

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

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

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, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Justin Harris - Law Director, Trevor Hayberger – Assistant Law Director, Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

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

Dennis Murray announced because of maintenance issues with the air conditioning unit at City Hall, **today's meeting was relocated to the Erie County Commission Chambers.** For this reason, we are unable to make a video recording today, however, an audio recording will be created.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

The President announced the opening of a **Public Hearing regarding the renaming of Grant Street between Hayes Avenue and Camp Street to Orlando Pace Drive.**

Aaron Klein said the City Commission received a letter from the Sandusky City School (SCS) Board requesting the city rename Grant Street, between Hayes Avenue and Camp Street, to Orlando Pace Drive to honor one of SCS outstanding graduates, Orlando Pace. The renaming of the street was discussed at a public SCS board meeting on Tuesday, June 7, where there was unanimous consent to move forward with this request. At this meeting, all board members acknowledged the community treasure that is Orlando Pace and stated they are in full support of renaming this street in his honor. The name change will become effective October 6, 2016, in correlation with Orlando Pace Day in Sandusky and will only affect two property owners. One has asked to use a Hayes Avenue address for their property and the other is a medical building. Orlando Pace graduated from Sandusky in 1994 and attended The Ohio State University (OSU) playing left tackle on the OSU football team. He was the second freshman to ever start at OSU. He won the Outland Trophy Award in 1996 and the Lombardi Award for the best college linebacker in 1995 and 1996. He finished fourth for the Heisman Trophy which is virtually unheard of for a lineman. He is also credited with a new statistical category: The Pancake Block. Mr. Pace was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2013 and was selected to the college football all-star team. In 1997, he was drafted by the then St. Louis Rams as the first overall pick and was the first lineman to be selected number one overall in 29 years. Over a 13 year career with the Rams and Bears he was named All-Pro five times, selected to the Pro Bowl seven times, on the All Decade Team and was a huge reason for winning Super Bowl #34. On August 5, 2016 he gave a beautiful and emotional speech at the Hall of Fame Ceremony as he was being inducted into the Class of 2016. Locally, Mr. Pace has donated a substantial amount of money for a variety of things including Orlando Pace Park on Wamajo Drive. He was a 1993 USA Today High School All American and first team for All Ohioan Football. Orlando Pace is simply a pure athlete as he also lettered for the Sandusky Blue Streaks playing basketball. The October 6 effective date would be in correlation with Orlando Pace Day in Sandusky. Kelly Kresser said the Grant Street property owners mentioned by Aaron Klein are Linda and John Poggiali and they have resolved their issue with the United States Post Office and have no objection to the renaming of this street. Aaron Klein said he spoke with both the Police and Fire Departments to ensure they would not have a problem with emergency response.

There being no further questions or comments, 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

ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FOR 1314 PROSPECT STREET

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-124: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone Parcel #58-01725.000 located at 1314 Prospect Street from R2F two-family Residential district to Public Facilities district.

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

SECOND READING

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Dennis Murray, City Commission President

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE TO THE ELECTORS

Budgetary Information: The costs associated with passage of this legislation would include a chargeback for a portion of the ballots, as well as a portion of the advertising costs from the Erie County Board of Elections. In addition, Section 82 – Amendment of Charter, requires the city to mail a copy of the proposed amendment to each elector not less than 30 days prior to the election. It is estimated the total costs will be less than \$10,000 and will be charged to the City Commission budget (60%), Sewer fund (20%) and Water fund (20%).

ORDINANCE NO. 16-125: It is requested an ordinance be passed providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Sandusky proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Sandusky to allow a City Commission member to serve twelve years in a sixteen year period of time, and when a City Commission member fills an unexpired term of less than two years, said time shall not be included in the twelve-year calculation; 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 at second reading and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray thanked Justin Harris and Wes Poole for pointing out the writing and passage of this issue as intended by the commission. Greg Lockhart said he was in favor of the original draft where a person serving an unexpired term could serve two terms on their own, but as amended and after speaking with people in the city, they seem to be against giving commissioners the ability to be able to serve a third term and do not feel this would be beneficial. Secondly, there is a Sandusky City School Board issue on the ballot and this could play a part in this \$70 million issue and Greg Lockhart said he does not want there to be any confusion or anything done to disturb this. Nikki Lloyd said she is still in support of this and with the proper communication being announced to our residents, it gives them the option to choose and she plans to vote yes. Dennis Murray said he is sensitive to SCS passing their bond issue and this has been the subject of a great deal of discussion. The local portion is about \$35 million for the bond issue which will be matched by the State of Ohio and is incredibly important for our community. Dennis Murray said he does not believe this will have a negative impact on the bond issue and potentially more people will come out to vote this year because of it, but this is a lot of guesswork. Whatever this particular issue may have in connection with our issue on the ballot will be about the smallest wind in a maelstrom that we unveil this fall - along with the Presidential election - and he feels comfortable moving this forward. Dave Waddington said he works for SCS and does not think this issue will have an impact as there is

no tax money involved. There has been a revolving door of people dropping off for various reasons and a replacement must then be appointed. Dave Waddington said he was in support of the original idea but the three term limit is also fine and should not have any effect on the school levy. Folks going out to vote for the school levy will also vote on this and it will be a positive in November. Greg Lockhart said we have included both the first idea of having an unexpired term filled and the second idea to extend to three terms. Just Harris said the original legislation, as proposed, dealt with an unexpired term and this amendment was never withdrawn; Wes Poole made an amendment to include this to add a third term and this has been presented as one question for the voters. The first is to not penalize a commissioner filling an unexpired term. Greg Lockhart said this would mean a commissioner could serve fourteen years and could essentially go well beyond a third term. If someone came in for an unexpired term for two years and then decided they were going to serve for three terms, they would be in office for fourteen years he and does not think the voters will go for this. Dennis Murray said this is a mathematic possibility, but the voters have always retained the ability to turn any commissioner out as they have in years past and this is the principle argument against term limits anywhere in the country. This simply is undemocratic interference with the voters and over the years, we have seen quite a number of sitting commissioners turned out when making a bid for the election. Voters are shrewd and pay close attention and thinks this is allowing the voters to do what they want to do. Wes Poole said in relation to this with the school levy, the city's is not a money issue and he has not heard anyone at the Board of Education stating this will affect their issue. The school issue is one of the most important things for Sandusky at this election and the overall goal is for people to move to the community because of its quality schools and the belief we totally support our schools is extremely important. Wes Poole said he hopes our issue does not impact SCS and believes the voters recognize these are two different issues. Absent any strong suggestion this actually will negatively impact the school, we are offering the citizens an opportunity to improve the decision-making and getting more experienced people on the commission. Commissioners have the opportunity to remember the mistakes made before them and this is very important and hopes the citizens see this, agree with it and vote for it. Naomi Twine said she voted no on the amendment at the first reading as she believes providing for a third term should first go to the Charter Review Committee. There are checks and balances in place with government and the Charter Review process is a check and balance for how these things go forward. Naomi Twine said she does not have a problem with a third term for someone who fills an expired term, especially someone who is civic and business minded and they should not be penalized for running for two terms if filling an unexpired term. As this amendment is written currently, she will vote no. As far as the voters and the school levy, it is very important for all of the things we are trying to do for our city. People who look to move to different areas look at the schools and the strength of them. They are important and would not want this type of ballot issue to negatively impact their levy. Naomi Twine said there are arguments on both sides of term limits and does not expect to resolve this argument at this table, but in smaller communities, sometimes term limits have an impact on minorities who want to run for elected office. Dick Brady said if he thought for one minute these two ballot issues were tied together and would provide a negative impact on the school levy, he would not support this legislation. These are not mutually exclusive and our voters are sophisticated enough to know they are voting on an increase in term limits and also voting on a school levy. He appreciates the position of the other commissioners but respectfully disagrees these are at all tied together. Nikki Lloyd said she respects Commissioner Twine's opinion about the Charter Review Committee, but having served on the CRC in 2015, term limits were brought up and a majority supported extending term limits, but did not come to a decision about making it twelve years out of sixteen years or to not have any term limits at all. This is the only reason it was not brought to the City Commission. They felt eight out of twelve years was too restrictive and she believes this Committee would support this issue. We should put this in the hands of the voters and they will have a say about extending term limits and voting for the best person for the job.

Roll call on the motion: Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 5. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Naomi Twine, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 5. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Naomi

Twine, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed at second reading and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #3 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer

PROPOSED RENAMING OF GRANT STREET

Budgetary Information: The item has no budgetary impact.

PASSED AT FIRST READING: It is requested an ordinance be passed changing the name of Grant Street, extending from Hayes Avenue to Camp Street, in the city, to Orlando Pace Drive.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to approve this ordinance at first reading.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said he did not go to Canton last week but watched Orlando Pace and other inductees at the Hall of Fame. He likes what Orlando Pace said about growing up in Sandusky and his mom working two jobs and said she too belongs in the Hall of Fame. This was Orlando's biggest moment and has a lot to do with his mother working two jobs in Sandusky. Sometimes we complain, but there is a lot to be said for this. Wes Poole said Aaron Klein read all of the reasons why we should honor this gentleman and is pleased to be able to vote for it. Dennis Murray said this is a great way to honor one of Sandusky's own and it is a great thing to have Orlando come back to Sandusky on October 6.

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

ITEM #4 - Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF FOUR PARCELS INTO LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM

Budgetary Information: The cost of this acquisition will be approximately \$254 to pay for the title exams, deeds and transfer fees. The city will not collect the \$2,279.72 owed to the city in special assessments, nor will the taxing districts collect the \$12,753.54 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all or part of these costs may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the parcels. As the properties are put back into tax producing status, the taxing districts will once again begin collecting real estate taxes of over \$3,116.06 per year which will increase as the properties are redeveloped.

RESOLUTION 036-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property for acquisition into the land reutilization program; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Casey Sparks, Assistant Planner

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR KINGSBURY BUILDING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-126: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the Sandusky Landmark Commission's designation of the Kingsbury building located at 238 – 240 Columbus Avenue (Parcel #56-01068.000), Sandusky, Ohio, as a local landmark; 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: Dave Waddington said this building was built in 1890 and from 1913 to late 1915, the third floor housed City Hall after a fire at its previous location. After this was gutted, the Police and Fire Stations were moved into one facility and it is ironic we may be sitting here a year or two from now having our meetings downtown and in this same building. Casey Sparks said Marous Development, LLC submitted an application for a local landmark designation. Section 1161.06 of the City's Code of Ordinances was also passed a few months ago which specifies criteria for a local landmark designation and this criteria includes making sure the property has significant person, location or aspects of political, social or economic heritage to a community, a state or a nation. The criteria also reviews the architectural style and its significance to a neighborhood. The application provided a detailed report indicating a history of the building and explaining why it meets the criteria referenced in our Code of Ordinances. The West Brothers and the Kingsbury building had a great impact on the City of Sandusky. The historical integrity of this building is also important to the neighborhood. By retaining the Kingsbury building as well as the bank building on the east side of Columbus Avenue, this area will be preserved. Staff believes the existing building is an important piece of Sandusky's history and meets the criteria specified. This was considered by the Sandusky Landmark Commission on July 27 and they unanimously approved it. Staff does believe locally landmarking this building will assist in preserving an important piece of our downtown fabric as well as opening the door to a possible financial incentive to renovate the building by the way of state and historic tax credits. Wes Poole said he is happy to see this building fits the criteria to be designated as a landmark. There is a great deal of other activity going on and talks about turning this building into condominiums or a new City Hall but right now he is not onboard with moving City Hall any place downtown and does not feel, operationally, it would be good for the downtown. Wes Poole said he looks forward to the public meeting next week and wants to make sure this landmarking is a step toward the eventuality of something we have not fully researched. Dennis Murray said it is also important to note one of the reasons this is being passed as an emergency is because of a deadline to apply for historic tax credits and if not passed tonight, they would have to wait another six months to apply. It is important to read about the architecture and see what it once was as it is an unsightly building now.

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

ITEM #6 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer

AWARD OF FIFTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO PRECISION PAVING, INC.

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$301,039 and will be paid with capital funds/Issue 8 (\$150,519.50) and Ohio Public Works (OPWC) funds (\$150,519.50). The city applied for and was awarded Ohio Public Works funds in the amount of \$175,000 for the Fifth Street reconstruction project. The Ohio Public Works program requires fifty percent matching funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-127: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Paving, Inc., of Milan, Ohio, for the Fifth Street reconstruction project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of 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: Dave Waddington said the milling for this project calls for two and one half inches of asphalt but the milling for Item #11 calls for two inches and asked why there is a difference. Aaron Klein said one of the reasons is the weight of the vehicles using the street and in addition, Fifth Street is an old concrete road and would have to be milled down to the top of the concrete. Aaron Klein said this project is scheduled to be completed November 10 and the project commences once the contract is signed. The contractor will be required to work with

the residents for parking issues on the north side of the street and with the schools for school buses.

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

ITEM #7 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR DEMOLITION & RE-GRADING OF FORMER SURF'S UP PROPERTY

Budgetary Information: Change Order #1 and final will decrease the contract with Ed Burdue & Company, LLC from Sandusky, Ohio by \$6,625. The original contract amount was \$96,400 and the revised contract amount would be \$89,775. The project was paid from the Battery Park Tax Incremental Financing fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-128: 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 Ed Burdue & Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, for the demolition and re-grading of the former Surf's Up property 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. Roll call on the motion: Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #8 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Assistant City Engineer

AWARD OF 2016 CALDWELL STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PHASE II

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$335,138.85 and will be paid with CDBG (\$167,569.43) and Ohio Public Works (OPWC) funds (\$167,569.42). The city applied for and was awarded the Ohio Public Works funds in the amount of up to \$175,000 for this project. The OPWC program requires fifty percent matching funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-129: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ropper Construction, Inc., of Willard, Ohio, for the Caldwell Street reconstruction project, Phase II; 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: Aaron Klein said we are making sure we have the right mix of concrete, especially at the north end of Caldwell Street with Spoerr Vault being at the end. Aaron Klein said this project is scheduled to be completed October 28. Dennis Murray said he believes everyone is happy to see reconstruction of this street is underway.

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

ITEM #9 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF SANDUSKY**

Budgetary Information: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-130: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the Finance Director to designate the Civista Banking Company, Fifth Third Bank, PNC Bank, U.S. Bank and First National Bank, as depositories of the active and interim deposits of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, for the period commencing August 23, 2016 through August 22, 2021; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

ITEM #10 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**EMERGENCY WORK TO REBUILD ENGINE, REPAIR PUMP AND REPLACE IMPELLER FOR WWTP**

Budgetary Information: The cost to rebuild the Waukesha engine from GS Engine Power, Inc., as quoted is \$72,500, and to repair the Worthington Model 20-MC-1 pump and purchase a new impeller from Daman Industrial Services, Inc., as quoted is \$21,740. The total to the sewer fund is \$94,240; \$100,000 was budgeted in the five-year capital plan for 2016.

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 16-131:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to expend the necessary funds for the emergency repair work to be performed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) by GS Engine Power, Inc., of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, in the amount of \$72,500; 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 Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said we have a primary and a backup pumping system at the WWTP. The backup system consists of this combination fuel engine which runs 24/7 off of the methane at the plant to save money on electricity. We have known for two to three years we were going to have to rebuild this and has been on the capital project list but we have been unable to do it. This year, \$100,000 was set aside in the capital budget as well as funding from the rate increases. When Jeff Meinert started getting costs, he was diligent to get three prices for the engine and pump rebuild so as to save money from purchasing a new pump. The old impeller will be kept for future use if there are problems and he is being very responsible about what should be done with this equipment. Both the pump and engine are off-site being worked on already (on an emergency basis) and it is important to get them operational as soon as possible.

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

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 16-132:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to expend the necessary funds for the emergency repair work to be performed at the Waste Water Treatment plant by Daman Industrial Services, Inc., of East Brady, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$21,740; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

**ITEM #11 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Assistant City Engineer
AUTHORIZATION TO BID 2016 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$387,000 and will be paid with capital funds (Issue 8).

RESOLUTION NO. 037-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2016 street resurfacing 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 Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, 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 because Ohio Public Works and CDBG dollars are involved in this project and with Item #6, we will utilize them to the maximum amount we possibly can. Sidewalks will be repaired along the roads during this project using CDBG or Ohio Public Works dollars, if possible. Dennis Murray said he is glad we are finally getting into individual neighborhoods and taking care of streets which have been neglected for 20+ years. Aaron Klein said looking at the streets on the list, there were many we could have chosen. We tried to select several streets in the same neighborhood(s) so the money could be expended in the most cost effective manner. If we were to pave streets scattered throughout the city, the costs would be much higher. The blocks of Franklin, McKelvey and Bell Streets were chosen as they were all ranked as priority streets and under the "10" rating or range. We have been looking at the next 3 – 5 years to establish which streets we are going to do and how to best group them together. Some of the streets on the list have needed work done with sewer and water lines and should be completed first along with the Venice Street lift station. With regard to what we are spending, Fifth Street, Caldwell Street and the streets in the resurfacing program total \$891,000 using CDBG and Issue 8 monies and up to \$1.2 million was leveraged so there is an extra \$318,000 to \$320,000 with these funds. If we continue to get lower bids, this savings can be carried into the future and to repair some larger stretches of streets.

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

**ITEM #12 - Submitted by Marvin Randalson, Transit Administrator
AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ODOT'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: This action will not impact the city's general fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-133: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the city's participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's cooperative purchasing program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of 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: Marvin Ranaldson said this will allow for vehicles to be purchased for the transit system and as outlined in Item #13.

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

**ITEM #13 - Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson, Transit Administrator
PURCHASE OF NINE VEHICLES FOR THE SANDUSKY TRANSIT SYSTEM**

Budgetary Information: The purchase of the one light transit wide body vehicle and eight accessible vans will have no impact on the city's budget as all costs are paid for by the Federal Transit Administration through ODOT.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-134: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase one light transit wide body vehicle (LTV12-2) from Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation of Oregon, Ohio, and eight accessible vans from American Bus and Accessories, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Transportation cooperative purchasing program for the Sandusky Transit System; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of 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: Our fleet is old and the average mileage on the current vehicles is 218,000; the recommended replacement was at 150,000 miles. We spent almost \$600,000 to maintain the vehicles being replaced so far this year. Next year, we will expect a drastic reduction in these maintenance costs which will help preserve transit in the future. This opportunity will provide a one hundred percent match from ODOT and not only is city money involved with this purchase (approximately \$411,000). This will make our fleet more efficient, more cost effective and will provide better service. Dennis Murray said this legislation indicates one is a smaller bus and the others are all vans. A twelve passenger bus will be purchased and the eight vehicles will be smaller, forty percent more fuel efficient, will be less expensive to operate and a better fit for the services we provide.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$40 for Mills Creek Golf Course from the Solowiej Family, in memory of William Emmett Stahl, father of Audit/Finance Committee member Craig Stahl, who recently passed away. 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 \$20 from Karen and Joseph Voight, in memory of Bob Beatty, for the Sandusky Fire Department. The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said the **Touch A Truck event** was very well attended by thousands of people. Eric Wobser gave a special thanks to Victoria Kurt, Eva Olcott, Kelly Kromer and Diane Mulvin for their efforts in planning, organizing and implementing another successful year. Victoria has committed to making the event bigger and better next year and thanked all of the sponsors, participants and citizens who attended.

Eric Wobser said the **Department of Public Works is accepting external applications for the position of Engineering Technician II (Inspector).**

Eric Wobser said staff is working with R.E. Warner on a scope of work for the **Columbus Avenue underpass** to develop a list to project for immediate repairs and to develop a **routine maintenance plan for the Columbus, Hayes and Camp Street underpasses** to ensure proper long-term preservation and useful life of each.

Eric Wobser said the City of Sandusky will be hosting a public informational meeting and open house to discuss the **potential relocation of City Hall** specific to the administrative component of City Hall. The meeting is set for Tuesday August 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Erie County Administration Building located at 247 Columbus Avenue. Following the presentation, attendees will have the ability to walk through and tour Calvary Temple, 115 East Washington Row from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Eric Wobser said on Thursday July 28, **the city officially transferred the former Keller property at 409 West Water Street to Case Development, LLC.** The developer is currently on working on construction drawings for submittal to the city. There is no specific timeline for construction to commence as the startup of construction is tied to the developer achieving a certain number of pre-sales prior to the release of construction financing.

Eric Wobser said recently, the Division of Code Enforcement has had an influx of **cat-related nuisance complaints** and has begun to take an active enforcement role to address the nuisance conditions created by irresponsible pet owners and feral cats which constitute a serious hazard to the health, morals, safety and general welfare of city residents. We have started to place cat traps strategically throughout the city in areas with high complaints of concentrated domestic cat populations. Trapped domestic cats are being taken to and held at the animal facilities located at the City Service Center. Owners of the trapped domestic cats will be criminally charged with animal at-large violations. Proactively, we are attempting to partner with other agencies to develop a humane plan for the care and/or euthanasia of sick, injured and feral cats. We are also working with an animal clinic and anticipate that in the near future, we will be able to provide low cost spay and neuter services for city residents. Eric Wobser thanked Dave Waddington for his leadership in pulling together a group of stakeholders and city officials which have led to some of these actions.

Eric Wobser said the city received a **\$285,000 Safe Routes to School grant** specifically focused on the Hayes Avenue and Camp Street corridors and adjacent sidewalks on side streets specifically tied to Sandusky High and Junior High Schools and potentially the new K-3 building should voters to choose to approve the schools facility issue in November. These improvements will help to support the students walking and biking to school.

Eric Wobser said the **intersection of Huron Avenue and Hancock Street has temporarily been converted to a four-way stop.** The flashing red lights will transition to the Huron Avenue side of the intersection and drivers are asked to please use caution when traveling in this area. The Public Services Department is still actively working to replace the traffic light at this location and will be similar to the one at Parish Street and Columbus Avenue.

Eric Wobser said Tree Experts have finished the **2016 tree removal/trimming project.**

Eric Wobser said **“No Smoking signs” are being made and should start to appear near playgrounds in parks** throughout town.

Eric Wobser said the city is in the process of having **discussions with Erie MetroParks regarding two properties, one of which is the 27 acres predominantly owned by Cedar Point and north of the sports facility on Cleveland Road.** We are in the process of accepting a private donation from Cedar Point to have a Master Plan prepared for a public park on this site which would include trails both on this property and potentially linking to both the east adjoining MetroParks properties and west back toward the Sandusky Bay Pathway in the future. The

MetroParks and Cedar Fair have asked the city to look at entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for the site so the roles and responsibilities of each of the parties are defined and we can start to build, develop and ultimately maintain this land. This will be brought back for Commission approval as soon as a document is available. Erie MetroParks have also indicated an interest in being a part of the study for the Sandusky Bay Pavilion property to see if there may be some role in providing programming and we will be engaged in conversations with them during this process but ultimately, this will all come back to the commission before any recommendations are made.

Dave Waddington said he is glad to see the **demolition of the former American Crayon building**, but there are sheets of plywood falling along Hayes Avenue and is worried about kids walking back and forth to school which starts in a couple of weeks. Dave Waddington asked for staff to take a look at this and the problem area near the railroad tracks and does not want to see anyone get hurt by this debris. Dave Waddington said there is an “X” on this building for a reason. Eric Wobser said they have discussed this with Dan Poggiali at Sandusky City Schools and George Poulos, the city’s Building Inspector, has been out to look at security of the site. We are looking closely to see if this needs to be secured or the sidewalk closed before the school year begins. Matt Lasko said the Building Official is back in town tomorrow morning and will make sure he gets to the site. Dick Brady said the most preferable option is to visit with the contractor and see he does what is proper. He is concerned with closing off this portion of the sidewalk and forcing the young people walking to or from school to cross Hayes Avenue and then cross back again. The first young person hit by a car will be on our shoulders and the proper thing to do is to enforce safety guidelines the contractor should be adhering to; closing the sidewalk should be a fallback position. Wes Poole said the city should be doing what is reasonable and if we feel the sidewalk should be closed this is fine, but as a child who grew up around this city, we cannot keep kids off of construction sites. They may be chased off, but we should not try to come up with million dollar security plans; a construction fence and periodic police patrols would be good and there are limitations.

Dave Waddington said with regard to the top of the **Tiffin Avenue underpass**, there is a lot of stone and glass near the tracks and this has fallen and asked if this is the city’s responsibility. Dick Brady said the city has been through this a couple of times, but has not been very successful in getting the railroad to maintain their property but this might be worth a phone call to put the issue on record.

Dave Waddington asked Eric Wobser about **monitoring projects going on around town** and asked who the staff person would be to provide updates about them. Eric Wobser said there is a point person for any project and normally is one of the department directors.

Wes Poole asked about **repairs to curbs, sidewalks and trees** and Dick Brady said it is the intent to ask staff to bring legislation forward at the next meeting to deal with these issues throughout the city, not just for those along the resurfacing project (Item #11). Eric Wobser said Dick Brady, Dave Waddington and Brad Link have been working together to develop legislation based on taking the entire list of **uneven sidewalks needing repair** as well as others not on the list but adjacent to them. This will be a significant investment and we need a renewed sidewalk program for the city. Dave Waddington said there are many areas needing sidewalk repairs and trees. Eric Wobser said the sidewalk legislation to be considered will be comprehensive and will include removing over 200 trees and in the long term, we will be looking to replace trees. Eric Wobser said he walks around the city a great deal and has been called to look at specific streets. The extreme examples where there usually is a tree involved are obviously major challenges. We believe this will be the largest sidewalk and tree removal project undertaken by the city and are taking this very seriously. This will not cure every sidewalk defect in the city and we are sure this list will grow next year, but hope to make significant investments in our sidewalks each and every year. Dick Brady said this is a comprehensive plan and staff is taking it very seriously to attack the trees now which are causing problems with the sidewalks and then pouring new ones in the spring. Dennis Murray said this program is important because we have great parks and neighborhoods, a great

downtown and waterfront, and our sidewalks need to be walkable. It is great to have the resources to get back on top of this.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Waddington said he would like to look at **green energy** again and said we have a lot of area at Big Island Water Works. The solar panels at the Greenhouse made a big difference when installed and lighting can be adjusted to save dollars. Lights can be programmed to go on when someone walks into a room and turn off automatically when exiting. Dennis Murray said he recalled when previously on the City Commission an outside firm provided recommendations and funding to implement cost savings. Dave Waddington said he is glad to see the Greenhouse saving money and stated we need to think about this for the water and sewer plants. Dennis Murray said it is important to look at these opportunities and impress upon the Commission we do want to be a green city and attract residents into our community and we are doing things efficiently and smart recognizing our footprint has an impact on the world. Eric Wobser said we can take a closer look at different green initiatives as they relate to facilities. Sandusky was selected for a federal program as one of two cities on the Great Lakes to look at green infrastructure as it relates to our storm water and sewer systems and this process will begin this year and continue through the neighborhood plan. As far as facilities, we have been most focused on the City Hall and Justice Center projects so we can start immediately looking at what type of green infrastructure can be tied to these facilities. Immediately upon locking in the long-term plan for these two buildings, these will be the only two new facilities we will likely have in the near term and we want to take a look at the existing thirteen facilities including City Hall. As soon as we get through the process during the next six months or so, we can start to plan analyzing the needs of the remaining eleven facilities. Ultimately, we can do so with an emphasis on what type of green infrastructure can be used not only to rehabilitate to the extent necessary to keep viable, but also to reduce our energy footprint in the process. Aaron Klein said there are a few things we have considered for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, but currently do not have the time to analyze them. Nikki Lloyd said she is in support of being green and asked to continue to look at recycling in our parks with the trash contract coming up.

NEW BUSINESS

Naomi Twine said she wished to circle back to something she said earlier about **City Commission term limits negatively impacting minority candidates**. Naomi Twine said she was born and raised in Sandusky, a small community, and was concerned about running for commission with Dennis Murray and Dick Brady as she was not sure about how people would see her as opposed to well-known men in the community. The elimination of term limits could negatively impact minorities as a lot of times we look at things from our own perspective and the community which we grow up in and sometimes are intimidated by things which might be a big challenge. Naomi Twine said she does not want people to think she is against term limits, she just wanted to further expound on what she said about this potentially causing negative impacts on minorities who might want to run for City Commission. City Commission duties are good things for people in communities to be involved in and term limits allow those who want to get involved to have a potential pathway forward toward the electoral process. It is uncomfortable for her to talk about black and white issues, but she comes from three of the protected areas covered by the EEOC (African American, female and over Age 40). It is important for people to note, especially in smaller communities, minorities pursuing areas of interest to not see this as a limitation. Dennis Murray said Naomi Twine's integrity and credibility is impeccable and was intimidated running with her because she was the smartest person throwing their hat into the ring. Dennis Murray said he is not sure he shares the perspective about minorities and will do his own research to the extent that he can because the concern was raised and it is always important to understand. Naomi Twine said she does not know if there is any research available, but is looking at this from her perspective and other minorities she has talked to, and is encouraging people to not allow what might appear to be a limitation to prevent them from running.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to set a Public Hearing for the second urban renewal plan and slum and blight study and another for

an amendment to the Planning & Zoning Code regarding nonconforming uses. The President declared the motion passed.

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

Dennis Murray said he took the opportunity to **ride along with a Police Officer** last week and was amazed and impressed at what these men and women do. We read about issues important to our community and to others across the United States, but to see these folks in action doing what they do and some of the challenges they face, he realizes they do so with compassion and in a way which deescalates situations. Their level of skill and training is truly remarkable and the comradery of the officers was remarkable as well as the interactions with people in the community. These interactions were respectful while apprehending and he wanted to share this perspective of his experience and said it is fascinating. The number and speed of decisions being made is unlike anything he has encountered and the fact they usually get it right is amazing and Dennis Murray thanked John Orzech for providing this opportunity for him.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, asked how Issue 8 even came to be two years ago as Station #7 is closed and the west end residents sometimes do not have a station for a periods of time. Although she respects union contracts, she is upset about this. People on the west side need to speak up aside from their sidewalks, street and trees as their safety services are most important. This station is closed due to staffing and does not know what the problem is, but understands we have to wait until August for a mediator to make a decision. There are nursing homes on the west end and it would not be fair to be asked not to pay income taxes. Dennis Murray said the city cannot comment about negotiations but one of the reasons for short staffing and the temporary closure today is because there was one open position on the department and a new Fire Fighter will be joining us in the next week or two. Dave Degnan said at one point, he was down to six Fire Fighters off due to injuries or military leave. Overtime was offered to the Fire Fighters in today's situation but he was unable to get coverage during the day and the vacancy was not filled until 2 p.m. Vicki Bird said the city should be doing whatever it takes to get the contract settled and working overtime is a dangerous thing and would like to see full staffing so stations do not have to close. There was another possible arson fire which affected Station #3 and wherever the problems lie, a contract needs to get negotiated for the resident's protection and safety. Vicki Bird thanked the commission for putting the issue on the ballot allowing citizens to choose whether to add a third term. So long as the city commissioners progress and do what they said they were going to do, she does not have a problem adding another term and to use the Issue 8 money for what it was intended to be used for. Color does not matter and this is the most diverse City Commission she has seen in the past ten years. The city should have crossing guards to get the students across Hayes Avenue if the sidewalk is closed. Vicki Bird said she would like the Native Americans to be represented during Sandusky's Bicentennial along with other heritages who have been here for so many years. A lot of our heritage is lost and a huge community parade should be planned along with other fun things in the downtown.

Annie Delamatre, 1213 Fifth Street, asked if cats will be trapped, neutered and released rather than euthanized and Matt Lasko said there are several elements to this, but only sick cats will be considered for euthanasia. Andrea Delamatre said House Bill 60 (Goddard's Law 60) will be going into effect in Ohio and John Orzech said Police Officers have been brought up to speed on this issue. Annie Delamatre thanked Dave Waddington and Dick Brady for helping consider a water park or slide for the MacArthur Park area.

At 6:45 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 6:50 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 7:16 p.m., the commission returned to open session and the President announced the meeting was adjourned.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Clerk of the City Commission

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