

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

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

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, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Justin Harris - Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager, Paige Doster – Administrative Assistant and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Eric Wobser said on behalf of the members of the **Sandusky Bicentennial Commission**, he and a few members traveled to Duluth, Minnesota to look at things happening along their waterfront in preparation for Sandusky's Bicentennial and thanked the Sandusky Erie County Community Foundation for making this trip possible. Eric Wobser introduced Gene Kidwell and Lee Alexakos and thanked McKenzie Spriggs, Victoria Kurt and Angela Byington who did a great deal of the planning for the trip. Duluth was selected as they are an older Great Lakes city and not unlike Sandusky, had a strong heyday during the industrial expansion, but as their iron ore industry collapsed, fell on very hard times. As part of our Bicentennial visioning process, we researched cities which have made big comebacks and Duluth was chosen to visit as they are a small Great Lakes city similar in size to Sandusky and reinvented themselves focusing on their waterfront and culture after their industry collapsed. Duluth has activated their waterfront to revive economic development and developed a plan to create spaces for people and programming. They built a beautiful bike trail along the lake to extend their season and built facilities to support this extended programming.

Lee Alexakos said a great cross-section of public and private organizations were represented and provided different perspectives of the community. They met with a variety of people and organizations with the Duluth Convention Center, the City of Duluth and the Tall Ships Duluth and Visit Duluth organizations. These folks have done many things to extend their season and programming. The average winter temperature in Sandusky is 37 degrees while in Duluth, it is 22 degrees and this has not hindered them. Bentleyville started as a display of Christmas lights during the season and this has been moved downtown right on the waterfront and 200,000 people walk through it each winter season. Duluth has a Tall Ships festival where thousands of people line up to go on the ships. Their infrastructure was also unique with an entertainment pavilion on several acres of greenspace allowing them to set up for events both free and ticketed. They do a lot of branding which has given Duluth some legs; Sandusky has a lot of incredible assets and there are ways to brand Sandusky to help with the economic development of the area. The convention center is on the water and we have some of this which is not part of another complex and has really extended their off-season business.

Gene Kidwell said the bike trail was one of the amenities developed which has exciting possibilities for Sandusky. There was a railroad spur track which the bike trail runs along and adjacent to the highway. This is a five-mile bike trail and also runs through the downtown area and through neighborhoods. This is a very well prepared and well managed bike trail and also leads through some very developed gardens with overlooks where people can stop and enjoy the scenery. In addition, they have developed a lake walk which is six miles long and runs along Lake Superior and is an attraction for visitors and an amenity for local use. Gene Kidwell said it

was interesting to watch people from Sandusky interact and there was a lot of energy and knowledge and saw the plan developed by the folks in Duluth over the last 50 years has brought them out of the devastation suffered with the economic decline in the 1950's. There was a St. Louis corridor plan in the works and will finish soon. Imagine Duluth 2035 is another group putting thought into "where do we go from here". Those who shared were not any more knowledgeable than Sandusky's experts with exchanging information; we have a great makeup of public and private interests to move forward and be a better Sandusky.

Naomi Twine said this was a great learning experience about what Sandusky can do with what we have and is very exciting to see some of these things come together. Dennis Murray said there is importance with consistency over a very long period of time which takes a lot of conversation and work and this is terribly important. Wes Poole said we do have the expertise here in Sandusky to make a much better Sandusky; those who were on the trip asked all the right questions and can make things happen. Dick Brady said he is old enough to remember the days when, due to economics, we could not take trips like this; now we understand collectively we cannot **not** afford to do things like this. In a couple of years, we will have people coming to Sandusky to learn how we have turned things around and thanked all who participated. Nikki Lloyd thanked everyone who took the time to visit Duluth and said this is exactly what our citizens and residents should be doing. It does not have to be a large scale, but having a plan and working toward it with patience and dedication will get us there.

PUBLIC HEARING

The President opened a Public Hearing regarding the Urban Renewal Plan Area and the Slum and Blight study.

Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, said the city has contracted with City Architecture of Cleveland, Ohio to complete a Slum and Blight study and associated Urban Renewal Plan for a portion of the downtown. The city previously undertook the same initiative for creation of the Bayfront Urban Revitalization Plan area, which includes properties mostly north of Shoreline Drive, west of the Jackson Street Pier to and through the Paper District Marina. A Slum and Blight study must be completed prior to adopting an Urban Renewal Plan area. Through Ohio Revised Code Chapter 725, the establishment of an Urban Renewal Plan area allows for the use of Tax Increment Fund (TIF) revenues to be utilized for projects provided with the Plan such as infrastructure, economic development and other public improvements. The purpose of creating this second Urban Renewal area is to allow for the existing TIF revenue, generated through the Chesapeake Loft project, to be eligible for future projects in the second Urban Renewal area. The city is working to continue the momentum of recent investments into downtown and believes establishment of this plan area, which will allow for public investment, will continue to spur private development. Angela Byington introduced Alex Pesta from City Architecture and said he will be presenting a summary of the study process and results and the plan recommendations. By utilizing TIF dollars within the two designated Urban Renewal areas, existing city funds will be available for other areas of the city.

Alex Pesta, City Architecture, said it is a pleasure to be back in Sandusky and it is always good to see what things get put into motion. The Urban Renewal Plan is equally as important as the Bicentennial Plan which he presented the last time he was here as it opens up potential funding resources. This is not an eminent domain plan, rather it is a tool to take a property and the term "slum and blight" simply can open up funding sources but is not a judgement of properties or property owners of these parcels. This is a conditions' analysis with very little subjectivity in the scoring. The boundaries have been identified and a lot of the blight is tied to public infrastructure and the condition of the utilities under roadways. The city has underground infrastructure which is over 100 years old and the pavement conditions all weighed into the study. The first urban renewal plan area was connected to continue and extend the Slum and Blight Plan. There are about 55 acres in total and 24 acres are public right-of-way and half of these are classified as vacant. The definition of slum and blight is given through the Ohio Revised Code and the scoring criteria was determined with a five-point rating system. If there is a zero on the table, this criteria was not present or applicable so as not to skew the results. Categories were rated as excellent, very good, fair, poor or dangerous. Some properties which

are vacant but well-kept would not have been considered for slum and blight status. There were a lot of properties very well kept and if there was not an eyesore or a public safety hazard, they were not classified as slum and blight. One hundred and twenty five individual properties were scored in total with this criteria. The occupancy and vacancy analysis showed occupied buildings, partially vacant or totally vacant buildings, parking lots and vacant land(s). The curb conditions were provided by the Public Works Department and most are in good condition, although some are in poor or fair condition but did not play a huge part in determining slum and blight although the conditions of the pavement were. Pavement conditions need to be addressed to identify some of the blocks for repair and replacement before getting to a point of no return. The quantifying and establishment of blighted areas was determined by criteria: 1) any of the building and site condition analysis items rated at a 4 [Poor] or 5 [dangerous and/or missing]; 2) the building or land classified as vacant; 3) taxes owed are greater than the total property value; 4) total property value below the county median of \$131,900; 5) sidewalks rated at a 4 [poor] or 5 [dangerous and/or missing]; 6) shoulders or curbs were rated fair or poor in the 2015 pavement condition inventory and rating project; and 7) pavement condition index of 55 or below. The first four criteria were for private properties while the last three were for public/private properties. The objectives of the renewal plan are to develop a land use, public improvements, circulation and connection, economic and visual environment as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. Many of these categories have already been addressed through Sandusky's Bicentennial Plan. The plan outlines land use, public improvements, circulation and connection, economic improvements and visual environment improvements. If there are to be property acquisition(s) or partnership(s), a review process has been outlined for the Planning Commission and City Commission to approve. Dick Brady said the ultimate goal is to give the city the ability to take the Chesapeake TIF and spread it over more properties which will allow more focus in our downtown. Nikki Lloyd said she agrees this compliments our Comprehensive Plan and thanked the staff for continuing to be resourceful and make this possible.

There being no further questions from those in attendance, the President declared the Public Hearing closed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

SECOND READING

ITEM #1 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Assistant City Engineer

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SEWER REGULATIONS & RATES

Budgetary Information: This change will maintain the current storm sewer rate for 2017, and change the storm sewer rate structure for non-residential properties based on an Equivalent Residential Unit in 2018. This change and funding has been incorporated into the five-year capital plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-175: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Nine (Streets, utilities and public services code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 933 (sewer regulations and rates) Section 933.25 (rates) of the codified ordinances of the City of Sandusky in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow.

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

SECOND READING

ITEM #2 - Submitted by Brad Link, Public Services Director

PAYMENT FOR ROCK SALT FROM DETROIT SALT COMPANY FOR CY 2017

Budgetary Information: Funds for the purchase of bulk rock salt are routinely included in the Traffic Services operating budget each year.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-176: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase bulk highway deicing rock salt for the Division of Traffic Services to be used in the CY 2017 from Detroit Salt Company, LLC of Detroit, Michigan.

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

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

APPROVAL OF ERIE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Budgetary Information: No funds will be expended.

RESOLUTION NO. 062-16R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving the Erie County Solid Waste Management District Plan update; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of 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.

Discussion: Lisa Beursken, Coordinator at the Erie County Solid Waste Management District, said the largest municipality must approve the Solid Waste Plan and there are no huge changes from five years ago until now, other than service provider agreements which are already being done in Sandusky.

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

ITEM #4 - Submitted by Angela Byington, Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning
ADOPTION OF SECOND URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND SLUM & BLIGHT STUDY

Budgetary Information: There is no cost associated with adoption of the Slum and Blight Study and the Urban Renewal Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-177: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving and adopting the second urban renewal plan, including the slum and blight study, for the City of Sandusky; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 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 13 of the city charter.

Discussion: Nikki Lloyd said she will be abstaining as she owns property in this area. Wes Poole said the study was excellent and in hindsight, wished we had asked City Architecture to look at the roofs of these buildings. Dennis Murray said he will abstain for the reasons noted previously when this legislation was discussed.

Roll call on the motion: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, 5. Abstain: Dennis Murray and Nikki Lloyd, 2. Roll call on the ordinance: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart, 5. Abstain: Dennis Murray and Nikki Lloyd, 2. The President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

ITEM #5 - Submitted by Jeff Keefe, Assistant City Engineer**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

Budgetary Information: There will be no impact to the general fund. There is no fee to join the Interlocal Purchasing System program and no annual membership dues. Participation in this program will allow us to not require outside consultants to prepare bid documents for projects. This allowed for a savings of over \$68,000 for evaluation, drawings and bid documents for just two roofs. This design and bidding savings is almost the cost of just two roofs.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-178: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal agreement with the Region VIII Education Service Center for participation in the Interlocal purchasing system program; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Aaron Klein said this program is similar to the State Cooperative Purchasing program. The roofs are no longer part of the state's program and we would have gone through a design process with a consultant. By entering into this program, the bidding will be done for us and we can then have the repairs completed.

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

ITEM #6 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR EAST END SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The original contract with Underground Utilities, Inc. is for \$4,559,008. Change Order #1, an addition of \$44,951.90 will revise the contract amount to \$4,603,959.90. The original contract amount is being funded with sewer funds with partial reimbursement from Erie County pursuant to the sewer services agreement. Change Order #1 will be funded with capital funds made possible through the passage of Issue 8. Since this is a street repair, it cannot be applied to the OWDA loan that was received, since those funds are intended solely for sewer and water infrastructure.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-179: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first change order for work to be performed by Underground Utilities, Inc. of Monroeville, Ohio for the East end sewer improvements project in the amount of \$44,951.90 and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: Aaron Klein said as part of the East End sewer improvements project, two slabs were replaced in front of the lift station. When the project was designed over one year ago, the slabs around it were not in great shape so while they were doing this work, we wanted to repair the worst part of the road on East Oldgate. The majority of the road is decent and we received an OWDA loan for this project but cannot use this money for the street portion. Wes Poole said this runs past his home and will abstain.

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

ITEM #7 - Submitted by John Orzech, Police Chief**PAYMENT FOR 9-1-1 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE FOR 2017**

Budgetary Information: The total amount of this expenditure is \$16,961.47. The replacement cost is \$9,342.22 and the maintenance cost is \$7,619.25. The cost will be paid with funds from the Police Department's 2016 operating budget in the amount of \$8,480.74 and from the EMS fund in the amount of \$8,480.73.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-180: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing payment for replacement and maintenance costs pursuant to the 9-1-1 agreement between the City of Sandusky and Erie County; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

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

Discussion: John Orzech said the city has been with Erie County for a number of years for these services. There have been improvements with wireless technology and future text messaging, but this is the normal lines and equipment which houses the 9-1-1 system.

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

ITEM #8 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE ENERGY BROKERS FOR CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Budgetary Information: There is no direct cost to the city to approve this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-181: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., of Akron, Ohio, for Opt-Out electric aggregation services; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Discussion: Hank Solowiej said this is another example of being proactive with electric costs and Sandusky is part of an aggregation program where residents and small commercial customers currently are saving six percent on their "Price to Compare". The current discount with FirstEnergy will expire in April, 2018 and this will allow the city to enter into agreement with Buckeye Energy Brokers to start planning for this transition and possibly to look for a new provider and do the marketing and outreach for potential customers. Tom Bellish, President of Buckeye Energy Brokers, said in 2000, the city placed an issue on the ballot for electric aggregation and this program has been around for quite a while. Buckeye will send proposals to different suppliers and will then make a recommendation to Sandusky for the best offer for its residents. Notices will be sent to those in the program and those eligible for the program. Residents using a different supplier will have to opt-in to be in the program. The pricing may be different the next time around, but he would like to see something similar with a fixed price and will report back. The program is limited to those using 700,000 Kilowatt hours per year. Nikki Lloyd asked how Buckeye Energy is reimbursed and Tom Bellish said they do not charge the city, they are paid by the selected supplier. Kelly Kresser said the city has had a relationship with Buckeye Energy Brokers and Tom Bellish for its gas aggregation program and they have always been very responsive to citizens and requests for assistance. And are very good to work with.

Roll call on the motion: Naomi Twine, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Nikki Lloyd, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Naomi Twine, Dave

Waddington, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, Greg Lockhart and Nikki Lloyd, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

ITEM #9 - Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO TRANSITIONAL REINSURANCE PROGRAM FOR 2016

Budgetary Information: The total cost associated for this filing is \$19,224 and will be paid from the Health Insurance fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-182: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager and/or Finance Director to make payment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services for the city's contribution to the transitional reinsurance program for 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.

Discussion: Hank Solowiej said this is part of our transition from being in a health insurance pool to becoming self-insured and we are now responsible to pay some of these kinds of fees which are set by law. The Ashley Group helped with our health insurance plan and looked at this prior to making this recommendation to make sure we were doing things correctly.

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

ITEM #10 - Submitted by Marvin Ranaldson

AMTRAK DEPOT FLOOR & FOUNDATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The construction cost of this project, including advertisement and miscellaneous costs is \$38,686.40, to be paid with the city's capital funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-183: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Janotta & Herner of Monroeville, Ohio, for the Amtrak Depot floor and foundation rehabilitation 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 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, Sandusky Transit Administrator, said this is exactly as bid a couple of weeks ago. The cost is below the Engineer's estimate. There was an alternate bid which was not accepted; we are doing the southern portion of the building which is more degraded than the northern portion. The drainage portion in the north end will be improved next year which will help with this degradation.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Wobser introduced **Leslie Mesenburg who is the new Executive Assistant** in his office.

Eric Wobser said **Police Officers have been and will continue to participate in a number of Halloween activities** this month including passing out candy, Halloween Trick-or-Treat bags and attending events.

Eric Wobser said documents were submitted to the **Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency application process** on May 13. This initiative implements state-wide policies on Use of Force/Deadly Force and Hiring/Recruiting and this process will take several months to complete. We have until March, 2017, to comply with this “voluntary” process and a list of compliant agencies will be completed in March, 2017. Eric Wobser said on October 19, we received notification that we have been provisionally approved to be in compliance with the policies for the Ohio Collaborative. The review of the policies and all supporting documents have been reviewed by the State. The final step is an on-sight visit, which will take place within the next two months. Eric Wobser thanked Lt. Campbell and Sgt. Snyder for spearheading this effort to ensure we are in compliance with this “voluntary” process.

Eric Wobser said in a collaborative effort with **Cedar Point, the Sandusky Fire Department participated in a three-day training scenario** simulating a victim rescue and removal from the Sky Ride using our newly purchased tower ladder truck.

Eric Wobser said the **Sandusky Fire Department participated in Trick or Treat at Cedar Point**, giving candy out to over 5,000 children. It was truly a great night and thanked Cedar Point for letting the city share in such a great event and to the citizens for bringing the children to this event.

Eric Wobser said **the Sandusky Fire Department is teaming up with the Volunteer Center of Erie County for a Food Drive**. The Sandusky Fire Department will be collecting non-perishable food items for Erie County families in need November 1 through December 3. Items can be dropped off at the Central Fire Station, 600 West Market Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eric Wobser said as reported last month, **the city will receive the Auditor of State Award for the 2015 year**. The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments upon completion of a financial audit in compliance with numerous accounting and auditing requirements. Less than five percent of public entities receive this award each year; Anne Spence will be presenting this award to the City at the November 14, 2016 meeting.

Eric Wobser said the contractor for the **East End Sewer project** will be remobilizing in November on Cleveland Road to address signal loops and making a final sewer connection at Remington Avenue.

Eric Wobser said **milling and resurfacing will begin this week on Fifth Street**.

Eric Wobser said the city is developing a **scope of services with Richland Engineering to design a complete reconstruction of Gartland Avenue** from Monroe Street to the north end, including utilities, sidewalks, tree replacements and new curb and gutter.

Eric Wobser said staff was successful in securing a **Water Services Revolving Loan fund approval with zero percent financing from the Ohio EPA for the PAC project at BIWW**.

Eric Wobser said the city is now the legally-titled owner to the **former Sunoco Gas Station, 1651 Tiffin Avenue, as of October 20 and site remediation and tank removal activities** should be commencing in the next few weeks.

Eric Wobser said initial meetings and a Steering Committee for the **Sandusky Neighborhood Initiative** have been conducted or are scheduled as follows:

- Steering Committee - October 19 at 5 p.m., Cameo Pizza
- Southside – October 23 at 2 p.m., St. Paul’s Gym
- First & Fifth Streets – October 27 at 5 p.m., 1016 Third Street
- Cove District – October 27 at 7 p.m. at Damon’s
- South of Kilbourne – November 2 at 5 p.m. at the Nehemiah Center
- Garden District – November 2 at 7:00 p.m., Firelands Regional Medical Center Cafeteria
- Westside – November 3 at 7 p.m. at Margaritaville

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted to sell rock salt to the Sandusky City Schools maintenance department at \$49.24 per ton (2016 price).

Discussion: Dick Brady said this is not unique and we also did this last year. The SCS do not use a lot of salt and it is good public relations to partner with the school system.

The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser said **public restrooms at our parks and other public facilities** will begin to close for the 2016 season. The Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Park will remain functional for as long as the weather allows and we are looking into converting the Jackson Street Pier to a year-round facility by adding a heating source and insulation. Dave Waddington said the pathway is open year-round and will encourage people to continue walking and will have a place to use facilities as needed.

Eric Wobser said the **2016 leaf collection** schedule and pickup zones are as follows:

- **Zone 5 - October 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; December 5, 6, 7, 8**
South of the railroad, East of Camp Street to the city limits
- **Zone 1 - October 31; November 1, 2, 3, 4; December 9, 12, 13**
East of Meigs Street and Sycamore Line to the city limits, including the Cedar Point Chaussee
- **Zone 2 - November 7, 8, 9, 10; December 14, 15, 16**
West of Meigs Street and Sycamore Line to Columbus Avenue from Water Street to the railroad tracks
- **Zone 3 - November 21, 22, 23, 28, 29; December 19, 20**
West of Columbus Avenue to Camp Street from Sandusky Bay to the railroad tracks
- **Zone 4 - November 30; December 1, 2, 21, 22**
West of Camp Street, including the Venice area

Eric Wobser said the **Property Maintenance Department will have a part-time position available** and anyone with experience in construction and grounds maintenance may apply.

Eric Wobser **welcomed Chris Henry to our Traffic Services Department as a Maintenance Electrician and Mike Ross to our Fleet Maintenance Division.** They will start on November 7.

Eric Wobser welcomed **James Walden to our Traffic Services Street Division as a Maintenance II.** James has been with the city for over a year as a part-time employee and is a welcome addition to our full-time staff.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Greg Lockhart said recently, **opiate use and drug overdoses** have been increasing in our community and in the United States and is interested in starting a coalition regarding the resources available in the community. This would be for recovery services, law enforcement, religious organizations and other resources available. There are multiple overdoses in the city during each given month and believes we need to be more proactive about this rather than waiting for people to overdose. There is a significant cost or burden being placed on the city through police, fire and social services to take care of these people. The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago and the time to do something is now. Eric Wobser said he has reached out to Pete Schade, Director of the Erie County Health Department about this issue and how the city's interests might align with this work and potentially help to fill some of the gaps in the service area. Dave Degnan said EMS personnel are seeing the same people and this is definitely an epidemic; overdose incidents have exploded. We need to help these people and some may need help with diagnosis or treatment, but there are various ways to do this and it is worth taking a look at instead of going to calls for overdoses which taxes everyone. John Orzech said

the SPD, along with Pete Schade, Erie County and other organizations started Genesis on the Lake several years ago and this has been on their radar. There have been a number of community forums educating folks about this problem but there is more education which can be organized. This issue is of significant importance and is frustrating and challenging. House Bill 110, which was recently passed, limits law enforcement's ability to arrest individuals who have overdosed and there are tracking mechanisms in order to document these incidents. The detoxification center is another critical component and in addition, and a sober living facility recently opened. All of these entities are working together toward the same common goal and understand the importance of what Greg Lockhart is trying to do. We have been supporting recovery and awareness for a number of years and will continue to do so. Dennis Murray said John Orzech has been at the forefront in treating these people as victims rather than criminals and largely supports the intentions behind House Bill 10 to take care of these people and their families.

Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to appoint Paige Doster as the Acting Clerk of the Commission beginning October 26 until such time as Kelly Kresser will be able to return from a medical leave of absence. The President declared the motion passed.

Dick Brady said he and Dave Waddington will begin to hold **regular Commissioner office hours with City Commissioners** in the City Commission Office (hopefully starting the first week of December) to allow citizens to bring questions and concerns. This will provide a more informal opportunity for people to express concerns and will be a pilot program.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to fully support Issue 12 on the ballot regarding the Sandusky City School levy.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said we are close to the November election and there are many important issues on the ballot including the Presidential election. Issue 12 is potentially a game-changer for the City of Sandusky and if passed, three school buildings would be rebuilt in our community for only 64% of the construction cost and is our last chance in all probability to get this much funding from the State. The nastiness of the national election will cause a lot of people not to vote, but urges everyone in Sandusky to turn to the back of their ballot and vote for Issue 12 to make improvements to buildings which will provide improvements and outcomes. All children will be in a single building with coordinated instruction to students with different plans and teachers and will make a big difference in the end to their education. Our children deserve the benefit of great educational facilities and many of the current buildings are over 100 years old with inadequate heating, no air conditioning and this is a great bargain for the city and is something generations before us have done. It is our turn and our opportunity urges a "Yes" vote on Issue 12. Wes Poole said he echoes these sentiments and said this is an opportunity to do something for ourselves. Once we get to the place where we have good housing stock, good roads and other amenities, people will also be looking for good schools. We need to bring in younger people who are starting families and this is our opportunity to do this along with infrastructure changes. This will also provide an upgrade to the science wing at the high school which is most important and is pretty sure some of the facilities at the high school may have the same desk he sat on in 1967. Dave Waddington said this will also have the potential to create a lot of jobs and will generate taxes and there is a lot more to the issue. Nikki Lloyd said we need to take care of our children whether we have them, own a home, or not as they are our future and asked for a "Yes" vote. Greg Lockhart supports Issue 12 and will continue to knock on doors supporting this issue. Dick Brady said he the first Vice President of the new Catholic school system in Sandusky ten years ago and has a little different perspective. He spoke to parishioners as they left Catholic masses last week and normally would stay out of issues like this, but realizes how important it is for our public school system and community to pass this issue. We have a good Catholic school system but we are only as good as our public school systems and this is an opportunity to make it the best it can be. Naomi Twine said she wishes to emphasize the students are our future and the most important. We need to provide opportunities for them to have a first class education.

The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to adopt the revised Rules of Order which include the use of Consent Agendas in the future.

Discussion: Dennis Murray said he and Kelly Kresser prepared a communication regarding the use of **Consent Agendas** by the City Commission in the future. Proposed changes to the commission Rules of Order have been distributed. Dave Waddington said when voting for twelve different chemicals or land bank property transactions, his takes up much time and fully supports this change. Dennis Murray said a lot of communities use Consent Agendas and routine or regular items can be grouped together for a vote. If any commissioner at the beginning of the Current Business section of the Agenda request an item to be removed, it will be set aside and voted on separately. This will allow more time and attention to be given to other items being considered.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

At 7:42 p.m., upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to adjourn. The President announced the motion passed.

Paige Doster
Acting Clerk

(Prepared by Kelly L. Kresser, CMC)

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