can support this position and said this is about the children and supports the ban 25' from play equipment which is fair. People are not smoking as much as they used to and this would be the right move to make. Wes Poole said the boundaries of 25' between the play equipment and the sidewalk (where smoking area would begin) are acceptable and this shows the city takes a position where children should not be exposed to smoking. This is not unreasonable and it is a good balance. Nikki Lloyd said she disagrees with the amendment and does not know how we would expect our children to get from the playground to the restroom or pavilion as there is more than 25' in this area. Nikki Lloyd said she hopes everyone did their due diligence and looked at additional research about access to secondhand smoke. The National Parks & Wildlife Service stated, "Banning smoking in public parks will further increase the community's enjoyment and safety in its open and greenspaces while reducing littering." The ban began in May, 2016 after recognizing the health benefits. Because of chemicals in the cigarette butts, Nikki Lloyd said she is not sure how we are going to catch every cigarette butt that is thrown by smoking 25' away we and should fine people \$150 instead of just keeping them out of the parks. Nikki Lloyd said she spoke with Pete Schade from the Erie County Health Department today and the ECHD campus went smoke-free in 2011. Only twenty percent of adults smoke in Erie County which is down from twenty eight percent. Forty four percent (of these twenty percent) of current smokers responded they stopped for at least one day in the past year because they were trying to quit. By putting a ban in all of our parks, this will push our residents to be healthier. The 2006 report from the Surgeon General came to the conclusion there is no safe level of exposure of secondhand smoke so when our children enter the park they are being exposed to it; when they are going from the playground to the restroom or the pavilion to meet their parents or just walking down the pier, they will be exposed to it with this amendment. A full-on smoking ban in the parks is the right decision and the sidewalks are very close to the equipment; we should do this for the health of our citizens and our children, knowing this causes heart and lung disease and is linked to causing other forms of cancer. For children alone, it is a known cause of sudden infant death syndrome, lower birth rates and older children exposed to secondhand smoke get sick more often than children who are not exposed; it also causes increased ear infections. As a health care professional, Nikki Lloyd said she feels like she has to state this and said this is not the right thing to do and challenges everyone to make Sandusky a safer place for everyone to live, work and play. We have to be forward thinking if we want Sandusky to succeed and encourages staff to continue bringing things like this to the table if we want to continue to be a leader helping make Sandusky a healthy place to live. Nikki Lloyd said she is more in support of the way the legislation read before tonight. Dennis Murray said he agrees with everything just stated, but does not think we are quite there yet and stated we typically do two readings on this type of legislation. He likes listening to new ideas, but received a lot of feedback about this and is troubled by some things. The tobacco industry is one of the most illegal industries out there and they get people addicted and know exactly what they are doing. Dennis Murray had a

grandmother who tried to quit smoking but could not stop even when she got lung cancer. Also, telling someone who wants to fish out on the pier they cannot smoke is probably not the right thing and this is where he came up with this. Perhaps we will get there in another ten years or so. Nikki Lloyd said she also had a grandfather who smoked and was unable to quit but knew enough to walk away from children to smoke and would hope others will do the same for our children and our parks. Dick Brady said it was noted he did not take a position on this issue at the last meeting. His feelings then are the same now and does not understand why all cannot see the evidence of secondhand smoke which causes heart attacks and strokes. He has empathy for a person who is addicted, but asked who speaks for the child. The city has to make this choice and separate the children further than 25' from smoking. The original legislation was set up to be a test case in Shoreline Park, not all of the parks. This would have been our hybrid case and if it worked we should either move forward with it in other parks. Dick Brady asked where our Law Department on this issue and if the legislation written (in either form) is legally defensible. Trevor Hayberger said the legislation is defensible, both the original and the amendment. Naomi Twine said the initial legislation has called for an amendment and asked if there should be a second reading for the amendment. Trevor Hayberger said we do not have to do this although it is recommended. This is a wholesale change from what was first written into the legislation and should come back for a second reading if the amendment passes. Eric Wobser said it seems to him there should be two pieces of legislation, one for the smoking restriction and another for the increased littering fine. Trevor Hayberger said the fine would definitely be done under separate legislation as it would be in effect for other littering, not just for cigarette butts. Wes Poole said he read a report from the CDC which indicated secondhand smoke does cause cancer and there are three pages of recommendations of what can be done. None of them included anything which suggested prohibiting smoking outside and asked if children in our park are being exposed because of behavior of citizens who also own and have an opportunity to use these parks. Wes Poole said Nikki Lloyd indicated there are clouds of smoke and a child cannot get from the teeter totter to the bathroom without being inundated with smoke. Anyone who has driven through Shoreline Park would realize this almost is not true. Smoke at the end of the pier does not drift into the pathway, to the bathroom or where kids play. Wes Poole said he has empathy for many folks and one can die from overeating but we are not outlawing soda pop; this is a concept of government deciding to restrict the use of parks or over-limiting their use of it because we are "saving" someone. Americans get to decide for themselves how they want to die. If there was a definitive report that said secondhand smoke was an imminent danger to children, it would be different. Shoreline Park is on the water and is the windiest place in town and there is just no truth to the reality that these kids are being exposed. They are more likely to get hit by a car when crossing to go to the bathroom than they are to die from secondhand smoke. Dave Waddington asked what happens if we make a 25' rule for someone who is 26' away. Dennis Murray said he is going to separate the fine for littering from the smoking restriction. Naomi Twine said she would feel comfortable with a second reading on the amended legislation and Dennis Murray said this is what he intends.

**Roll call on the modified motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Dick Brady and Nikki Lloyd, 2. Roll call on the modified ordinance: Yeas: Wes Poole, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 5. Nays: Dick Brady and Nikki Lloyd, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.**

**ITEM #4 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**

**ADOPTION OF 2017 TAX BUDGET**

**Budgetary Information:** The tax budget will establish initial funding for 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 028-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **adopting the tax budget for the City of Sandusky for the CY 2017; authorizing the submission of the tax budget to the Erie County Auditor; and declaring that this resolution shall take 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 resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14**

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

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

**ADOPTION OF FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact at this time. Costs will be allocated to the appropriate funds as projects are presented to City Commission during the next five years.

**PASSED AT FIRST READING:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **approving and adopting the 2016 five-year capital improvement plan for the City of Sandusky.**

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

*Discussion:* Dick Brady said this document received unanimous approval from the Audit/ Finance Committee and the city held an informational meeting last week and there has been a lot of discussion about this document and he is looking forward to the implementation of some of these projects. Wes Poole said staff has worked very hard on this document and we have money for a large number of projects, all of which we may not do, some we may not totally agree with, but we will discuss and debate them as we move forward. Dennis Murray said this was a challenge given to Eric Wobser over a year ago and we have completed a Comprehensive Plan and a Master Plan and Aaron Klein put this document together with the particulars. This sets forth a path and identifies improvements to be made in the city and be reliable partners going forward. Dave Waddington said during his second term in office, we could not plan a week out, were worried about making payroll and it is a lot nicer to see some of the projects we will do in the community.

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

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

**PERMISSION TO BID CALDWELL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PHASE II**

**Budgetary Information:** The estimated cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$350,026 and will be paid with \$175,026 of capital funds (Issue 8) and a \$175,000 Ohio Public Works Commission matching fund grant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 019-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Caldwell Street reconstruction project, Phase II; 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 Naomi Twine, the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Aaron Klein said this is the second phase of the Caldwell Street project and we applied for OPWC money last September and will have a contract mid-July for \$175,000 to be split fifty/fifty and expect to be reimbursed by OPWC. The street will look similar to the other half of Caldwell Street which was just completed. Dennis Murray said this is a good example of how long these types of projects take.

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

**ITEM #7 - Submitted by Orin McMonigle, Water Services Superintendent****PURCHASE OF CYANOTOXIN TESTING EQUIPMENT/GRANT APPLICATION TO OHIO EPA**

**Budgetary Information:** The total cost for the purchase of cyanotoxin testing equipment from Abraxis Company is \$28,800 (price includes equipment, shipping charges and training) and will be paid for with water funds. The city is expected to be reimbursed for \$20,000 of these costs from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency via this grant application. If the grant application is not approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Drinking and Ground Water, funding would stay within the water fund.

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 16-096:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase cyanotoxin automated assay system from Abraxis, Inc. of Warminster, Pennsylvania, for use at the Big Island Water Works plant;** 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:* Aaron Klein said at the Water Plant, two staff members each week perform a manual test which costs about \$500 per week. The equipment being purchased was tested in Oregon and Toledo and will free up staff time because it is an automated testing system. If we do not get the grant dollars requested, there is still money available for this type of equipment.

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

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 030-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to file an application with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters for cyanotoxin testing equipment grant funds for the Big Island Water Works plant;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

**ITEM #8 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning**  
**AGREEMENT WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SANDUSKY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost of the professional services will not exceed \$60,000. The initial cost will be paid from Issue 8 Infrastructure funds. \$30,000 of the cost will be reimbursed to the city from locate foundations and/or private donations.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-097:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kent State University Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CDC) of Cleveland, Ohio, for professional services for the implementation of the Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative – Neighborhood Planning project;** 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:* Angela Byington said in April, staff gave a presentation about this initiative and at that time, the City Commission authorized a Request for Proposals. The city completed direct mailings, posted this on its website and received three proposals; two firms were interviewed. The selection committee chose the Urban Design Collaborative and is recommending entering into this contract. The total cost is \$60,000 and would be paid with infrastructure funds although it is anticipated \$30,000 will be reimbursed through local foundations. Once a contract is approved, the CDC will begin its work and it is anticipated the plans would be complete by January, 2017. The goal of the program is to plan for and implement sustainability strategies as well as to create environments that attract and support private investment within targeted neighborhoods. Five to seven neighborhoods will be selected for the first round and it should be diverse in geography, income and culture. Community outreach will occur within each neighborhood to help shape the plans for programming and strategies in each neighborhood. Throughout the process we will look for a partnering organization or institution within each neighborhood. Each plan shall include one highlighted project which will be a park, housing development or a bike path, etc. Strategies will be identified to help create a sense of neighborhood such as branding, signage and event programming. A model block program will be instituted in each one of the neighborhoods. This is a larger-scale planning process for five to seven neighborhoods with approximately 1,000 households. The model block area will be a smaller geographical area within the neighborhood and will include items such as rehabilitation and demolition. Matt Lasko said the idea of the model block suggestion is to look at a micro area within each neighborhood including 100 – 125 houses which would be strategically addressed for each particular property. If it is a vacant property, ushering it through the tax foreclosure process, demolition or working on rehabilitation. This would be a deep investment into a very small area of a targeted neighborhood. We could look at our housing market resources which we rolled out a couple of weeks ago. Dennis Murray said he looks as this being a small spark to do something transformative when completed. Wes Poole said he is happy to see this and the best part for him is in the scope of work, these people will interact with people from the neighborhoods and see what they are trying to do and will generate enthusiasm in the community. Dave Waddington said this is a spark for a homerun outside of downtown. He wants downtown to be well, but we also have to take care of our neighborhoods. We are listening to the rest of the community too.

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

**ITEM #9 - Submitted by Dave Degnan, Fire Chief**

**PURCHASE OF POWER-LOAD COT SYSTEM**

**Budgetary Information:** The total amount for the power load cot system purchase is \$24,894.89. This purchase will be paid with monies from the EMS fund over the course of three years with the annual payments of \$8,298.30 per year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-098:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to purchase a power-load cot system from Stryker EMS of Portage, Michigan, for use in the Fire Department;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of 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 said he had the opportunity to use this cot system after spending a night at the Fire Department. It will prevent injury to the Fire Fighters going forward and is

essential. Our Fire Fighters are doing a great job and he went out on calls with them to see what they actually do.

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

**ITEM #10 - Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS FOR CITIZENS CIRCLE PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The City of Sandusky will award the Center for Cultural Awareness a total of \$15,000 for the Citizens Circle program for CDBG program year FY 2016. This award shall be paid from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-099:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Center for Cultural Awareness to provide a Citizens Circle program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of 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:* Arielle Blanca said the City Commission already approved the CDBG Action Plan and we are now moving forward with this plan and entering into the agreements with our subrecipients. The Citizens Circle program will assist ex-offenders by providing them with training in order to become more productive community members in Sandusky. The program will only assist ex-offenders who will reside in the City of Sandusky and the intent of the program is to reduce recidivism and prevent crime. Charlene Adams, Executive Director of the Center for Cultural Awareness, thanked the City Commission for supporting this program and helping a lot of ex-offenders returning to Erie County and 85% of whom live in the City of Sandusky.

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

**ITEM #11 - Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The City of Sandusky will award the Erie County Health Department a total of \$10,000 for the Healthy Lifestyles program for CDBG program year FY 2016. This award shall be paid for from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-100:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Erie County Health Department to provide the Healthy Lifestyles program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of 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:* Arielle Blanca said the purpose of the Healthy Lifestyles program is to educate teens and adults about healthy living and to motivate or empower success. Small group sessions will be offered and will include hands-on interactive sessions. Devin Pollock from the Erie County Health Department said two areas are targeted for this grant: the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center and Erie Shore Network, and thanked the City Commission for continuing to help with these programs.

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

**ITEM #12 - Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GREATER OHIO FOR HELP AGAINST HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM**

**Budgetary Information:** The City of Sandusky will award the Volunteers of America a total of \$40,000 for the Help Against Homelessness program for CDBG program year FY 2016. This award shall be paid from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-101:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio to provide the Help Against Homelessness program and to expend an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of 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:* Dick Brady said the company he owns sometimes is a recipient of dollars from this company and will be abstaining. Arielle Blanca said the goal of this program is to allow participants to avoid homelessness as well as to provide assistance to those who are already homeless. The program will provide rental, mortgage and utility assistance for those in danger of eviction and/or foreclosure to prevent homelessness.

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

**ITEM #13 - Submitted by Arielle Blanca, Community Development Manager**

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION OF ERIE, HURON & RICHLAND COUNTIES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR & ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATIONS**

**Budgetary Information:** The City of Sandusky will award the Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc. a total of \$40,000 for emergency home repair and accessibility modifications during CDBG program year FY 2016. This award shall be paid from CDBG grant monies and there will be no impact on the general fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-102:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Community Action Commission of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc., to provide emergency home repair and accessibility modifications and to expend an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Arielle Blanca said this is for the CAC program which provides emergency home repair and accessibility modifications for qualified residents who meet HUD guidelines. The residents will receive monies to make their homes safer and more accessible. Tim Brown with the CAC thanked the City Commissioners for allowing them to continue this collaboration. This is an excellent program and they try to help homeowners modify their homes and take care of emergency needs so they can stay in their homes.

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

**ITEM #14 – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of C1 (beer only in original sealed container for carry out only), C2 (wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out) and D6 (sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours of 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and midnight) liquor permits from Vista Systems, Inc. dba Cleveland Road Shell to NOVA8516 LP dba HyMiler 2200, 1631 Cleveland Road. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.**

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd 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: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**ITEM #15 – Submitted by Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk**

**A request has been received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the transfer of a C1 (beer only in original sealed container for carry out only) liquor permit from Petroleum Delivery Services, Inc. dba Venice Road HyMiler to NOVA8561 LP dba HyMiler 2221, 3223 Venice Road. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.**

**Upon motion of Wes Poole 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: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$25 from Joanne Cross for the Friends of the Greenhouse. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$50 from the Sandusky Memorial Day Association to the Fire Department. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$75 from Dave Waddington for a planter for Butler Street. Dave Waddington said Dick Brady also purchased one and they wanted to be certain these were donated back to the city's greenhouse. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept the following donations for the K-9 fund: Russell Perch Classic in Memory of Tom Romick - Camp Street Bar/Sail In/Star Lanes Bowling Alley (\$1,000); Kaleen Lawrence (\$50); Sam's Club Associates (\$300); Memorial Day Association (\$50) and from Fishel Hass Kim Albrecht LLP (\$100). The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept a donation from Serving Our Seniors in the amount of \$19,000. This is a collaborative grant from the Erie County Community Foundation (\$4,500), the Wightman Wieber Foundation (\$4,500) and Serving Our Seniors (\$10,000).**

*Discussion:* Eric Wobser said this money will be used as a local match to complete a major renovation at the Amtrak facility and construction will begin later this year. Eric Wobser thanked Marvin Ranaldson for his work on this.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

Eric Wobser **introduced our new Housing and Community Outreach Coordinator, Talon Flohr.** This is a new position to the City of Sandusky and the Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative process is kicking off and people will have the opportunity to interact with Kent State University staff members, as well as Talon locally, as he will be the staff person assigned to the project. Talon Flohr graduated from Sandusky High School and The Ohio State University and he has a sense of pride in Sandusky and wanted to return here after his graduation from OSU.

Eric Wobser said the city is working on a **slum and blight plan and an urban renewal plan for the potential expansion of the Chesapeake TIF district.** We will need permission from the Sandusky City School Board and the City Commission and we would not direct any existing funds from the school board for any future investments. They have been very supportive of this.

Eric Wobser said we are looking to finalize the **city seal process** and wanted to go back and refine the current version of the existing seal. While creating a logo for Sandusky's Bicentennial Committee, Kyle Roth also did the city seal. There is a remastered version of the existing city seal while the second choice is a slightly adjusted version and includes a roller coaster. In the new version of the original seal, the water is lighter blue and sets the lake apart; Eric Wobser asked the commissioners whether to keep this option, or keep the darker, original blue throughout. Dave Waddington said he thought the original intent was to have the original seal and at no cost, Kyle Roth was going to do one that is digitally-friendly. Eric Wobser said the only change is the color of the water, but understands the technicality of this change. Dick Brady said the noticeable change for him in the second choice is the elimination of the roping and the addition of a rollercoaster. Eric Wobser said the rope is absent in the second version because when it is done in smaller form, the detail is difficult to see and the one without it reads much cleaner. Wes Poole said the lighter blue water looks nicer and personally thinks it is an improvement to the dark blue on the original and the rope sets it off.

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to use the original seal with one shade of blue as Option 1 for voting purposes. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dennis Murray and Nikki Lloyd. Nays: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 5. The President declared the motion fails.**

Eric Wobser said **Officer Chris Rankins began serving in the Community Impact Officer position** on June 13. Officer Rankins will focus primarily on the east side of town, east of Hayes Avenue to the city limits. He will stay involved in the schools as well, visiting them throughout his days, once school is back in session. Officer Eric Costante will focus on the west end of town, west of Hayes Avenue to the city limits, as well as remaining active in the downtown area. It is a fitting tribute our last two Officers of the Year are now Community Impact Officers.

Eric Wobser said the **Fire Department 5K** takes place Saturday, July 2. Registration forms can be found at the Fire Station or participants can register on race day at 8 a.m. The race is set to start at 9 a.m. sharp and proceeds benefit SFD community outreach programs.

Eric Wobser said the **2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** is on schedule to be filed with the Government Finance Officers Association by the June 30 deadline.

Eric Wobser said on Monday, June 13, the **Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization requested proposals for projects** that may be able to use earmarked federal transportation funds from the State of Ohio that are currently unused. All projects were to be “safety oriented” and they needed the information by 5 p.m. the same day. We requested \$950,000 for three projects listed in the Bicentennial Plan and the Five-Year Capital Plan: 1) West Side Walkability [Venice Road to Fremont Avenue to Bardshar Road to Lions Park to Venice Heights School]; 2) Scott Street and Columbus Avenue Safety and Pedestrian Improvements; and 3) Huron and Wayne Streets Safety and Pedestrian Improvements. No timeframe is set as to when we will hear back.

Eric Wobser said **The Ohio State University and the State Division of Wildlife are performing a research project regarding the nesting habits of the black-crowned night heron**, which is a state threatened species, on our very own Turning Point Island.

Eric Wobser said on June 7, the city held a stakeholder’s meeting for the **Downtown Sandusky East Bay Plan**. The meeting was well attended and productive. The Trust for Public Land is currently reviewing past plans, exploring existing conditions and will be meeting with stakeholders throughout the summer.

Eric Wobser said due to storm damage earlier this month, the **intersection at Hancock Street and Huron Avenue** will remain a two-way stop for vehicles on Hancock Streets. Stop signs have been put in place and will remain until further notice. We do plan to replace the traffic signal but this will take time to plan for. Dick Brady said he asked Brad Link about using the flashing LED stop signs temporarily at this intersection and he has indicated this will work.

Eric Wobser said the **city will hold an auction of surplus city property on July 30 at 9 a.m.** Questions can be directed to Kelly Kromer at 419.627.5884.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dick Brady said he attended the **groundbreaking of the Victory Kitchen shower project** and it was well attended. This is a terrific asset for the community although it is sad there is a need for these types of facilities. This is one more gold star for the Leadership Erie County class as this was a project initiated by them.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur will be at a meeting Wednesday regarding the **Pipe Creek Watershed**. He will attend and asked if a staff member is also planning to attend; Aaron Klein said he is unable to go due to a previous commitment but will find a representative who is able to attend.

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to order in legislation to make the minimum fine for littering \$150. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted to extend Eric Wobser’s contract for two more years.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said Eric Wobser has been with the city for almost two years and thanked him for the fine work he has been doing for the City of Sandusky. This employment contract is now half over and he would like to extend this so Eric has a reasonable period of time in front of him to remain here. Eric Wobser welcomes feedback on his performance and

said it has been a wonderful two years because of the support of the commission and appreciates the extension. Wes Poole said the City Manager is doing a fine job and there is probably not a reason to not extend his contract, but this is early as there are another two years on his contract. This is far out and limits our options, but he will vote for it. If one year from now Eric is continuing what he is currently doing, he will be happy; however, if one year from now Eric Wobser has a change, he will wonder why this was done. Naomi Twine said she would like to extend this contract, but believes it would be appropriate to provide a performance evaluation to let Eric know what areas the commission is pleased with as well as areas where he could improve. Eric Wobser said there are some built in performance measurements with his contract and the commission recently considered the adoption of the Bicentennial Plan and Strategic Plan process to more formally tie these metrics to how well and qualified he is in his position. Dave Waddington said he has been through revolving doors at city hall and hopes Eric Wobser is still the City Manager in four years when he leaves office and makes himself available at all times and returns calls. Things are stable, Issue 8 passed and we have some money now and things are rolling along and he does not want to see any disruptions. Dennis Murray said he will follow up with Naomi and set something up for an evaluation.

**The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding pending litigation. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding collective bargaining. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold an executive session regarding personnel, Public Services Department. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said at the last commission meeting, an amendment to the agreement with The Leaking Boot was discussed and she is concerned staff is taking power away from the City Commissioners. Dennis Murray said the commission has the ability to countermand the staff if they do not agree with the direction and will leave it to the Law Director to make sure the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed. Trevor Hayberger said his understanding is the amendments were subject to City Manager approval and the functional contract power remains the same. Sharon Johnson said she is concerned about the Land Bank and recently found out the director will be quitting his job at the Erie County Land Bank to be a city employee and does not know if he will have dual loyalty. The grant has to be administered to the county and asked what will happen when the Director becomes a city employee. She is concerned there may be a legal problem where we may have to pay the grant back later on. Dennis Murray said the agreement between the city and county specifically addresses their reimbursement requirements and this has been reviewed by legal counsel. Sharon Johnson asked if the federal government knows the director will be leaving his job at the county to work for the city and Dennis Murray said he does not know there is any obligation to contact the federal government. Sharon Johnson asked if the masonic design is gone from the seal and Dennis Murray stated it was. Sharon Johnson said she does not know why the city bothered to spend \$6,000 on this and asked what it would cost to change this out on uniforms, vehicles and letterhead. Dennis Murray said the contract with Kyle Roth was to design the Bicentennial logo which is in use and the Bicentennial Committee loves it. The modification to the city seal was done for free and we did not pay any money for this. Dennis Murray said over time, the city administration will change seals out as we change vehicles, etc.

Michael Hacker, 510 Neil Street, asked if it will be made easier for property owners to develop properties without climbing through a lot of loopholes. He has been trying to develop his property since 2014 and just completed joining lots to do so. There is a double standard that some entities can do what they want on vacant lots while others cannot build on them. Dennis Murray said this is very specific to his situation and is difficult to evaluate. Angela Byington said her department is very aware of the issues and has been trying to help Mr. Hacker through the process. She cannot speak for other situations which occur in the city without getting permits legally, but when people come to her office they try to help them do things the right way and get the appropriate permits. This year Michael Hacker said he paid someone to landscape which cost him \$4,000 and is going to build the original house he had planned since the lots have been joined. When he came to get a fence permit he was told he could not build one or park on a vacant lot but there are 20± properties which do in the city. Matt Lasko said he is not familiar with Mr. Hacker and welcomes him to meet. Since joining the City of Sandusky, he has learned it has been a tough in the past for the city to do economic development in and we are continuously striving to be business and owner occupied friendly in how we do business. Some of the housing programs have just been rolled out with a smooth application process. The actual development (permitting) process is not a challenge while being sensitive to neighbors. We certainly do not have all of the answers and are receptive to feedback of peoples' experience of the process. We need to constantly make changes and updates to make improvement and welcomes this kind of feedback.

Matt Morgan, Osborne Street, said he recently had an encounter with the Community Outreach Officers who came to a call about a young shoplifter in his store. This turned into more of a life lesson rather than an arrest and taking one more juvenile to the Detention Center and he appreciates the way this was handled. The Officers had the understanding and the compassion to sit down with all parties involved.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said she has heard a lot about spending Issue 8 money and is pleased to be seeing the results. The contract extension for the City Manager is also good as a five-year plan is nothing without continued leadership. Vicki Bird thanked the city for helping remove the dilapidated garage and vermin in her neighborhood and is happy to see a Habitat for Humanity home going up. The alley being used as a cul-de-sac is causing problems and busses are traveling on it. There is nowhere for pedestrians to cross at Sanford Street, Venice Road, Tiffin Avenue and S.R. 6 and it needs left turn signals as it is very dangerous. Vicki Bird said she is a smoker, but does not smoke around children and asked how the no smoking ban will be enforced in the parks. She is excited to hear about the neighborhood initiatives program.

Jennifer Brindley, 1328 Waverly Road, said the Russell Classic is a perch tournament on the Saturday before Father's Day and this year was the tenth anniversary and they have collected over \$83,000 during these ten years with tip tickets. This money helps families who are affected by cancer and those who may need handicapped accessible ramps at their homes. This year, they are working on donating \$10,000 to the City of Sandusky for a concession stand at one of the ballparks.

**At 7:18 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 7:25 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 7:50 p.m., the commission returned to open session.**

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to reject the Fact Finder's opinion released by the State Employment Relations Board regarding the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 327. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, Dennis Murray, Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**At 7:53 p.m., the President announced the meeting was adjourned.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Clerk of the City Commission

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