

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: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole.

City staff present: John Orzech – Police Chief, Dave Degnan - Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Brad Link – Public Service Director, Don Rumbutis – IT, 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 Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Terry Schwartz, Director of **Kent State University/Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC)**, said she is here to present the recommendations for target neighborhoods for Sandusky's Bicentennial Neighborhood Initiative. Six target areas have been identified representing different conditions and aspects of the city. The CUDC is the outreach and professional division of the College of Architecture at KSU and students are working separately through KSU with the city as well. In each of the six neighborhoods the goal is to develop a sense of community through programming and community building. The place making and identity component is the neighborhood beautification efforts. Anchors have also been identified in each neighborhood and ways to improve the residential areas for people who live in or may be attracted to them. They will be working with stakeholders to identify community programs which may build a stronger sense of neighborhood in each area. For place making, this could be anything from streetscaping, to lighting, to public art or gateway signage and this process will be fully neighborhood driven. In each neighborhood, the anchor will be either an existing institution or something being planned or proposed to build from. Model block improvements speak to housing and perceptions of the neighborhoods such as a paint program or landscape materials to show reinvestment. When the six target areas were identified for the study, selection criteria included architectural variety, geographic distribution, neighborhood demographics, strength of the real estate market, presence of an anchor project or institution and connectivity to local amenities. This did not start from scratch and the CUDC has built off of work already done through the Bicentennial Vision and Comprehensive Planning. The CUDC is recommending the central neighborhood of the city, including the Cove District and the area north of the Kilbourne Plat, as target areas. Other districts include the East District (First to Fifth Streets), the Garden District (Southside) and the Westside District. Working with city staff, Sandusky was carved into small platting areas or neighborhoods and these boundaries may shift after going into the neighborhoods and getting community input. The Cove District and its proximity to the water makes it unique along with the smaller boathouses and cottages. The anchors are the water and Battery Park along with potential for households and families to be attracted here. It has been suggested some of the homes in this district could be adapted more for seniors and the possibility of more tourist housing because of its unique quality and character. This neighborhood is a tiny part of two census tracts and any demographic data would not be specific to just these few streets. Work has also been done through Thriving Communities Land Institute and Conservancy with a citywide property survey. These property ratings were utilized for each neighborhood for future potential development opportunities. The district south of Kilbourne Plat has all of the benefits of being close to downtown and the water with very solid housing stock, many in great condition, with some areas of disinvestment in between. There may be ways to bridge stronger parts of the neighborhood to identify areas where more investment is needed. The tree-lined streets and the median areas give this

neighborhood its identity and provide opportunity to pull the neighbors together. Anchor projects here are Jaycee Park and the planned bike trail which would be a great investment. For the most part, this is a solid and well-maintained area although there are a few buildings rated as “D” or “F” and improvements can be made. The Third to Fifth Street District was identified for its distinct housing stock which are smaller but well maintained. Some of the houses are different moving south and there is a former rail easement on Fifth Street which could potentially be an amenity to help link this neighborhood into the larger city. This district has a higher percentage of owner occupied properties and a higher percentage of senior residents which may speak to some specific things it could benefit from. The anchor project for this district is the new school planned for Ontario Street and can be built upon to encourage people to discover or rediscover this neighborhood. The Garden District is along the Hayes Avenue corridor and its anchor is Firelands Regional Medical Center. There is opportunity to think about this neighborhood in terms of active living, active recreation and opportunities to build into it. There are opportunities to enhance the corridor itself in partnership with the institutions and it is a real strength of the neighborhood. There is also tremendous historic housing stock with a lot of owner occupied housing which could benefit from place making investments to jumpstart demand and interest in this part of the city. The Southside District is the one with the most cohesive strong boundaries with linkages along Hayes Avenue connecting it into the larger district. Churchwell Park is an anchor in the District and has a good number of land bank sites which provide opportunity for infill housing and greenspace enhancement. Many of the low rated sites are already in the city’s land bank but there is flexibility in terms of programming and projects. The West Side is the largest and most diverse neighborhood and really is two separate neighborhoods. The anchor in this District is Lions Park and there is opportunity to create more walkable conditions along Venice Road which would benefit residents. There may be different ideas from residents in one end of the District to the other about what needs to happen, but through the process we will be able to reflect the priorities of all who participate in the process. The process and project timeline was provided so each neighborhood can arrive at four to six strong strategic ideas and detail how they will be implemented in conjunction with the city’s Bicentennial in 2018. Dick Brady said one of our citizens and community activists has been a proponent of these concepts and ideas and has lobbied the city for finding a way to implement them. These are quantifiable issues and we can take a look at them as they are important for our neighborhoods. Eric Wobser said in addition to the anchor institutions identified, we seek resident leaders or existing community groups within the neighborhoods. Wes Poole said this was a very good presentation and it has a lot of potential. Terry Schwartz said Talon Flohr will help set up meetings in neighborhoods and the first one will be organized informally to converse around things people see as important. Dennis Murray said he is thrilled the city is looking at this because there is not another way to get into the neighborhoods and make the changes needed to spur demand and reinvestment into the community. We need to find out what people want in their specific neighborhoods as every neighborhood will be different. Talon Flohr, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, said he will be active in the process of setting up the initial meetings and getting public input into the plans.

Dennis Murray said **Tim and Betsy Berkey recently invited city staff into their home** to see the investment made and said they are new residents to Sandusky.

Tim Berkey, 1305 Columbus Avenue, said he and his wife are retired school administrators and previously owned a cottage in Lakeside which they sold. Their plan was to relocate to Bay Point in Marblehead after selling their home there; they rented at Chesapeake Lofts and recognized the difference between the peninsula and Sandusky and things were happening here, even in the wintertime. They attended the Goodtime cruise during the Bicentennial visioning and ended up purchasing their home on Columbus Avenue which they have restored to its glory days. Tim Berkey presented slides showing the before and after pictures of their home and said they used all local contractors. Tim Berkey thanked the city commissioners and other city officials and said this process went very smooth with city staff. They even encouraged one young man to become a registered contractor and he has obtained new business as a result. The home will be on the 2016 Old House Guild Tour of Homes. Tim Berkey said they are the fourth owners of the home since 1880.

Lisa Beursken, District Coordinator for the Erie County Solid Waste District, said she is here to provide an **update to the Solid Waste Plan** which projects out fifteen years and states how the goals of the EPA will be met. There are eight goals including infrastructure and the Ohio EPA mentioned if all haulers were required to provide curbside recycling services, we would not be required to go to a one hauler system and have been working toward this. As of January 1, residential trash haulers will be required to provide curbside hauling for trash and recycling services which is already required under city ordinance. Waste reduction and recycling rates are being looked at and recycling needs to be at 35%. The industrial recycling rate is 66% and this also helps with the recycling rates. With the fees generated at the Erie County Landfill, the ECSWD gets \$6 per ton from the \$52 per ton charge paid to help with their budget. A full-time employee has been hired as a Community Outreach Specialist and will work directly with the businesses and industries in Erie County to start recycling programs, do a better job, target or use recycled materials in the manufacturing process. A survey is done annually and this year waste audits will be performed. A market development grant through the Ohio EPA will be used to help the schools with up to \$250,000 with a \$100,000 match. Recipients of this grant include Barnes Nursery & Composting Facility which utilized monies for food composting and Erie Materials which used monies for shingle recycling in asphalt manufacturing; these are the types of processes we are interested in. The ECSWD is working on building a database which can be used by different entities to help them with their recycling in the future. Every year the ECSWD tries to hire an intern for education and outreach and is working on contacting all schools and putting hands-on activity boxes onto smartboards and in the classrooms. A new website design and virtual field trips are also being worked on. A teacher workshop will also be facilitated so they know how to use these tools and better assist. The ECSWD is working on household hazardous waste collections which took place from June to October once each month and was very successful. Staples, Best Buy and Goodwill are promoted for electronics recycling as they accept these materials. Curbside recycling is an economic incentive as well as increasing participation rates and a progress report is being established to see how each community is doing with both statewide and nationwide recycling rates; input will be gathered from each of the communities to see how the ECSWD can partner. The market development grant is being promoted for the Ohio EPA and interested businesses and industries will have the ability to apply for these. The ECSWD prepares reports to the EPA at least once each year and these are all of the highlights of the plan. Dave Waddington said he attended a recent meeting with staff from the ECSWD and haulers and said the transfer station in Clyde is now closed. Lisa Buerskin said FSI is not acting as a transfer facility, but it is still a recycling facility. Republic will utilize the Oberlin facility and Huron County Solid Waste District will accept small haulers with 100 tons or less. There are currently four small haulers registered in Sandusky. By the end of October, communities who acknowledge the plan and the goals being met are asked to provide a Resolution of Support. Dave Waddington said we are okay with five years at 35% recycling with our current recycling locations.

PUBLIC HEARING

The President opened a Public Hearing regarding the 2017 grants and budget for the Sandusky Transit System.

Marvin Ranaldson, **Sandusky Transit System Administrator (STS)**, said the purpose of this **Public Hearing is to gather community feedback** on our stewardship of federal transit funds by responding to questions about service, providing a forum for the public to hold STS accountable and to update the public on future service changes. This is the first of three community meetings to discuss changes in transit for 2017; others will be held October 13 and October 19. The rural grant, which is the primary funding source for STS, is just under \$2 million with the majority coming from local sources. Vehicle maintenance funding is \$233,228 and the local share comes from the capital replacement fund which is a share of our local contract revenue. There is also \$75,000 for transit waiting environment improvements which is provided through a \$7,500 CDBG grant. In 2017, ODOT will shift some capital purchases to a different grant (5339), which will allow us to obtain vehicles today as opposed to getting them in following years. Five vehicles are currently ordered for 2017 and are designed for a fixed route system with wheelchair ramps for disabled persons to wheel themselves onto the bus as opposed to using a lift. One modified mini-van has also been ordered and is more cost effective to use.

Throughout STS history, we have primarily been a demand response system. In 2017, there will only be one fare zone as opposed to three. If service is requested within a paratransit zone, riders will have to be certified to use demand response service. Paratransit service compliments our fixed route system and there are three eligibility categories including those who cannot navigate the transit system without assistance, those who cannot access buses or those whose bus stop is not accessible, or persons who cannot travel to or from the bus stop. The ADA paratransit changes affect 8,000 to 10,000 trips per year which will be moved to a fixed-route system; 3,000 to 5,000 persons will receive higher quality demand response service saving STS \$225,000 per year. Paratransit fares can be up to two times that of a regular bus fare, service is guaranteed next-day and there cannot be denials of service due to capacity. As part of this change, STS will redesign its bus network from primarily a demand response service to SPARC. When SPARC began in 2009, it provided 12,517 trips while during CY 2015, it provided 140,471 trips. Core ridership is now on a fixed route as opposed to demand response so this will be expanded. Greg Lockhart said we want to look at diminishing the demand response for riders to utilize SPARC routes but asked how this plays into the future with other services such as Lyft and Uber popping up in other cities. Marvin Ranaldson said there will always be a place for taxi services such as Lyft and Uber but fares charged by STS are a fraction of these costs and we have to be as smart as we can about getting people where they need to go. This can be done by filling the buses as much as possible. As a publicly funded transit system, our job is to provide services to those who are unable to afford a taxi service. Marvin Ranaldson said the new bus model is designed to improve access to workers and more jobs than the previous system and will provide a drastic reduction in travel time. Sixty new stops will be added, five will be moved and twenty two will be removed. There are only 400 trips to NOMS per year where WalMart gets 4,000 trips per year and this is outside of our core transit market and not cost effective. Our fixed route service will still provide access to all of the same places, but may be through SPARC. Currently there is overcrowding on SPARC as ridership continues to grow and it is getting difficult to continue providing high quality service as structured. One trip on demand response service costs five times as much as a SPARC trip. Operational flexibility will provide more choices to meet budget with less demand response service leaving us with a more resilient transit service. There will be funding challenges in 2017 as federal operating funding has been cut by 18%, maintenance support cut by 35%, along with a \$99,388 shortfall in revenue. We also anticipate a \$75,000 increase in costs leaving a total budget gap of \$175,000 for 2017. The higher cost is due in part to the agreement with our service provider and we will be asking them for liquidated damages in the new contract. If a new service provider is chosen, start-up costs may be seen. There is also a union contract for drivers and pay increases are built into it. Options under consideration are fare increases, reduction in service hours or reductions or changes to routes.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, asked why other communities are not contributing to help fund the STS as this benefits them as well. Marvin Ranaldson said the cities of Sandusky and Vermilion are providing funding currently. Dennis Murray said there have been some initial conversations with the Erie County Commissioners to see what role they may be able to play in contributing in the future. These conversations will take place with others in 2017 due to our growing pains. Wes Poole thanked Marvin Ranaldson and said this has been well thought out and adjustments made have improved the service and the numbers show this.

There being no further comments, the President declared the Public Hearing closed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, 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 PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, SECTION 1151.02 (NONCONFORMING USE)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 16-158: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending part eleven (planning and zoning code), title five (additional zoning requirements), chapter 1151

(nonconforming structures and uses), section 1151.02 (nonconforming uses) of the codified ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

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

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager

LAND BANK ACQUISITION OF 2201 CAMPBELL STREET BY GIFT OF DEED

Budgetary Information: The cost of this acquisition will be approximately \$545.00 to pay for the closing costs, title exams, deeds and transfer fees. The taxing districts will not collect the \$525.56 owed in delinquent taxes. However, all or part of these costs may be recouped and reimbursed upon the sale of the parcel.

RESOLUTION NO. 049-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving and accepting certain real property, identified as Parcel No. 57-00425.000, located at 2201 Campbell Street, as a gift of deed 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 Nikki Lloyd 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: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the resolution passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #3 - Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager

LAND BANK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCESS FOR 1017 PUTNAM STREET

Budgetary Information: The cost associated with this request for proposals is \$96.00 for title report and transfer fees, plus the total amount of administrative staff time utilized and fees for the required newspaper publications. It is anticipated that these expenses will be recouped upon sale.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-159: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property acquired through the City's Land Reutilization program and owned by the city identified as Parcel No. 58-02370.000, located at 1017 Putnam Street, is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing and directing the City Manager to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RPF) process for the sale of property; and declaring that this ordinance 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: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #4 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Planning Director

SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. BIKE ROUTE 30A

Budgetary Information: No funds are required at this time. ODOT has stated that there will be no cost to the City relating to installation. However, normal maintenance will fall under the responsibility of the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 050-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed in support for the development of U.S. Bike Route 30A; 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 Greg Lockhart the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Angela Byington said ODOT has designated U.S. and State bike routes in their long-range plan and is asking the city to support their template Resolution indicating approval of the routes designated. These will act as a highway system for long-term commuters and are not considered recreational routes. The routes will be signed and designated by ODOT and will connect with other paths within the region at no cost to the city although we will be responsible for maintenance of the signage. This Resolution of Support is due by September 30. Wes Poole said this is a great thing to happen here and we have been working for a long time trying to get the State to take an interest in expanding our bicycle routes and in the long run, will see improvements to make roadways more user-friendly.

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

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson, STS Administrator

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HURON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Budgetary Information: STS will receive \$45.00 per day of service, per vehicle required from Huron United Methodist Church for the length of the proposed contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-160: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for transportation services between the City of Sandusky and Huron United Methodist Church for services related to 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 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. Roll call on the motion: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #6 - Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson, STS Administrator

AMTRAK DEPOT FLOOR AND FOUNDATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated construction cost of project, including advertisement and miscellaneous costs, is \$44,420 and will be paid with City Capital Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 051-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed Amtrak depot floor and foundation rehabilitation 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 Dave Waddington 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: Marvin Ranaldson said this facility is roughly 125 years old and the floors have settled because of termite damage; this will seek to resolve this issue and bring the floor as close as possible to its original height. Dick Brady said a question has been raised about concrete flooring and Marvin Ranaldson said this was the original Amtrak platform which has drainage issues and these repairs should be made next fall. Brad Link said there are drainage issues on the exterior platform area which do not go into any sewer lines which is causing the problem with the concrete. The major repair will be for the drainage and subsequent concrete work. Dave Waddington said this train arrives at 4 a.m. and this is a big area. Marvin Ranaldson

said this is also an issue with tourists who view the trains and Amtrak is looking to put a new platform in this area as well in the next two years.

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

ITEM #7 - Submitted by Brad Link, Director of Public Services

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEE FOR MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROUTE 2 IN THE CITY

Budgetary Information: The total cost for State Route 2 maintenance services for the period of 7/1/15 to 6/30/16 is \$11,114.30 and will be paid with the City's State Highway Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-161: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing payment to the Treasurer of State, Ohio Department of Transportation for the maintenance of State Route 2 in the City of Sandusky by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the City Charter.

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

ITEM #8 - Submitted by Brad Link, Director of Public Services

PURCHASE OF TRUCKS FOR HORTICULTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the trucks is \$64,187. Issue 8 Capital funds will be used to pay for these budgeted items.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-162: It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring a 1990 GMC 3500 two-wheel drive truck as unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to section 25 of the City Charter; authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase two (2) 2017 GMC Sierra 3500 cab & chassis trucks from Bob Ross Auto Group of Centerville, Ohio, through the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative purchasing program for the Horticultural Services Department and Street Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of 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: Brad Link said the truck for Horticultural Services will be a flatbed outfitted with a plow kit to serve for summer and winter seasons. The truck being disposed of has served its purpose and it is time to get a new one. Dennis Murray said one truck has served us for 24 years and it is good to catch up with these and have good operating vehicles. Dick Brady said these are Issue 8 funds at work.

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

ITEM #9 - Submitted by Victoria Kurt, Recreation Superintendent**SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO LAKE ERIE SHORES AND ISLANDS**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. These grants require no matching funds from the City and will be used as partial funding for the costs of the fishing tournaments.

RESOLUTION NO. 052-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of grant applications to the Lake Erie Shores and Islands for financial assistance with fishing tournaments for the Recreation Department and, if awarded, authorizing the City Manager to execute any required agreements; 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. Roll call on the motion: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the resolution passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #10 - Submitted by Victoria Kurt, Recreation Superintendent**2016-2017 ERIE BLACKTOP FIELD FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$20,000 and will be paid with the monetary donation received from Erie Blacktop and the monetary donations raised from Leadership Erie County Class of 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 053-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed 2016-2017 Erie Blacktop field fence replacement 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: Dennis Murray congratulated Victoria Kurt and said this represents a lot of people coming together to make needed and long overdue improvements to the ballfield which provides entertainment and recreation for many.

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

ITEM #11 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**2017-2019 BRIDGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT**

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for the City. There is actually a cost savings since the City will not be required to hire outside consulting services to have these inspections performed.

RESOLUTION NO. 054-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the Preliminary Legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Bridge Inspection Program Services Project for calendar years 2017-2019, PID No. 102554; authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the Preliminary Legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation for this project; 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 Nikki Lloyd 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: Nikki Lloyd, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Nikki Lloyd, Dave

Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 7. The President declared the resolution passed in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

ITEM #12 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works

APPLICATIONS TO ERIE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FOR PROJECTS

Budgetary Information: The construction estimate for each project is shown above. If awarded, the 20% match would be allocated in the 5-year capital budget from an account with funds available for infrastructure such as CDBG, Issue 8 or General Fund. Outside private funding sources could also be discussed.

A. RESOLUTION NO. 055-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the Hayes Avenue Corridor Traffic Calming Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA federal local-let project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; 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 full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said MPO projects can only be used on main arteries such as Camp Street, Water Street, Columbus Avenue and First Street which have high volume traffic. The roads chosen are Meigs Street, Hayes Avenue and Cleveland Road for this round of applications. The MPO is booked through 2021 and funding is not available until this time unless other projects come in under budget. Some funds have already been accounted for the Hayes Avenue corridor in the five-year capital improvement plan for the entire length of Hayes Avenue from Columbus Avenue to the High School. We have \$400,000 allocated for this project mostly for traffic calming and bike paths will be installed northbound and southbound, allowing transit pull-off areas, lighting the bike path and other work; this is approximately a \$2 million project estimated for completion in 2019. Dennis Murray said he is excited to think positively five years forward with these kinds of projects. It is important to have people in place to put grant applications together so when funding is received, we have done the legwork.

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

B. RESOLUTION NO. 056-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the Meigs Street Reconstruction and Bike Path Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA federal local-let project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; 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.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this includes Meigs Street from Water Street to First Street; from First Street to Washington Street on the east side of the roadway, a bike path will extend the Sandusky Bay Pathway along with new road surface. There are a lot of large trees on this side of the street which may require removal and replanting of proper trees. We will hold off on doing the portion of Meigs Street north of Washington Street because of the study currently being done in the Battery Park area until 2021 to ensure what is done with this property is accommodated.

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

C. [RESOLUTION NO. 057-16R](#): It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of an application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for financial assistance for the Cleveland Road Preliminary Engineering Project and, if awarded, authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into the LPA federal local-let project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation; 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 Nikki Lloyd, 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 we are looking to do this work in 2021 to 2022 on Cleveland Road from Sycamore Line to the corporation limits, and potentially past the new Sports Force. We will be getting stakeholders involved and do not yet know the extent of road construction. We are applying for \$250,000 for the preliminary engineering phase. In addition, Perkins Township submitted a letter of support for the portion of the project outside of the corporation limits. The MPO requires legislative bodies to supply legislation supporting applications.

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

**ITEM #13 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works
SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING INC. CONTRACT FOR 2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs, is \$404,008.55 and will be paid with Capital Funds made available through Issue 8.

[ORDINANCE NO. 16-163](#): It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., of Norwalk, Ohio, for the 2016 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the City Charter.

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

Discussion: Dennis Murray said this is the much anticipated sidewalk program which we have not had the money to do in recent years. This is all Issue 8 money and is a very proactive piece of legislation as it also includes tree removals and replacements. Aaron Klein said residents and property owners on the list will receive letters letting them know we are going to be on their property doing this work starting in the next few weeks. We have also asked people to contact us if they do not want a specific tree removed. We have already started taking complaints for next year's project and to call the Public Works Department to be added to this list. Dick Brady said staff receives calls from residents asking about the cost to them but there is no cost which is a little unusual. This does not mean we will be in this position years from now, but is thrilled we are able to do this in our neighborhoods and we received a good price from the contractor. This program touches every neighborhood in the city. Nikki Lloyd thanked Aaron Klein and the staff as she is an avid walker and said this is a great project to promote walkability and is happy we have Issue 8 dollars to make this happen. Wes Poole asked if there are two different tree programs with two different numbers as the contact information is different and Aaron Klein

said the tree program is with the Public Services Department while the sidewalk program is through the Public Works Department.

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

**ITEM #14 - Submitted by Jane E. Cullen, Project Engineer
SLOANE STREET MANHOLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including engineering and inspection is \$30,000 and will be paid with Sewer Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 058-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed Sloane Street Manhole Replacement 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 Nikki Lloyd, 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 in these situations the sanitary sewer is lower than the storm sewer, but materials go into the same manhole. When the water gets high it goes directly into the storm sewer. It is very expensive to do sewer separations for these types of projects and next year we will be combining the sewer on Sloane Street and want to repair the manhole prior to this taking place.

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

ITEM #15 - Submitted by Dave Degnan, Fire Chief

AGREEMENT WITH XEROX GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS FOR FIREHOUSE CLOUD SOFTWARE APPLICATION HOSTING AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

Budgetary Information: A service fee of \$5,546.85 will be paid annually for each year of the 5 year agreement. The funding for this agreement will not exceed \$27,734.25 and will be paid with monies from the EMS Fund over the course of five years.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-164: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a five (5) year agreement for application hosting and technology support services with Xerox Government Systems, LLC, of Fairfax, Virginia, for upgraded FIREHOUSE software to be used by 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 Greg Lockhart, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Dave Degnan said we have been using this program since 1998 and it stores all of our data. It is time to upgrade and allow us to use the Cloud and connect to the Erie County Dispatch office.

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

ITEM #16 – Submitted by Dave Degnan, Fire Chief**AMENDMENT TO FIRE PREVENTION CODE, CHAPTER 1505 (VACANT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS)**

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

PASSED AT FIRST READING: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending part fifteen (fire prevention code), chapter 1505 (registration of vacant commercial and industrial buildings), of the codified ordinances, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

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

Discussion: Dave Degnan said this program was implemented in 2011 and the main purpose was in regard to the 150 vacant or abandoned properties identified by staff which are a big safety hazard; there are now approximately fifteen properties identified as such and this has worked out very well. One of the down sides for persons wishing to purchase one of these buildings is the registration fees which double each year regardless of change of ownership. If a property is purchased and has been vacant for more than five years, the registration fee is \$6,400 and must be assumed by the new owners until they receive a Certificate of Occupancy. This new plan will not steer people away and will make us more business friendly. If a property is purchased which is vacant or abandoned, there is a reset of the registration fees. Additionally, the introduction of a development plan would provide incentive and waive the fees if a Certificate of Occupancy were obtained early on. Nikki Lloyd said one of the properties which she owns falls under this legislation and will abstain from the vote. Dennis Murray said this has been an overwhelmingly successful program to reduce the number of vacant and abandoned properties and put them into productive use and thanked the Fire Department for advancing the legislation and for making these suggested changes. We do not want this to get into the way of what we are trying to bring about with development.

Roll call on the motion: Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. Roll call on the ordinance: Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Naomi Twine, Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 6. Abstain: Nikki Lloyd, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed at first reading.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation in the amount of \$20 from Dave Waddington for the maintenance of the Sandusky Skate Park. 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 \$20 from Jim and Brenda Milkie in memory of Robert "Dutch" Yost. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept donations from the Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation in the amounts of: \$50,000 for consultant expenses with the Cleveland Urban Design for the Neighborhood Initiative; \$50,000 for the Jackson Street Parking lot; and \$300,000 over the next five years to assist with beautification, public art and community building in individual neighborhoods (\$60,000/year for the next five years). The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser congratulated Naomi Twine who placed in the **Blue Streak 5K** this past weekend; he and Dennis Murray were finishers. This was a great turnout and a great event.

Eric Wobser said the Police Department has been involved in multiple discussions on addiction over the past couple weeks. They participated in the third annual **Recovery Walk** on September 17, organized by the Sandusky Artisans Recovery Center at Shoreline Park. The department received a plaque from the event organizers for the continued support of recovery from addiction. SPD also partnered with Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 334 Columbus Avenue, and held an addiction awareness presentation. The educational program touched on addiction

recovery, law enforcement, Circle of Care, effects on the family, Job and Family Services and recovery stories from two speakers. This event was held on September 20.

Eric Wobser **welcomed Luke Wark to the Sandusky Fire Department** who replaces Firefighter D'Amico who left to take a position closer to home with Strongsville Fire Department.

Eric Wobser said **Finance Director Solowiej attended the annual conference for the Government Finance Officer Association** in Columbus from September 21 to 23 in Columbus, Ohio.

Eric Wobser **welcomed Anthony Sinacola who is the new construction inspector for the Engineering Division**. Anthony comes to Sandusky with a variety of construction experience. He has worked in construction for around 30 years by owning his own construction business, working for an engineering firm based in Toledo and most recently serving as a project manager with Kokosing Construction for a project in the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Eric Wobser said the city has advertised for Qualification packages to implement the \$400,000 **Brownfields Grant** received from USEPA. Selection of consultants will occur quickly so projects can begin in the first quarter of 2017.

Eric Wobser said the city is negotiating with Environmental Design Group for the **Lions Park Rehabilitation project** made possible by Issue 8 Infrastructure and GLRI funding, and construction is planned for 2017. This will be the fourth city park renovated by the City Commissioners including the Shoreline park playground, Orlando Pace Park and Wilbert Street Park and we are making good on promises to renovate our parks.

Eric Wobser said construction is moving quickly on **Caldwell Street** and ODOT is wrapping up their work at the Milan Road/Cleveland Road intersection.

Eric Wobser said the city will be hosting a kickoff meeting with Mannik & Smith Group who is our regulatory consultant for **tank removal to move forward with the tank removal and site cleanup activities at the former Sunoco Gas Station property**. All cleanup activities are anticipated to be completed by June of 2017.

Eric Wobser said the city has completed the necessary due diligence related to the soil groundwater and presence of materials containing asbestos at the former **Wisteria Farms site**. The City Commission will be approving a bid for the abatement and demolition of this site in October.

Eric Wobser **welcomed Greg Volz to the city's staff who is filling the budgeted Program Specialist** position in the Development Department.

Eric Wobser thanked Brad Link and Dave Waddington for their leadership in coordinating the **Dump Day** which took place last weekend. For those who may have missed our fall clean up, Sandusky Steel will be hosting drop off days on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 1, 8, 15 and 22. Acceptable items include mattresses, couches, chairs and other household items. Please do not bring document papers, prescription pills, tires, paint or flammable liquids, brush or construction material. Please call 419.627.5884 with questions.

Eric Wobser asked for feedback from the commission regarding the **traffic light at Hancock Street and Huron Avenue**. This light was destroyed this summer during a storm and we have been monitoring traffic at the intersection. Data was also gathered prior to this and based on both of these processes, the data does not justify having a traffic light. There are generally never more than two or three cars at the stop signs at any given time and they actually have had a nice traffic calming effect on the surrounding residential neighborhood. Eric Wobser asked if we would not be keeping any promises made to the public if we chose not to replace the traffic light. When the traffic light at the intersection of Caldwell Street and Columbus Avenue was damaged, this was changed to a two-way stop. Because Huron Avenue is along a

state route, we would like feedback on spending \$82,000 to replace this light or redirect this money for other capital projects. Greg Lockhart said he has heard from a number of people about replacing this traffic light and has also driven through here and feels the four-way stop may actually be more beneficial, but perhaps we can do more to illuminate the stop signs or street markings. Dave Waddington asked if a traffic light along a state route can be altered and Aaron Klein said this is something we can change in-house and ODOT has said they are fine with this modification. Dick Brady said he spoke with two residents who live near this intersection who are adamantly in favor of keeping a traffic light at this intersection. He travels this route five to ten times per day and feels much safer with the four-way stop than with the traffic light and has never seen more than one or two cars in line. It is hard to justify spending \$82,000 for a state of the art traffic signal system when people feel safer with a four-way stop. We can enhance the stop signs with solar power and can make this permanent and very effective. Nikki Lloyd said residents were in favor of the stoplight but agrees the four-way stop calms the intersection and reduces the number of people trying to gun the light and not stop for the traffic rotation. Naomi Twine said her only question is about pedestrian traffic trying to cross the street and is concerned about what is safer for them. Eric Wobser said he travels this daily as a pedestrian and feels four-way stops are much safer for pedestrians than any right-of-way traffic. This specific intersection has hard turns and thinks the four-way stop is much safer and cars do not back up on either street. Wesley Poole said he has an opinion about this but recognizes there are reasons for traffic count standards to determine what is safest and wants to look at the study and the traffic counts to determine what we put here. Brad Link said the data does not warrant a light at this intersection and will provide the data to the commissioners.

Eric Wobser said there was a great meeting at the **Sandusky Skate Park** last week and many non-city employees who have a passion for this park were in attendance. We discussed how to best maintain the existing park for as long as possible, where a new park might be possible, and a potential timeline for a major overhaul. Staff helped to monitor this and start a database of emails to keep in touch with everyone.

Eric Wobser said **Orlando Pace Day** will take place on October 6 in partnership with the city, Sandusky City Schools and the Sandusky Register. This will kick-off at approximately 10:30 a.m. with a dedication of Orlando Pace Drive followed by a dedication of the play equipment at Orlando Pace Park, a luncheon for Rotary members, and at 5 p.m., the Sandusky Homecoming parade will take place from the Jackson Street Pier to Strobel Field at Cedar Point Stadium. We are very honored to partner in this event to honor Orlando's achievements.

OLD BUSINESS

Dick Brady said the city enjoyed **Oktoberfest** this past weekend downtown which was a collaborative effort with the Sandusky State Theatre and North Coast Young Professionals and saluted them for drawing young and old to the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to provide up to \$5,000 of seed money to be given toward repairs at the Sandusky Skate Park.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said this park will be at its present location for another two to three years and was built in 2003 for about \$80,000. The skaters are very passionate and this is part of the Recreation program and we have let it slide for too long. It is time to make some repairs and would like to see up to \$5,000 spent to make repairs. Greg Lockhart said he agrees we should repair the skate park, but not to take away from what we are going to do in the future. The Remember Cruisin' Car Club has already donated \$2,000 and would like to know what needs to be put into making repairs first. Eric Wobser said the city has received money over the past two years and in the first year, some of this money was spent on repairs. Based on feedback received, Eric Wobser recommends creating a fund which is budgeted and can be used for modest repairs. Old ramp systems start to break down and become difficult to repair over time and there may be diminishing returns which is the reason why some cities have moved to concrete construction which may last for twenty to thirty years. We would like to

create this fund with \$5,000 from the Battery Park TIF monies and look at a design process for the new park with the commission at an upcoming meeting. Skate parks traditionally are funded at about twenty five percent and we would like to get the design process done with the skateboard community and start to budget resources to leverage foundation dollars. Wes Poole said we should build a skate park everybody wants to come to from all over Erie County. There is no reason why we do not have a “statement” skateboard park and will vote yes for this \$5,000 seed money, but need to define the finest skate park and be done with it. Dick Brady said there is a skate park in our future and it should be state of the art. We are agreeing this is spending deferred maintenance money right now to keep someone from breaking their skull on a less than state-of-the art equipment.

The President declared the motion passed.

Wes Poole said he and Marvin Ranaldson are going on a **three-hour professional class on bicycles in Sandusky**. ODOT has contracted with Yay Bikes! to train professionals at the city level about how road segments function and to give people a deeper knowledge about what is necessary to put into bike lanes. Representatives from Erie County and Perkins Township will also attend.

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

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing on November 14 regarding an amendment to the Planning & Zoning Code to allow recreational vehicles parked in the rear yard to utilize gravel or other pervious material. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing on October 24 regarding the second Urban Renewal Plan area. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Fred Farris, 1114 C Street, said he has a problem with the way the City Commission voted on City Hall and applauded Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole for going against building a new City Hall. It is not fair for the citizens to not have been permitted to vote on the November ballot for this.

Vicki Bird, 2114 Wilbert Street, said she picked up some information from the city including the 2015 Annual Report and information about Issue 8. There were fundraisers for Issue 8 and she committed herself to it. It did not take us five years to get where we are and it will not take five years to get where we want to go. We also have to look back and pay attention to mistakes made in the past. Vicki Bird said she places her trust in the city to do what it said it would with these in funds from income and admissions tax increases. A portion of the admissions tax is going toward economic development and we have to do things to make people want to come to this city to develop. We need a vision and a vibrant, livable and connected city. At 911 West Adams Street, there is a home which was previously condemned and has been refurbished and shows what can be done to some of the homes in Sandusky. There are many things being done or under way with Issue 8 money; there is a difference between admissions tax money and income tax money. We received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants which were announced tonight and this is because we have people who know how to go about getting them and she does not have a problem paying for them. Since the passage of Issue 8, thirteen streets have been completed, 300 trees have been removed, 55 homes have been demolished, 38 homes have had exterior rehab performed, five persons have received down payment assistance, commercial demolition of the G & C Foundry is taking place, demolition of the former Surf's Up was taken care of, the American Crayon building is being demolished, the former Wisteria Farms demolition is being finalized, three parks are being upgraded, sidewalks are being repaired at no cost to the citizens, cleanups are taking place, there is support for

small businesses, code enforcement is being done, the Police Department has a Community Impact Officer and body cameras in use, there is an expanded officer recruitment which is more diverse, the Fire stations are staying open and the union contract has been settled and we are making investments in equipment. Vicki Bird said a city is only as strong and as good as its schools and safety services and will put her trust in the city until they give her a reason not to.

At 7:27 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 7:30 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 7:35 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

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