

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

**City staff present:** Phil Frost – Assistant Police Chief, Dave Degnan – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Don Rumbutis – IT, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Justin Harris - Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager, Paige Doster – Acting Commission Clerk.

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016, meeting and dispense with the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **PRESENTATION**

The **Sandusky Shift 2 Firefighters were presented with a certificate of honor** and recognized for their life-saving actions while responding to a house fire at 424 Scott Street in the early morning of December 4, 2016. The Shift 2 firefighters include Capt. Matt Lesch, Capt. Jason Roesch, Lt. Chris Bodle, firefighters Bill Reyes, James Snyder, Dustin Hamons, Jake Wooten, Ryan Brotherton, Luke Wark, Jeff Danevich, Dave Oprzadek, Glenn Szatala and Mike Morris. The City Commissioners recognized these firefighters for their professional dedication to the preservation of life and property in the City of Sandusky.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Ida Alexander and Ms. Brenda Jones, on behalf of Ebenezer Baptist Church, thanked the City Commission for inviting them to the meeting to announce their plans for a **Martin Luther King Day celebration** that will begin on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at Ebenezer Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m., scheduled to include praise, worship and teaching and continue on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. at the historic Second Baptist Church in Sandusky where there will be a message and short program. Ms. Jones said there will be a motorcade from the Second Baptist Church to Ebenezer Baptist Church where there will be a luncheon and program. She said Ms. Alexander has met with city officials and appreciates the Commission's support and wants everyone to join with them to celebrate Martin Luther King Day which will be his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Submitted by Amanda McClain, Housing Manager**

#### **SALE OF LAND BANK PROPERTY LOCATED ON FREMONT AVENUE**

**Budgetary Information:** The cost associated with this purchase & sale agreement is the total amount of the title search, deed preparation, and any other customary fees that may be due and payable in the ordinary course of the sale and purchase transaction. The City will recoup the cost of the expenses from the sale.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-216:** It is requested an ordinance be passed declaring that certain real property owned by the city as part of the Land Reutilization Program is no longer needed for any municipal purpose and authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with respect to that real property; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

#### **B. Submitted by Troy Vaccaro, Fleet Maintenance Chief Foreman**

#### **DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES**

**Budgetary Information:** Proceeds from the sale of the items will be placed into the Street Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-217:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to dispose of vehicles as having become unnecessary and unfit for city use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**C. Submitted by Dave Degnan, Fire Chief**

**AGREEMENT FOR DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

**Budgetary Information:** The contract will not negatively impact the City's Budget as this is an attempt to collect debt owed to the City of Sandusky for ambulance services rendered and Code Enforcement administrative penalties, rental registration fees, inspection fees and uncertified nuisance abatement charges. If passed this legislation will generate revenue.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-218:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with State Collection and Recovery Services, LLC, of Sandusky, Ohio, for debt collection services for the Sandusky Fire Department and Code Enforcement Division; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**D. Submitted by Victoria Kurt, Recreation Superintendent**

**GRANT APPLICATION TO LAKE ERIE SHORES & ISLANDS FOR FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**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 tournament.

**RESOLUTION NO. 068-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed approving the submission of a grant application to the Lake Erie Shores and Islands for financial assistance with a fishing tournament for the Recreation Department; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**E. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REACTIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** No funds are required from the City. However, if the City requests to add construction items to the project, 100% of those costs would be the responsibility of the City. The City does not anticipate requesting any additional items at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 069-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the consent legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for their Reactive Maintenance Project, PID No. 93097, ERI 6/2; authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the Consent Legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation to complete the project; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**F. Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

**CONSENT LEGISLATION FOR OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** No funds are required from the City. However, if the City requests to add construction items to the project, 100% of those costs would be the responsibility of the City. The City does not anticipate requesting any additional items at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 070-16R:** It is requested a resolution be passed adopting the consent legislation submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for their Bridge Rehabilitation Project, PID No. 90939, ERI US 0250 00.59; authorizing and directing the City Manager to sign the Consent Legislation and to execute any necessary contracts with the Director of Transportation to complete the project; 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 accept the Consent Agenda and declare that all ordinances and/or resolutions as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with the section reflected in the ordinances and/or resolutions, whether it be in accordance with Section 13 or Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray gave his appreciation to the Chief for the addition of the additional debt collection services. He said for years the charges that have been levied in connection with EMS runs have been collected for us by a private entity and now we are adding administration penalties and uncertified nuisance fees.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Nikki Lloyd, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Greg Lockhart, Naomi Twine, Dick Brady, 7. The President declared the ordinances and resolutions contained in the consent agenda passed in accordance with the City Charter.**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **ITEM #1 - Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**

##### **THIRD CHANGE ORDER FOR CAMP STREET UNDERPASS REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**Budgetary Information:** The Change Order No. 1 and 2 revised the original contract amount of \$1,774,110.00 to \$1,852,950.66. Change Order No. 3 will increase the contract with Schirmer Construction by \$130,286.54. The revised contract amount including Change Order No. 1 to 3 is \$1,983,237.20.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-219:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the Third Change Order for work performed by Schirmer Construction, LLC, of North Olmsted, Ohio, for the Camp Street Underpass Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$130,286.54; 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 this is the change order to finalize several of the quantities for the project. He said this MPO project was submitted in the mid 2000's for funding is finally coming to completion. Aaron Klein said the major items included in this change order were for structural repairs, which were noticed once the contractors started breaking away the front of the walls, and for step repairs. Aaron Klein also noted the costs being paid with Water Funds and said that these costs were due to a water line that needed to be relocated and this change order allows the allocation of funds to the appropriate accounts.

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

##### **ITEM #2 - Submitted by Matt Lasko, Chief Development Officer**

##### **AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR JOHN FEICK**

**Budgetary Information:** Mr. Feick will continue to be paid at the rate of \$55.00 per hour for work performed up to an additional amount not to exceed \$7,500. The cost of this contract will be paid with the Building Division operating budget. The plan review expense will be paid by the collection of plan review fees by the Division of Building Inspection.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-220:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement for services of consultant John A. Feick for CY 2016; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.**

*Discussion:* Matt Lasko shared that Scott Mularoni is the City's Alternate Chief Building Official and John Feick is the City's Alternate Plan Reviewer and this amendment is to increase the maximum compensation in the contract for John Feick to get through the remainder of the year. Dennis Murray said that part of this is a good problem to have and that there is a lot of construction activity and these gentlemen are paid by the fees from the application process. Matt Lasko added that the City is on pace to doubling the value of construction in the City from 2015.

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

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Upon motion of Dennis Murray and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to accept an in-kind donation from Thomas and Angela Kessler for donating a Christmas tree for the Schade-Mylander Plaza. The President declared the motion passed.**

Eric Wobser said a **thank you letter was received from Jaylyn Williams in reference to Officer Costante** and his role in the community and impact on her son and going above and beyond to help him in a difficult time.

Eric Wobser said a **letter of resignation was received from Firefighter Ryan Brotherton**, who has accepted a position with the Columbus Fire Department. Eric Wobser wished Firefighter Brotherton well in this new job and said they are in the process of interviewing to fill his position.

Eric Wobser gave a final reminder to **property owners of vacant dwellings** to contact the Customer Accounting Office to turn off the water if your dwelling is expected to remain vacant and unoccupied during the winter months. He said this will help prevent water lines from freezing and breaking which would lead to costly repairs for the property owner. The Customer Accounting Office number is 419-627-5893.

Eric Wobser gave a final reminder that the **water and sewer rates** will increase with the January 2017 bill and information regarding the annual rate increases through 2021 is available on the City's website.

Eric Wobser said that Staff has met with the **Erie County Sanitary Engineer** and is developing costs and recommendations for **sludge processing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant** and that this effort is being done to assist the County since they received a Notice of Violation from Ohio EPA.

Eric Wobser stated the City has contracted with **R.E. Warner & Associates** to inspect and provide immediate **maintenance recommendations for the Columbus Avenue Underpass** and that the consultant has also provided routine maintenance recommendations for Columbus, Hayes and Camp Street Underpasses. He said Staff will be reviewing the final document, coordinating amongst departments and working it into the capital and O&M budgets as required.

Eric Wobser said the application for **Campbell Street Reconstruction was the highest scored project in Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), Region 5**. He said the project includes reconstruction and resurfacing from the railroad tracks near Boalt Street to Columbus Avenue and reconfiguration of the intersection at Columbus and Scott as outlined in the Bicentennial Visioning process which will make the intersection more walkable with a sense of placemaking. Eric Wobser said the project is approximately \$350,000 with a 50/50 split and the final vote will occur at the OPWC meeting on December 13, but all indications are that the project will get awarded.

Eric Wobser mentioned the second round of the **Neighborhood Initiative meetings** continue. The following are scheduled the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Westside - Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm at the Central Fire Station.
- Southside - Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church (1920 Eddy Henry Way, corner of Buchannan and Eddy Henry Way)

Eric Wobser said the Department of Community Development has exhausted all **Housing Development and Beautification program funds** for calendar year 2016 and that Staff is currently in the process of making slight amendments to the guidelines and application for 2017 and hopes to release those to the public by during the first week of January 2017. He encouraged anyone that is still interested in the program to contact the Department of Community Development at (419) 627-5891 and that they will be put on a list to have the new guidelines mailed to them when ready.

Eric Wobser said the **Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** in the First Floor Conference room and that the **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for December has been cancelled.**

Eric Wobser mentioned the street **lights on the south side of W. Water St., between Columbus and Jackson will be out of service** and to please use caution when traveling in the area. He said that City crews will continue to work on the issue and get the lights in service as soon as possible.

Eric Wobser said the **2016-2017 Winter Fun Guide** is now available online or by calling Victoria Kurt at 419.627.5886.

Eric Wobser informed the Commission on **requests for two (2) critical hires (Recreation Coordinator and GIS Technician)** that will be included in the 2017 budgeting process and that he will be requesting a motion to be passed at the next meeting for approval to post and potential fill these positions prior to the proposed 2017 budget being approved in March.

Dick Brady commented that the maintenance of our three beautiful underpasses is necessary. He said the **Columbus Avenue Underpass** is 20 years old and it looks like as because the City has not spent money maintaining it in the last 20 years because there were no funds. Dick Brady thanked Aaron Klein for spearheading a detailed and systematic way to maintain some of our assets and that it is very important to continue this process with all of our assets going forward.

Wes Poole said with regard to **adding personnel in general and new positions** he would like to see a formal process in writing identifying the justification for any new positions so that the details can be reviewed. Eric Wobser responded that this information is part of the budgeting process for the year the job descriptions and need for new positions are included in that process and the intention is to do that for these positions as well. Eric Wobser said he mentioned it tonight because of the timing issues and will present this information to the Commission prior to their consideration so they understand both the justification and job duties of the potential positions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington asked if agenda item 6B (**seasonal dockage at the Paper District Marina**) removed from the November 28<sup>th</sup> agenda will be on the December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and Eric Wobser responded that Victoria Kurt, Recreation Superintendent, is preparing documents and that the item will be on the agenda for December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Murray commented that what has been proposed in regards to **recreation vehicles** is a partial relaxing and a partial tightening of the rules and that with Staff approval on case by case basis recreational vehicles can be placed in backyard on gravel which is a modification from the current rule. He said the legislation tabled at the last meeting considered an amendment that regulated the number of vehicles and that those vehicles had to be owned by the occupant of

the residence and that the Commission anticipates considering the amended legislation at the next meeting. Dick Brady asked Staff if there was any traction on the concept of getting these vehicles out of the side yards and limiting them to rear yards. Angie Byington said that because there are a lot of properties with narrow lots that it is either impossible or nearly impossible for some residents to get their recreational vehicles in their rear yards so they have to locate them in the side yard. She added if the City were to consider requiring recreational vehicles in the rear yard, she guesses they could give variances on a case by case basis for properties that were narrow. Dick Brady said from his perspective the variance option would strengthen the elimination of what he calls blight. Justin Harris asked the Commission to formally untable the item so the topic could be properly discussed.

**Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to untable the item for discussion purposes. The President declared the motion passed.**

Justin Harris said there were predecessor commissions, whether through the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Planning Commission, that allowed **recreational vehicles** to be parked on side yards on a case by case basis and there would be the issue similar to transient rentals from the standpoint of people that been parking for years on the side yard and then they are told they can no longer park on the side yard. There would be the issue of whether they were grandfathered by the passing of any prior variance. Justin Harris said those are things he and Angie Byington can explore and that they understand the consensus is to tighten up the law with respect to parking recreational vehicles without giving any deference to neighbors, how it appears, or devalues the property value. Justin Harris added that trailers are defined as recreational vehicles so if the restriction to limit recreational vehicles is two (2), you are basically limited to one (1) recreational vehicle. He said there may be people that have two (2) jet skis on a trailer and those are the situations that would be reviewed on a case by case basis. Justin Harris said the precursor to this issue stemmed from people who were placing their recreational vehicles on gravel, or could not afford concrete and wanted to place them on gravel and the amended legislation with the safe guard of having Planning Staff approving anything that someone wants to do on their property helps and that they know the Commission's intention and wishes with respect to having a beautified city. Dennis Murray said the step that Dick Brady is proposing would be a pretty significant step and he is not opposed to exploring it but thinks it would be a lot to add to the proposed legislation the Commission will be considering at the next meeting and vote on all at the same time. Dennis Murray said that maybe the City Commission should think about passing the original legislation recommended by the Planning Commission and then specifically ask the Planning Commission to consider limiting the number of recreation vehicles, limiting it to the owner and limited to the backyard as opposed to the side yard. Greg Lockhart said that if they limit recreational vehicles to the owner or occupant of the property that it does not play into what we are which is a vacationland. He said many people living out of state or out of the city keep their recreational vehicles here as they may have a family member or friend that they share a boat with and it is legally parked on pavement or concrete but it is not in their name. Wes Poole said he agrees with Dennis Murray about having the Planning Commission consider these items. Dick Brady said he is okay with backyards and his concern is parking recreation vehicles in side yards and if there is a constitutional issue he would stand down but in his opinion recreational vehicles in side yards is blight to whoever lives next door. Wes Poole said since 1980 people have been putting in concrete and blacktop surfaces in their side yards and for them to outlaw side yards would be cumbersome to enforce and in the end would be granted variances to two-thirds of the city. Wes Poole pointed out that Sandusky is a recreational community around the water and people who live in this community are going to have jet skis and boats and the suggestion that a jet ski in the side yard is blight is just a personal opinion. Wes Poole added that there might be certain places where you cannot have three boats in your backyard but there needs to be a criteria to measure and suggests similar to how we determine how large or how many out-buildings can be placed in a backyard which is based upon how much of the yard it takes up, how much square footage, percentage, of the yard it takes up, might be a way to do this. Dave Waddington asked for the legislation to be brought back to the next meeting so Staff can review the Commissioners and residents comments. Dennis Murray said he would support the original legislation and he would like to get the opinions of Staff and the Planning Commission

on the issues of number of vehicles, ownership, and side yards and that the Planning Commission is the appropriate body to give these issues thorough vetting and maybe consider other changes. Dennis Murray said at the next meeting he will withdraw the amendments and the Commission can discuss and vote on the original legislation. Justin Harris said it is necessary when dealing with zoning and code changes that you provide notice and provide people with the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Dave Waddington asked for an update on **Monroe School** and that he is concerned that there are tires and trash all over the back of the property and it is in disrepair. Matt Lasko indicated he talked about the history of the property at the last meeting which is the property was in tax foreclosure but was saved by the occupant of the property entering into a payment plan. Matt Lasko said he thinks everyone agrees there are external issues with the property but he has more concerns with the interior of the property and he thinks the next steps are to justify and execute a search warrant on the interior and go from there.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Waddington asked to formally recognize **Suzie Sartor and the Sandusky Community Celebrations Council** who organizes the downtown tree lighting ceremony and has done so for many years with a proclamation or something. Dennis Murray said the tree lighting ceremony is a lot of work and a really important event for our community and suggested inviting Ms. Sartor to the next meeting.

Greg Lockhart mention that the **ADA Advisory Board** has three members leaving this year, one being the Chairman, Mr. Robert Egger, who has faithfully served for 15 years and wanted to reach out and invite anyone that might like to join the ADA Advisory Board. Dennis Murray said for anyone wishing to join the ADA Advisory Board or any other Boards and Commissions of the City, that an application must be filed out and submitted to the Commission Clerk and the applications can be found on the City's website under Board and Commissions. Wes Poole said the City does not provide formal training to our boards and commissions and thinks it would be of value to allow the Law Department to review all of the boards and commissions and put together an orientation for new members and Dennis Murray though that was a good point.

**Upon motion of Wes Poole and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to direct the City Manager to direct the Law Director to review city appointed boards and commissions and provide training as the Law Department determines is needed and to make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of boards or commissions. The President declared the motion passed.**

Naomi Twine added that she has talked with Justin Harris and that it might be a good idea to do an assessment of the **boards and commissions**. Dennis Murray said they have been looking at this for some time and asked Justin Harris to provide his thoughts to the Commission in the near future. He said they have talked about consolidation, modification, and making the terms consistent across the different boards and commissions and said it is a lot to discuss but they are probably getting to the point that maybe in the new year they can take some action. Nikki Lloyd said she agreed and fully supported it and suggested even after the assessment to add a refresher course if they decide to keep things the same.

Dave Waddington said Dick Brady and Naomi Twine will be hosting **Coffee with the Commission** on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Mr. Mr. Smith's Coffee House, 140 Columbus Avenue, beginning at 9 a.m.

Dave Waddington said he and Dick Brady anticipated only a few people at the new **Office Hour with Commissioners** meeting but it turned into a Coffee with Commissioners Meeting and the direction they wanted to go is to have brief one-on-one conversations with individuals. Dick Brady added that he and Dave Waddington suggest to the other Commissioners who are willing to participate in Office Hour is perhaps assigning time slots or meet one-on-one with individuals to hear their concerns.

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

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to appoint Dan Fresch, Daniel Hartleib, Mike Oglesbee, and Steve Rucker to the Electrician Examining Board for one-year terms ending on December 31, 2017. The President announced the motion passed.

Dennis Murray announced a **Public Hearing is set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> for the rezoning of 2513 Venice Road, Parcel No. 58-01990.00 and 1651 Tiffin Avenue, Parcel No. 58-02419.000** (former Hoppers Mobile Home Park and former Sunoco Gas Station property).

Dennis Murray mentioned the **last meeting in December will be Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** as the City building is closed on Monday for the holiday.

Dave Waddington inquired about other **Boards & Commissions** appointments as some of them have already expired and Dennis Murray responded that it is something the Commission should discuss at the next City Commission meeting or the following meeting. Naomi Twine said appointments would be part of the assessment and which ones need to be made right away and which ones can wait.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sue Daugherty, 1016 Third Street, thanked Dennis Murray for bringing up the discussion regarding the parking of **recreational vehicles** said she is looking forward to further vetting on the issue. She agrees we live in a vacationland community and she does want individuals to be able to have access to their recreational vehicles but not at the expense of making our neighborhoods less desirable looking and therefore having more difficulty attracting people who want to live here. Sue Daugherty said she is opposed but also open to out-of-the-box thinking and arriving at a better solution than allowing for gravel to exist in the backyards where neighbors have to look at tarped boats or small trailers.

Mark Norman, 1016 Third Street, mentioned several places with code enforcement issues and that he is still concerned the City does not have the capacity to enforce and how the City can come up with a solution of what needs to be done to monitor it or to control it. Mark Norman agreed with everything Ms. Daugherty said about attracting people to Sandusky and said there is no consequence for violators. Mark Norman also said he continues to be disappointed in the **Neighborhood Initiative process** and that most of the people attending the meetings are City employees that do not live in Sandusky. He said he is bothered that so many decisions about our community are made by Staff that do not live in Sandusky.

Dennis Murray responded that the City has 200 plus employees that give their hearts to this community and he is thankful they do regardless of where they live. He said Sandusky is part of their home because they choose to work here and choose to invest their energy in Sandusky. He said it is a constitutional right to live where you wish and the City does not have the right to require employees live in Sandusky. Dennis Murray said with regard to participation at the Neighborhood Initiative meeting, he understands the participation was up significantly and that direct individual mailings were sent to everyone in the impacted areas. He said we cannot make people attend and wished more people were engaged.

Albert Dantzler, 2042 Rohde Street, said he was in attendance to inquire about getting his tree trimmed. Greg Lockhart said his tree was on the list and **scheduled for tree trimming** in 2017. Eric Wobser confirmed Mr. Dantzler's tree was on the 2017 tree trimming list and it should be trimmed in early 2017.

Dennis Murray wished everyone in attendance, staff, and those at home, a Merry Christmas.

**At 6:18 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 6:25 p.m., the Commission met in executive session. At 7:40 p.m., the Commission returned to open session and the President announced adjournment of the meeting.**

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Paige Doster  
Acting Clerk

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