President Brady called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed the Invocation, given by Ms. Vargo and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Richard Koonce, Jeff Krabill, Kate Vargo, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, and Steve Poggiali, 7.

City staff present: Stewart Hastings – Law Director, Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Colleen Gilson – Community Development Director, Jared Oliver - Police Chief, Mario D'Amico - Fire Chief, Cody Browning – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT Technician, Josh Snyder – Public Works Engineer, Arin Blair – Chief Planner, Jason Werling – Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Tom Horsman – Communications Manager, and Cathy Myers - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the February 12, regular meeting and suspend the reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, asked on the Columbus Avenue reconstruction project if we have done our homework so that this project does not go way over costs of \$5M. The Perkins Avenue project went \$1M over costs. If memory serves him correctly, back in the 1980's Columbus Avenue was part of a streetscape plan, sidewalks were removed, when they got to the front of the State Theatre, they ran into a bowling alley that was under the sidewalks, and it had to be removed. Is part of this project the responsibility of the property owners? He stated on the Water & Sewer Rate Increase, he stated a familiar phrase "Failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on the community's part." Perhaps we can get an explanation tonight why the water fund was not propped up with the \$18M we received in ARPA funds during those lean times when we were not getting money from water and sewer. For 2024 we are looking for another anticipated record year for general fund income to \$34M. Just prior to Issue 8 passage, we were at \$16M, so we have more than doubled what we were getting in the general fund from 2016. Those funds could have been used to prop up the water funds and perhaps sewer funds, but we did not. He stated let me remind everyone that 21% according to the census, live at or below poverty level. He also stated that he uses a laundry mat to do his laundry. Sixteen years ago, or less than that, a quarter would get him twelve minutes in a dryer. Now a quarter gets him seven minutes. At that time, he was paying four dollars for a washing machine, now he pays eight dollars. If you increase the rates, the laundry mat will raise their rates, the ice cream shop will increase their rates and I will be paying nine dollars for an ice cream cone. Also, the change order on the Columbus Avenue Underpass which is \$35,000 additional costs for exterior improvements, can we get an explanation of how it costs that much more for exterior improvements.

McKenzie Spriggs, 616 Superior Street, she stated she is here representing Destination Sandusky, a program of the Greater Sandusky Partnership. At the last city Commission meeting we heard regional support from some of our area's largest employers; the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee, the North Coast Young Professionals, the Longer family involved in the downtown hotel, and the Sandusky State Theatre. You all requested feedback on the ground feedback from businesses and residents affected by the Columbus Avenue Streetscape Project. She stated she has a few quotes to share. From Larry Fletcher, of Shores and Islands Ohio, over the last three years Shores and Islands Ohio has been operating a welcome center at 125 E. Water Street, we have realized a continual increase in people through our doors who represent just a small portion of the people who are drawn to downtown Sandusky. In 2023 we welcomed over fourteen thousand guests, more than double what we tracked in 2016, the last year at our Milan Road location near the mall. The evidence clearly points to the increase being due to pedestrian traffic. As the city undertakes projects to enhance the pedestrian experience, at the same time we are seeing trends in Ohio and across the country that people are increasingly seeking out walkable destinations. It stands to reason that our businesses and others in Sandusky will continue to benefit from more people coming through their doors. George Gast, of Musicians Alley, says that

he is for it, he thinks it will be beautiful and he looks forward to working through the challenges. Jami Tallman of Jax Bar and Tallman Investments LLC said that the Columbus Avenue Streetscape will bring more outdoor space downtown which will attract more people to come hang out and the project will attract more retail businesses to the area to shop leisurely. It will be important to build the Jackson Street parking garage as quickly as possible to offset any parking challenges. Justin Harris of Reminger Company LPA's stated Reminger's decision to maintain an office in the heart of downtown Sandusky was made based on the firm's belief in the City's revitalization, development progress, and synergy. Reminger supports the development of Columbus Avenue and the City's pursuit of excellence. Kha Bui of Small City Taphouse said it is good for the downtown and I am going to build a nice patio once the project goes forward. David Kaman, of 105 W. Water Street, stated as a resident of downtown Sandusky I believe nothing is more important for the continued resurgence of our city than the Columbus Avenue Streetscape Project. It will not just beautify our beloved city but also bring more visitors, residents, and businesses to our downtown district and serve to further unite our community. Ron Parthemore, a downtown resident at 416 E. Market Street said keep building on the momentum. Additional new homes are being constructed on Market Street, many other homes have new paint or are being renovated, please vote to implement the Columbus Avenue Streetscape Project. If approved tonight, she just wanted all to know that Destination Sandusky and the Greater Sandusky Partnership promised to be good partners and overcome any obstacles related to parking and communication to keep our business community strong.

Alyssa Fisher, 2808 Lynn Drive, stated she was asked to read a letter on behalf of Tyler P. Franklin, 1117 Marlboro Street. This past October he wrote to the local newspaper that Sandusky was at a crossroads. That we had the opportunity to keep pushing forward with a bold agenda that promotes economic development and resident well-being, or we can turn back to the old guard mentality that Sandusky can scrape by with the minimal transformation. This crossroads has become apparent with the question of whether to reimagine the crown jewel of Columbus Avenue. The immediate question regarding the financial feasibility of the project is valid and an investment of such magnitude downtown alone should raise eyebrows. However, the financing of the Columbus Avenue project is quite straight-forward. Every dollar committed to the redesign is from funds derived from downtown TIF dollars and admissions tax dollars dedicated to the downtown area. In other words, this money is not eligible for spending in neighborhoods or other public services. With that concern quelled, opposition to the project must be regarding the physical changes being proposed. Again, initial concerns of parking, accessibility, and other challenges are valid. But upon further investigation, these concerns also seem to be voided plain and simple. The plan creates increased sidewalk accessibility for pedestrians of all abilities, widens outdoor dining spaces for merchants, and enhances the amenities for downtown visitors. Most pressing though the modest decrease in parking spaces on Columbus Avenue is easily rectified with parking increases in adjacent areas. In my four years of study on urban design at the University of Wisconsin not once has a marginal decrease in parking spaces through streetscape beautification negatively impacted businesses, nor has it deterred patrons from visiting a destination. In fact, the increased foot traffic has proven time and time again to enhance the market and strengthen property values. With that, I plead that abandoning this project could coincide with falling behind the times. Cities must evolve to remain prosperous. The idea that we can stop evolving without any consequences is unsound. If humans stopped evolving, we would go extinct. He believes it is a fundamental role of government to maximize our opportunities and to harness as must private enterprise and financial investment. Shoreline Drive is a start, Jackson Street Pier has proven its value. The Columbus Avenue project and the way it would continue to evolve our community with the wants and needs of contemporary consumers does not only solidify Sandusky as an emerging market but one primed for lasting economic prosperity. The city best suited to open doors not only for our current taxpayers but for the students walking the halls of our schools. Our crossroads is here. We can go back to that unimaginative concrete covered city of yesterday, or we can roar forward making the past ten years the opening act to our generational comeback story. The choice is clear, and our window to make the right one is only getting smaller. He urges the city commission to approve the Columbus Avenue Project and keep moving Sandusky forward.

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Tim Heron, 226 E. Washington Street, wanted to say he is here to support the Columbus Avenue Project. He moved to Sandusky in 2000 and has been practicing neurology at Firelands Hospital since then. He would take walks on the weekends and was struck by the wide-open parking spaces with trash blowing around them. He thought what a sad feeling that he would get of desolation. He is so proud of the progress that we have made through the entrepreneurs of Caesar and Andrea with Zinc. There is a tremendous momentum that we are building here. One of the things that he is most proud of being here in Sandusky is the sense of community that he is feeling now. Even from a health aspect, we have a sense of community where people can gather in public spaces and feel as one, it is such a powerful feeling. He stated he feels that when he goes to the famers markets in the summer that we have such a diverse community, and he is so proud of that. When he went to medical school he was living in Cleveland Heights, and he was always so proud of the diversity there and he feels the same way here. That is special. We have something unique. He feels that the more opportunities we can create for our public spaces where everyone can get together is a positive thing. Some of our places may be a little upscale, but the benefits spill over to everyone maybe just through employment opportunities. He understands the plan calls for more green space. There is no coincidence that all his social media sites are sand pride – that is him. He is proud to be a Sandusky resident and hopes we continue the momentum. It is a wonderful thing that is happening here, and he offers his support.

Jordan Sternberg, 1105 Marlboro Street, stated he serves as Director of Marketing at Firelands Health. He is speaking for his Vice President, Dru Meredith, who is actively recruiting physicians tonight as he speaks. Like Dru, he was born and raised in Sandusky. This is his hometown. The only time he ever left was for college. As a young guy he spent many days riding his bike around the streets of downtown. No school meant rolling out of our historical home's driveway on Central Avenue through Central Park downtown. He recalls many vacant storefronts when he was young. Few businesses survived from back then. Some that come to mind: Cabana Jacks, The Lunch Box, Musicians Alley, Pop Culture, to name a few. His bike loop took him down Jackson Street Pier and over to Battery Park when he would visit his mom at the former city building. The main thing he remembered from back then was that his city was rather sad, but it had potential. Our local leaders had a vision to improve our city, but a little retraction was made. Often, he heard people say there is nothing to do around here. Fast forward twenty years, downtown Sandusky has experienced a transformation thanks to the efforts of entrepreneurs and committed city leaders. The vibrant downtown that he sees today benefits residents and brings in visitors. When he was a kid, parties at the plaza were about the only thing that brought people downtown. Now there is a bustle of activity every day. That childhood experience that he described has all vastly changed. There is a dichotomy between his childhood experience and now. Sandusky is a place where his wife, Brittany, and himself are proud to raise their two daughters. Regularly they patronize restaurants on the main stretch of Columbus Avenue, and get snacks from Soda Pops, and enjoy concerts at the Pier. We have a hard time choosing where to go for date night. Talking with Dru, he and his wife also feel the Columbus Avenue project is a worthwhile endeavor for future generations. Firelands Health feels strongly about this Columbus Avenue Project, and it is a crucial component of Sandusky's revitalization. Dru is responsible for recruiting physicians to our community. You may know our nation is facing a national physician's shortage. To sustain our breadth of services Firelands needs to constantly compete with the cities across America to entice physicians. Over the past eighteen years Dru has successfully placed over one hundred and fifty physicians. Tours of downtown Sandusky are always part of their recruitment effort. This downtown matters not just to us, it matters to the future of the healthcare professionals trying to decide if this is the place they want to live and raise their families. It is hard to understate the human capital represented at Firelands and what it means for this community. Not just in terms of the physicians we recruit but also of the two thousand individuals we employ. We work, live, and play here. However, to thrive, we need top-notch physicians to care for our patients. Our patients are analogous to citizens of the surrounding communities. There is a symbatic relationship between our workforce and this community. Part of what makes Firelands attractive is a vibrant, walkable, downtown. When we find ourselves unable to recruit someone, whether that be a physician or a manager, the reason often points to a lack of environment that they have come to expect. They are looking for a welcoming, walkable place with amenities. You look at the progress: Jackson Street Pier, new roadways all pointing to

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the revitalization. If the Jackson Street Pier is the head of downtown, then Columbus Avenue is the heart.

Gavin Lauder, 401 W. Shoreline Drive, on behalf of North Coast Inns and the Hampton by Hilton, he just wanted to reiterate their support for the Columbus Avenue Project. Not only is it going to increase the viability and the value proposition of the hotel and downtown. As a lifelong Sandusky resident, he truly feels it is going to be something that everyone in town can be proud of. Growing up here there used to be light blue and white bumper stickers that said "Sandusky, Ohio, and Proud of it". With the implementation of the master plan, we are getting back to that.

James Weyer, 1010 W. Jefferson Street, he stated he was not sure if Mr. Waddington would remember but they attended high school together. He hopes that he will remember the uproar that was raised when the mall was built and the big stores left downtown Sandusky, because of the lack of parking. We are getting to a point now that downtown Sandusky is being rebuilt, there are businesses opening, small mom and pop businesses, some larger ones. We are finally getting some business back downtown. His question about the Columbus Avenue project is where the parking spaces are going to be moved so it can be harder for the older people in this city to get around. A lot of the parking spaces have been taken away, quite a few for the tourists, which is fine if you want to be on the cover of triple A magazine. But he thinks the people of this town deserve something that respects them and respects their habitation and mobility.

Tom Lamarca, 206 48<sup>th</sup> Street, stated he was not going to talk about the Columbus Avenue Streetscape Project, but he might as well jump into that. \$5M to do this project, change the trees, put in new pavement, widen the sidewalks so we can accommodate dining on Columbus Avenue is a great idea. What is wrong with it is the bars and restaurants that have tried to work with the space we have, which is plenty for outside dining, at this point they do not seem to fill their tables most of the time with diners out on the curb. He is not sure where we are going to gain the diners to come to or the additional restaurants to justify the means. Yes, it will look pretty, no doubt about it. I hope you stay within the budget, as we all know there were trolley cars and trains running up and down Columbus Avenue many years ago and I hope you do not run into a situation where you run into major tracking gear like you did in the center of Columbus and Market Street. Perhaps Mr. Klein has some old drawings that will show I am wrong and there are no tracks, but I guess you will come across some. His other concern is item #10, where we are doing sidewalk repair and replacement and grinding for 2024 for \$124,000, we had \$18-20M federal funds that were given to us and perhaps we should have thrown more money into that fund. His question is why is the fire department paying for some of this sidewalk project?

Wes Poole, 1939 E. Oldgate, since the Urban Paving Project is in the design phase, he would like it if we would consider expanding the sidewalk wide enough so it can maintain walkers and bikes – it is a major area of use. On the Streetscape Project, most people go downtown as they chose, if you have disposable income with high-end restaurants, it is worthwhile doing that. The people who have not been too excited about this have been about the parking. They are the only ones that have anything to lose. He personally does not care if this happens or not, he will only participate to the degree that it suits him. Businesses downtown are not all the same. Parking impacts their businesses differently. He just asks that you take into consideration that some people have said this will impact us badly, margins are tight on what we do. He does not think anyone in Erie County has to walk more than seventy-five feet for a haircut. If you decide you do not care if that business survives or not, then show them the courtesy of saying we have made a decision. Some of you go out of town, if he had to hitchhike from Chattanooga to Tennessee and that was the only way to get there then he would do it. So, walking an extra block for something that is important or special events, in Cleveland you pay fifty dollars to watch Lebron James when he is in town. People will pay for that. But these businesses must pay their bills year-round. That makes a difference. Please consider that, take note that things have been suggested. The issue is let's have a full plan about what we are going to do about parking. This is based on hopes and dreams and all you must show is thoughts and prayers if it does not work. He is not sure if it will or not. Unless you are in a big hurry, perhaps this is something we should have a little bit more detail about and feel a little bit more comfortable about it.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to accept all communications. President Brady declared this motion passed. President Brady asked if anyone would like any items moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. None heard.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

## ITEM A – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR BATTERY PARK SUBMERGED LAND LEASE TO ODNR

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The cost of the submerged land lease is \$18,976.01 and will initially be paid by the City and then reimbursed by Battery Park Sandusky LLC in accordance with their Lease Agreement with the City.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-033:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to make payment to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Office of Coastal Management for rental payment on submerged lands lease file no. SUB-0385-ER for the period of March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

## ITEM B - Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

# APPROVAL OF PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR CLEVELAND ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> Costs associated with the acquisition and temporary easements has been summarized below, with the total agreed upon amount of \$3,195.00, being initially paid for by the City and then 95% will be reimbursed by Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The funding split is \$159.75 (5%) City of Sandusky, Major Infrastructure Funds (Streets) and \$3,035.25 (95%) ODOT through the Safety funds.

57-68040.000	Stein Hospice Services, Inc.	\$ 320.00
57-01035.000	Jeffrey & Diane Corso	\$ 300.00
57-00241.000	Sandusky Star Lanes, Inc.	\$ 1,360.00
57-04481.000	Loris Printing, Inc., an Ohio Corporation	\$ 615.00
57-01729.000	Stanley T. Runkle, Married & Todd M. Runkle, Married	\$ 300.00
57-05692.000	One Perkins Place, an Ohio General Partnership	\$ 300.00

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 24-034: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a temporary easement granted to the city by Jeffrey and Diane Corso for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.
- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 24-035: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract for sale and purchase of real property with Loris Printing Inc. for a portion of parcel no. 57-04481.000, located at 2111 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.
- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 24-036: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract for sale and purchase of real property with Sandusky Star Lanes Inc. for a portion of parcel no. 57-00241.000, located at 2105 Cleveland Road, Sandusky, for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.
- **4. ORDINANCE NO. 24-037:** It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a temporary easement granted to the city by Stein Hospice Service, Inc. for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.
- 5. ORDINANCE NO. 24-038: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a temporary easement granted to the city by Stanley T. Runkle and Todd M. Runkle for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

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**6. ORDINANCE NO. 24-039:** It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a temporary easement granted to the city by One Perkins Place for the Cleveland Road Safety Improvement Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

#### ITEM C – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager

#### APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR 2024 YARD WASTE COLLECTION WITH BROWNING-FERRIS

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> Based on service for a one day per week pick up at \$15.90 per home per month and a contract for nine months, the estimated amount for the 2024 Yard Waste Collection Service is \$95,202.00 based on last year's figure of 645 customers. This amount is subject to change due to additions and deletions of customers to the program. The cost of the service will be charged back to the customers in addition to a charge of \$0.50 per month for administrative costs.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-040:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. d.b.a. Republic Waste Services of Sandusky, Ohio, for the 2024 Yard Waste Collection Service which is available for the period of April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

## ITEM D – Submitted by Jason Werling, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

## APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DRAGONS & BACON FEST WITH GREAT WHITE NORTH

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The amount payable by the City of Sandusky Recreation Division to GWN Communications, LTD. under the agreement for the 2024 Dragons & Bacon Fest is US \$16,700.00. A 25% deposit totaling \$4,175.00 would be due immediately following commission approval. The city of Sandusky shall have the right to terminate the agreement due to the cancellation of the event or lack of team registrations, if written notice of cancellation is received before August 15, 2024, at which the 25% deposit will be refunded. If paid, the City will recoup these costs from the registration fees paid by the participants.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-041:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a services agreement with Great White North Communications, Ltd., of Toronto, Ontario, for services related to the fifth annual Dragons and Bacon Festival for the Recreation Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

# ITEM E – Submitted by Mario D'Amico, Fire Chief

## PERMISSION TO PURCHASE TURNOUT GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Budgetary Information:** The total amount of this expenditure is \$41,790.00 with each set costing \$4,179.00. The purchase of the turnout gear will be paid with monies from the EMS Fund. **ORDINANCE NO. 24-042:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase ten (10) Morning Pride Tails turnout gear, fire coat and pant sets, through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. of Southbury, Connecticut, for use in the Fire Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Ms. Vargo, the commission voted to accept the Consent Agenda #A-E and declare all ordinances and resolutions as drafted and presented to the City Commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinances and resolutions: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared these ordinances and resolutions passed.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

## ITEM 1 – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner (FIRST READING)

## PERMISSION TO BID THE COLUMBUS AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION & STREETSCAPE PROJECT

<u>Budgetary Information</u>: The engineer's estimate for the Base Bid construction costs is \$4,948,663.91 and it is anticipated to be paid with Central Public (Downtown) Improvement TIF, Cooke Building Improvement TIF, Capital Projects Funds, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus funds.

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed Columbus Avenue Reconstruction and Streetscape Project;

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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 Mr. Murray, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

#### **Comments:**

Ms. Vargo thanked everyone that spoke in support of the subject, and that it is a beautiful project. What she feels is difficult for some of us is that there has been a development plan for some time, and they appreciate that, but coming in and not being part of that plan has been difficult, they had no input or say and it makes it hard to vote on it. A lot of us have gone out three years later since the master plan was adopted, and these past couple weeks we have been talking to people downtown, and as McKenzie pointed out the people for it – there are just as many against it. There are many struggling so it makes it difficult for them to be supportive of it. That has put her in a difficult situation because sometimes she feels she has more questions than she has answers. She wanted to take us back quickly to 2014 when there was a Sandusky main street study design by Kimberly Horn and Associates. The idea was to look at a pro-active parking policy that would be important to the continued revitalization and growth of downtown Sandusky. This action plan provides the community with a comprehensive and strategic approach to parking resource management intended to align parking and access management policies with a larger community and economic developmental goals. So, what they were saying at the time is that our economic development goals need to coincide with a strategic parking plan in 2014. If we go ten years later, we are sitting here trying to figure out instead of being reactive to parking like we have been, we are trying to figure out if we can maybe come up with a proactive parking plan. Several of us on here want to see that done. She also wanted to point out that in 2014 while the amount of parking available is sufficient to meet current needs at this point, parking will emerge as a more critical issue than ever before as increased parking demands begin to approach or even exceed supply. As new projects emerge, it is likely that some existing parking lot could be redeveloped decreasing the current supply and increasing the demand is not too early to begin planning for a new supply and developing funding strategies to meet this critical future infrastructure need. So, we have been ten years. Her point is we cannot continue to kick the ball down the road. She is so excited about the State Theatre opening and hopes it is sooner rather than later. But as she looks back and thinks about what is going to happen when fourteen hundred people come to town, which I hope they pack the place every time it is open, what happens then? Where do they park? We will get a quicker glimpse on the eclipse day which is another exciting time for our community. Where she is at on this, she would like to see us, she had a wonderful meeting with Arin Blair and she has committed to her that she will work on a parking plan, her concern is - is there any way we could develop the parking plan, see what happens with the State Theatre opening, not say no to this project, but put it down a little bit further. She knows some of her colleagues will say that if we do that, we will miss the down season and we will add costs to the project. We do not know that – those are all what if's just like if everyone says what if we do or do not do the project. Again, you can tell she has a lot of questions, and not all the answers. She will ask Arin if she can share with us where we are in creating a comprehensive parking management plan.

Ms. Blair stated that she is appreciative that the new commissioners have taken the time to see what they have signed up for and have all had meetings with her about this project. The 2014 parking plan really lays out a fantastic strategy, it has a lot of great tools in it. A big takeaway that she is hearing from conversations with commission and the community, is that parking management is not a sideline issue, it is part of our revitalization strategy. Part of the economic strategy is parking management, and the study points out that when people are arriving here and finding a parking space, when they are leaving an event or dinner or a store purchase or met a friend for coffee, then they go back to their car. So, parking is their first and last experience in our city, and it is important to pay attention to and to manage. The study outlines steps for us to take and there has been progress made based on that study. From those recommendations staff have designed and implemented the downtown resident parking program, that is in its sixth year of operation. The study also recommends the downtown master plan – finding a team to create

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that plan, and to do the community engagement, and to do the downtown master plan for development was part of the parking plan implementation strategy and we have completed that. Staff also did updated parking counts in 2019, where they found we still have a great abundance of spaces. But we know as development occurs the abundance will decrease as more people want to be here. That is a great problem to have. But we need to be proactive as was stated in solving it. Moving forward, our parking strategy is going to focus on three key outcomes. The first key is that we ensure we have turnover in our on-street spaces. We should have ten to twenty percent of those on-street spaces open at any given time for people to pull up and grab a coffee or buy something or have lunch. This is the critical piece for the success of the business and civic functions, to get the haircut, to get to where you are trying to go and have the spaces available for you. So, in order to make sure we are managing the on-street spaces we are also ensuring that (second key) long-term parkers understand where to park. This includes downtown residents and visitors that are here overnight – to make sure they know where they are going and where to put their vehicle. The third key is ensuring day-long parkers know where to park. These are our business owners, our employees, visitors, and residents who park for multiple hours, whether for work or enjoying downtown amenities longer than the time limit of the on-street spaces. So are the three key outcomes we are going to be focusing on, and we are committed to implementing that parking management system that achieves these outcomes. As we advance the setup of the system, we will provide updates to you and the manager's report. We have the 2014 study, we have the 2019 counts from staff, we have the tools at our disposal to create that system and implement it in the timeframe of the Streetscape being built.

Ms. Vargo stated we still do not have a how yet. Is it something that you are going to be building?

Ms. Blair stated that there are several ways that the parking study points to of how to implement that. We have had leadership changes, we have had staff changes, we have had external organizations that are supportive of the City that did not exist when that parking study was written. That is what we need to get to work on, and as we discussed last week, our energy has been devoted to bringing this streetscape to market and ready for you and knowing that parking management will be the following next step to work on. She wanted to follow up on the why now question that was brought up. There are many ways to answer this question. The first we made the promise in the downtown plan that this was the first thing we would do, and it has been a couple years since we adopted that plan, and we have been working on this since, and it is ready. Also, in the studies on the economic impact of these types of projects that she cited at our last presentation, the public investment came first. The public investment is the signal to the private market that a place is worth the risk of investing in. We are looking at the stuff we have in the pipeline like the hotel project, the Hogrefe Building, the Cooke Building, some of those investments have been made and we expect more of them to be made based on the public sector and signaling to the market that we all believe this place is worth investing in. Logistically the construction timeline is carefully thought out to be the least inconvenient and it will be inconvenient, but to be the very least inconvenient would be fall and spring. Delaying it would be at least a full year. If we slide it, then we will be in our busy season. We are in close communication with the State Theatre reopening, the timeline is carefully thought out. Now we have the time to get a contractor in line and they can purchase materials they will need that have long delays to make sure they have the materials to do the construction in the timeframe we are giving them. Finally, from an institutional knowledge standpoint it is very valuable to build a project as soon as you have designed it because Mr. Snyder and I know the 162 pages technical engineering drawings back and forth right now. We know the 17 pages of landscape drawings. So does our Osborne team and our MKS team, so if we push anything off then we move on to other things and our storage of this knowledge decreases, and risk staff and design team change over. That could create outcomes for a project that we do not want to see. How do we manage this budget and avoid change orders for more money? Once we dig it absolutely creates risk in finding something we did not expect. During this design phase we authorized geo-technical work that is not typical for every project, so we had a really firm understanding of what is underground. The vaults came up, those were resolved in the 1999 streetscape installation, rails came up. There are things that we know because they dug up the street and we also conducted extensive geotechnical analysis. We also conducted an incredibly thorough survey documentation of every

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single thing – we have a drawing of where every paver is, and every pole is. That gives us a high degree of confidence in our cost estimate. When things do arise, we will do our best to manage those surprises to have a cost neutral outcome. We also have a design fee left in our design contract with that team to have us resolve anything that our collective staff cannot solve. Her understanding is that the design's engineering costs were deliberately conservative.

Mr. Koonce stated that a lot of the angst that he has is related to the fact that all this work has been done. People have been working hard in the city to be sure this is possible. So, we did not have the benefit of being there with questions we would have if we were there. That is our dilemma. So, if he has a question about what it looks like before it is even finished, how it affects merchants has not been really addressed. It has to go out for a bid, he gets that. What is our role in ensuring that we minimize impact on businesses. He does not remember that conversation. He knows there will be parking garages, the State Theatre will have one there, and they want to accommodate those staying at the hotel. There will be times when they are not staying there, so we could utilize that parking. We never really talk about how much that will cost. Anywhere else you go, parking cost money. That is another issue. There are many issues that will come up that relate to this project. He stated he is for the project. It is beautiful. He is really excited about all these things that are going on, but he wants to make sure that these things are addressed. How much longer will it take to make sure and lay out for people, so they see it. Ok so we lost the pullin parking, but we will have parallel parking. How many spaces will be lost? The plan goes all the way from Adams Street, and realistically, even though he does not look like an elderly guy – but he is elderly, so if he had to walk from Adams Street, he could do it, but that may be too long for others. He is concerned about how we handle that issue. That 2014 study which is a decade old, wait a minute, we had the study, what was done? That causes him angst. How many businesses will not survive?

Mr. Krabill stated he had a lot of thoughts to share. This has not been an easy topic for him. He sees merchants and people who have property downtown who are genuinely concerned about their very existence. He gets it. He started off as the smallest of small businesses. It would not have been helpful to him to have the government overlaying something on him that was furthering the burden. Some specifics: the parking thing is a nightmare to him because when this study was done, he believes he was president of the Main Street Board who was partner with the city doing this study. He remembers things from that time, they wanted to take a different direction in terms of how to manage the parking and the city was willing to step out and do at that time. Water under the bridge. There was so much detail about what needed to be done. And it was not three things. It was ten or a dozen things. One of the interesting outcomes was on page eight of that 2014 report, that states if these matters are not addressed soon, then they will accumulate over time to the point of emergency. The concern of the study at that time was that all the surface lots were not just parking, they were all being talked about as sites for development. What has happened since then – Jackson Street Pier – wonderful project – great looking project – great activities – but how many parking spaces did we lose there? Someone said one hundred and seventy-two. We built the beachy facility down here on what – another surface parking lot. How many spaces did we lose there? What is happening is that we have been since 2014 steadily losing parking spaces. Sometimes in small ways and sometimes in quite substantial ways. While that is happening, we had a ramping up of development. People want to invest here; they want to be part of who and what we are. We are behind, we are way behind. We are going to have to come up with some really creative ideas. He commended Mr. Waddington for his shuttle parking idea. We are going to have to rethink this. He would point out that when that study was published in 2014 it was not published that it was going to become another job or another job description for someone at the city to manage. That was not part of it. It was that there would be an independent entity whose sole responsibility was maintaining all the parking in the downtown area. It was parallel, pull-in parking, remote parking, garage parking - a wide variety of considerations. This should not be an empire building thing. If we are going to really take this seriously, we need to also take seriously the recommendations of the studies that have been done about it being independently managed and reporting back to the commission. It would pay for itself. That was one of the most surprising outcomes of that study. It is all available online. He was sure Arin could make it available if we needed it. This project, if run properly, pays

for itself – a fulltime staff to do it all. We may have to pay more money to get from where we are now to get to where we need to be. Why does he spend so much time talking about this? Because of the merchants. Because of the property owners who are downtown. He finds it difficult in a position where each one of us has been elected and entrusted to do what is best for as many people as possible in this community and to pull apart the string ball where we can get to some detail and do something with it. Questions were raised previously, perhaps by Ms. Vargo, he stated he does not have ownership of this. When this plan was put together it was put together by a different group of commissioners, probably was different staff involved. What he is left looking at is what is before him. We will take a vote tonight and whatever that outcome is, it is what it is. The consequences are now – on us. We must be very cautious about what we do here. He does not believe that this is a crisis – that we must vote on this tonight, and if it slides into another year, it just does. Until we know exactly what we are doing. Parking is fundamental to this. It is in some regards the heart and soul of many of the concerns that people have. All the conversation to this point has been about how many spaces we are losing. Wrong question. Do you see what is going on in this town? We should be talking about how many spaces we are creating. To worry about the loss of whatever the number is, it is the wrong question. It is looking backwards, looking back to where we have been, not where we are headed. We need to think about increasing the availability of parking, be it in the center of town or maybe outside of that. He was happy to have the gentleman here at the last meeting that is developing a hotel, he applauds him. It is more of a risk than he would be willing to take. He is thrilled that he is doing that. But we do not have an answer at this point, we are not there yet, about how many parking spaces will be there. We talk as if there will also be those spaces, we do not know that. It is a major expense for him. As slick an answer that it is, he does not think we should be relying on the public sector or the private sector to answer our problems. If this goes forward and we decide to vote on this in its current form, he will be voting no.

Mr. Poggiali stated many of the things he was going to say have already been said. He will try not to repeat. He agrees with Mr. Krabill about the hotel parking, we do not have an MOU in place, we do not know how many spaces we will get. He is not sure we can rely on that for parking. As far as Ms. Vargo and she talked about the State Theatre that seats fourteen hundred people, if you split that in half, let's say seven hundred cars, where will they park? If the Feick property and Falcon Lofts got developed – he thinks Feick is sixty-six units, and Falcon Loft was eighty units, he does not know how much occupancy they have, but let's say if you have a hundred-forty units and split it in half, sometime younger people like to ride bikes and walk, that is seventy permanent spaces. He went through the master plan, and on page 91, which states the top ten priority projects, they list the early pipeline projects: the Cooke Building, and the Feick Building renovations. Number two was the State Theatre restoration, Number three was the Jackson Street Parking lot – for redevelopment of a 300 space public parking garage. Number four was Columbus Avenue Streetscape. He wonders if we got the cart before the horse. He wonders if those projects were meant to be done before this project was done. Our county has made overtures about closing this parking garage at night and opening it back up in the morning because of vandalism issues. If that happens that would create an additional problem. He thinks when it come to park, if you break it, you can not out the genie back in the bottle. We have given up a lot more parking than we have created. We need to nail down lot sharing, maybe at the Social Security Building – he understands that is a long-term process. The old Third National Bank, the Presbyterian Church, maybe the Cardinal lot, maybe for shuttle service to parking. He had a problem with the cost of this project, but he can get by with that, but parking is the real issue in his mind. He is not against the project, but it would be to see if these things panned out, so we do not make a serious mistake. He has heard people say that the people who are not for this, are not for progress. He stated he is for progress; he just wants smart progress. And concerning the public money showing we are serious about bringing developers here, he believes we have shown that time and time again.

Mr. Murray stated it is a tough vote. We have had ten years of tough votes. We have been moving forward for ten years. These are not easy things to figure out. Ten years ago, when he rejoined the commission we had no tough votes, we just had a tough situation. We have had a lot of meetings like tonight where there are people in favor of or against a particular proposition and

his guiding star has always been what do the young people think is necessary to come back to this community? That has been important. We have seen that change and it is critical for our long-term success, for all our long-term success. Some tough votes we have had to increase the admissions tax, the income tax, moving City Hall, the Justice Center, Jackson Street Pier – they look easy today. They were tough at the time. That was a lot tougher vote than this one. We had to vote on multiple TIF agreements, we have Battery Park development agreement, all sorts of votes on moving forward with the Sandusky Bay Pathway. And we had to take these votes always knowing that we could not solve every single problem there today. That there would be additional work that would be required in the future and in this case obviously parking is an issue, it is a great concern. It has to be addressed; it will be addressed. That is a great problem to have. It is one that comes from economic development and investment and then we must figure out how all these things mix. It is always a balance of the two. If we do not have economic development, we would not have to worry about parking so much. He spoke at length at the last meeting, he will not speak any further tonight. He does support this project.

President Brady stated he did understand the point that Mr. Murray was making about ten years of making tough decisions. This is certainly an interesting and tough one tonight. A couple sides here are at odds certainly. He stated he can tell you in our role oftentimes we have to be bold, you do not have to be reckless, but you do have to be bold. He believes that is what prior commissions have been. He thinks we have an issue with parking. But there are so many things with this project that dwarf the parking issue. When we put a new look downtown, you raise the bar. You make it more attractive for tourists and residents to show up and spend their dollars here. Ultimately the merchants are the biggest beneficiaries of that. Every resident ends up being a beneficiary of that too. It has been his focus in the last ten years that every time someone opposes a project in the city, it seems to revolve around parking. What a great problem to have. Ten years ago, you could have shot a shotgun down Columbus Avenue and not hit anyone. Now we are struggling over how we can park all the cars. He stated he has provided each commissioner with volumes of information on this project. He has provided each with contacts of staff on this project. Staff have worked tirelessly. We have a half million dollars in consultant fees for this project. He stated he will tell you if it is the decision to kick this down the road a year, you will kick it down the road twenty years. He does not believe it will get done if it is not done now.

Ms. Vargo stated in listening to President Brady and Mr. Murray that she appreciates and so many in the audience that have done so many amazing things for our community. This development has been gangbusters. She stated she too grew up here on Columbus Avenue. The progress has been amazing. But a little bit of difference comes in how we think. She does not believe progress will stop because we do not do this exactly right now. She would rather see us get the parking situation figured out. It is not about spaces, there are spaces all over downtown all the way to Adams Street. People may be willing to do that walking. It is about the management of the parking. An employee asked her where I was going to park, I had six-hundred dollars in my pocket from waiting tables and now have to walk at night to my car. She stated she likes the project, she believes it will be amazing. What she would like to see us do is get the parking management process right first, so everybody wins. She stated she will vote again on this as soon as someone comes to her with a concrete parking plan. She stated she would vote yes on it. But she is not ready to do that yet tonight.

Mr. Poggiali stated he was not here for the Jackson Street Pier project, but didn't that go through several different renditions before it was finalized? He stated he remembers all the hearings. He does not think there is anyone who does not want to see this project happen. We have some concerns about getting it right, and maybe put a pause button on this to try to get it right. He did not even mention the mobility issues. He agrees with Ms. Blair, once you get there it will be easy to access that location, but what if you have to park a couple blocks away and can't walk that? Mr. Murray brought up going to Cincinnati and had to walk, he thinks that is a little different because when you go to those areas you have it in your mind you are in a bigger town and you are going to have to walk. That is already your mindset. It is a little different here. He does not believe anyone is saying no, we don't want this project. We want to get it right.

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Mr. Koonce stated President Brady and Ms. Blair stated something about kicking this can down the road. Why do you say that? If there are questions at the table, that can be answered. If he had to answer the questions, he would work overtime to answer the questions. The sooner we have the answers to what has been done to address the issues, then he will say they did well and addressed the issues really well, I am with you. There will still be some people that will not be satisfied after all the answers are provided, but that is what it is. When he is satisfied with what he hears then he will move on.

Mr. Krabill stated that this will surprise some people. He likes the pretty of the project as much as anyone. But in some regards, we may realize as we work through this project, someday digging, that the most important part of this project was the replacement of waterline. That is his observation, not knowing the condition of it. He also wanted to share that he drove through downtown last Tuesday on his way to a game at SHS. He was completely stunned, and maybe there is an explanation, there were no parking spaces. None on the street, none in the surface lot behind Daley's, there were no spaces. Maybe there is a reason. He stated our point of crisis is coming over the hill. It is coming at us fast. He wants to see a well-developed thorough parking plan. He would like the public's input, business input, commission input. Let's get after this thing.

President Brady asked the Law Director for his guidance for what the correct motion would be to postpone to a certain date. Mr. Hastings stated that was the motion to postpone to a certain date. Someone will have to motion to postpone to a certain date, and it cannot be any longer than the next regular meeting, although you can postpone it again at that meeting if you want. There would have to be a second.

Mr. Krabill stated he would hate to see a no vote taken. He would rather see this as Commissioner Vargo suggested that we take the time that is necessary to get this parking plan polished up and ready to go. How long will this take? When the 2014 study was done, it was months. It was not weeks.

Ms. Blair stated that there are a lot of factors that would go into scoping what the parking plan looks like. Public engagements were mentioned. If you want to do a really robust public engagement campaign, you come up with key messages, you talk about when people will be in a place where you can gather their feedback, meetings, maybe an online survey. Those things take a month or two to prepare for sometimes. It depends on how robust community engagement you want. There are certain things we can do right now. Tom Horsman and she have talked about taking drone shots this season, counting empty spaces so we know and have a good update. Staff counted fifty-two times in 2019 and the parking was never more than fifty-percent full. In the parking study when they counted in the peak hours there were 6% open spaces on average. We know that our abundance has decreased, but we do not know how much. We hear that people are struggling to find parking, but we still have an abundance of spaces. The turnover of on-street parking could be something we can do right away. Identifying an entity outside of the city that would be managing it, that could be a vendor, that might be interviews and research to understand what those cost implications are. Maybe it is a multi-phase process where we think about that here are some easy wins and then here are some things we can learn more about and implement once we have more knowledge. It is certainly not something that we have to wait a year to do. Can we make some advancements to that now. She struggles to articulate but in her experience with the city, every place, every project, every plan they have worked on – parking was an issue that people brought up, and she truly believes we will never solve it to the satisfaction of everyone. It was very popular in the seventies and eighties that we planned and built environments with massive parking spaces. We have built environments like Perkins Avenue and the Sandusky Mall, they have dropped off steeply on how popular they are. Now they are trying to figure out how they keep their anchors in, how do they bring new users in like bumper cars in what used to be an Elder-Beerman store. How will they build housing around those places because they have way over abundance of parking, way more than they need. People want to live, play, see their friends for coffee, they want to be in places like downtown Sandusky. Mr. Poggiali stated that when you go to a big city it is already in your mindset – it was not always in your mindset. Their mindset changed, as the built environment changed, as preferences changed.

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What we are seeing now is a call for people to be able to come to great public spaces and we have operated a whole season with forty fewer spaces in the parking lot as the State Theatre took them for construction and it worked great. We had people here all season, stores were making money, we were busy on weekends. Those are forty spaces that we are going to get back when construction is done. When the Columbus Avenue underpass was closed for six to nine months people that drove there every single day found a different way to drive and they changed their habits. We underestimate sometimes the adaptability of people. They will find new places to park, they will walk past a storefront they had not noticed before and they will explore new things. Being cautious about everything and not acting could hold us back.

Mr. Murray stated he wanted to offer two thoughts for consideration. One, we have an extremely talented and capable staff, and they can do this – they can do multiple things at the same time. They can plan the Columbus Avenue project and address the long-term parking plan such that it is in place. We can do all those things at the same time. The second thing is that we are in charge. It is clear that the majority of this commission wants to see something concrete on the parking. Let's do it. We can take a vote as soon as today, or tomorrow, on what it is we want to direct staff to do. We can do both these things at the same time.

Mr. Krabill stated yes, we have very talented people on our staff. He is very grateful for that. Has there been a question about going back to the vendor who did the original study and asking for an update rather than breaking new ground.

Ms. Blair stated she does not have any contact with this vendor but she can certainly ask them. If we wanted to do a new parking study the range is twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars for something with a consultant. She does not think we need that, cause we have the old study that has a great basis. It depends on what the scope of that is as we find it together.

Mr. Poggiali stated if we vote then we are just voting no on bidding the project, right? That does not mean that we cannot bring it back. In his mind, the State Theatre opens in July. When does it open? We are not that far off from their opening, he would like to see what happens when we bring all those vehicles down and when we pin down the parking garage — how many spaces we will have with the hotel. He would like to see that. If those two things are put in place, then during that time period maybe staff can try to work and tighten up some of the other parking to come to a compromise. It will never be 100%.

President Brady stated that was correct.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill-nay, Ms. Vargo-nay, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali-nay, 4. Mr. Hasting stated that was a 4-3 vote and we do not have enough votes to waive the rule. So, this becomes the First Reading. President Brady declared this motion passed and next meeting we will have the Second Reading.

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

# **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE WATER AND SEWER RATES Budgetary Information:** This will have a positive impact to the water and sewer funds.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 24-043: 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; 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 Ms. Vargo, and second by Mr. Waddington, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 13 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

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2. ORDINANCE NO. 24-044: It is requested an ordinance be passed amending Part Nine (Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code), Title Three (Utilities), Chapter 939 (Water Regulations and Rates) Section 939.13 (City Rates) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sandusky in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow; 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 Mr. Poggiali, and second by Ms. Vargo, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 13 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

#### ITEM 3 – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner (SECOND READING)

## AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP FOR CLEVELAND ROAD PARCELS

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The proposed redevelopment is expected to result in increased property and income revenue for the city.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-045:** It is requested an ordinance be passed affirming the recommendation of the Planning Commission, <u>denying</u> the request to amend the official zone map of the City of Sandusky to rezone parcel nos. 57-03358.000, 57-02994.000, 57-02885.000, 57-02989.000, and 57-04471.000 located on Cleveland Road from "R1-60" Single-Family Residential District and "R2F" Two-Family Residential District to "R-RB" Residential-Business District.

Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali-abstain, 6. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

## ITEM 4 – Submitted by Arin Blair, Chief Planner

# APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO PDSA FOR SANDUSKY WHEELS PARK PROJECT WITH OHM

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The original cost of the services was \$49,700 and with this proposed amendment for an additional \$15,000, the revised not to exceed cost for the agreement is \$64,700. This cost includes all normal reimbursable expenses and will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-046:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement for Professional Design Services with OHM Advisors of Cleveland, Ohio, for the Sandusky Wheels Park Design and Construction Documentation Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

# ITEM 5 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

## **APPROVAL OF 2024 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> There is no budgetary impact to approve the CIP at this time. Costs will be allocated to the appropriate funds as individual projects are presented for a vote at City Commission meetings. It is important to note that approval of the Plan is not an approval of each project; the costs included are budgetary numbers that will change as projects are designed and publicly bid.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-047:** It is requested an ordinance be passed approving and adopting the 2024 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the city of Sandusky; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali, and second by Mr. Waddington, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

#### **Comments:**

Mr. Koonce stated that one thing that is puzzling to him about being a new commissioner is that much of what has been done already he did not have an opportunity to speak on. It becomes difficult to think about a five-year plan. He wanted clarification on the projects – can they be altered or changed?

President Brady stated that he had talked with Mr. Klein about this earlier, and yes, it is just a plan that is meant to be a blueprint to move forward, every project comes back to Commission over \$10,000 as legislation to be voted on.

Mr. Klein suggested that each commissioner who has questions about a project just reach out to that department and get more information on it now.

President Brady stated the key to this plan is knowing that it is totally flexible. This is our chance to immerse ourselves in this plan going forward. Our job is to provide feedback to staff on the direction we want to go, what we want to work on, this is the opportunity to directly do that.

Mr. Murray stated that ten years ago, they had no capital spending. This was not a problem back then. As we saw more resources come online, we asked Mr. Klein to develop a five-year capital plan. We were used to looking at the annual budget but had no capital plan. This is a marvelous document. There are very few cities that have a five-year capital plan like this. This requires a ton of work. A lot of staff has contributed to this plan. This gives us an insight in terms of what staff are thinking about – where the outlying projects are, where the revenues are through – whether it is grant funding, TIF, capital, whatever – we can begin to think about them. We may be working on some of the 2024 items, but those further out may change as funding sources change and priorities change.

Mr. Krabill stated he had some observations, he too was very impressed with the sheer volume of work that has gone into this. It is a substantial document. He does not know if you gathered information from the commissioners of the last commission prior to putting this together. He knows he has had no input into it. A few things he questioned the priority. Yes, in the future he will be weighing in. He hopes one of the things he would ask of Mr. Klein is that we have an actual meeting where the public can weigh in, maybe a commission meeting so they can weigh in – on where the priority should be on some of these projects. He was sure Ms. Reeder would have to weigh in on some of the financial matters that exist. He asks that a plan be put in place in the near term where we can start to reshape this perhaps.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 6 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

## APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AND PAYMENT TO ODOT FOR URBAN PAVING PROJECT

**Budgetary Information:** The final engineer's estimate is \$1,668,377.00 for construction and \$115,453.00 for construction engineering, of which the City's portion is \$668,205.00. A portion of this will be paid with funding made available through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), which will be drawn directly by ODOT. These estimates are prepared by ODOT's Central Office based on final plan design and are non-negotiable for the project to move forward. The 5-year capital improvement plan breaks down payment accordingly:

ODOT	\$1,115,625.00
OPWC Grant	\$ 175,000.00
Capital Projects Funds (Street)	\$ 493,205.00
Total	\$1,783,830.00

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-048:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of

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Transportation for the ODOT Resurfacing - Urban Paving City of Sandusky Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter. Upon motion of Mr. Koonce, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

#### **Comments:**

Mr. Poggiali stated he had a couple questions for Mr. Klein. Mr. Schwanger or Mr. Poole mentioned bike paths and this is an ODOT project and he imagines that ODOT calls the shots on what can be incorporated into that project.

Mr. Klein stated that this is something and that if we choose to add things to the project, it is then 100% City funded. He has spoken with Mr. Poole in the past and he has always wanted to expand the sidewalks, either meaning widening or expanding more. We will continue to go through the MPO, the funds we have are to repair existing sidewalks, not to add additional ones except for in Meadowood.

Mr. Poggiali asked if the OPCW was grant money. Did ODOT apply for that or did the City.

Mr. Klein stated that Josh Snyder applied for that.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

## ITEM 7 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

#### APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO PDSA FOR EAST PERKINS AVE PROJECT WITH BRAMHALL

**Budgetary Information:** The original contract amount of \$171,160.00 will be split between ODOT (\$136,928.00) and the City (\$34,232.00), which shall be paid with Capital Projects Street Funds. The additional fee of \$7,949.00 will also be split 80/20 with ODOT covering \$6,359.20 and the City covering the remaining \$1,589.80 with Capital Projects Street Funds. The total revised cost of the services is \$179,109 and the City's contribution will be \$35,821.80.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-049:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the agreement for Professional Design Services with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company of Avon, Ohio, for the East Perkins Avenue Resurfacing Project; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Ms. Vargo, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

## **Comments:**

President Brady asked Mr. Klein to explain this project.

Mr. Klein stated at the time of the scope of services, there were only three properties anticipated and after the consultant went through the project, they found a fourth, and this is for the acquisition of that fourth property.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

# ITEM 8 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

## PERMISSION TO BID THE 2024 LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The estimated cost of the street resurfacing is \$1,167,571.00 and the estimated cost for the parking lot (Alternate Bid) is \$49,963.00 for a total project cost of \$1,217,534 and with the local street resurfacing portion paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus Funds and the Parking lot portion paid out of Capital Funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 009-24R:** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed 2024 Local Street Resurfacing Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to

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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 Mr. Poggiali, and second by Ms. Vargo, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

### **Comments:**

Josh Snyder gave a short presentation of the 2015-2024 Pavement Condition Update & Forecast. This year we have forty-three blocks slated to get resurfaced – milled and repaved as we have the last three years. We also have almost a \$50,000 section of parking lot west of the Service Center, a popular area for recycling, that area is in really poor condition, it has not been paved since we took the Service Center near 2001-2002. It gets a lot of traffic, so residents will appreciate that off the end of Stone Avenue. 2015 Pavement Condition averaged just under a PCI score of 60. It is estimated that this score dipped down to about 47 in 2018. Of our 108 miles of roadways, about 55 miles (51% of all streets) have been paved from 2015-2023. With another 7.3 planned for 2024, which would bring us to 62.3 miles (58% of all streets). Despite the entire street network degrading at about 4 PCI/year we have improved the overall score by 7 from 2015 to 2023 PCI of 67. Conversely, doing nothing would have put us at an estimated score of 28 today. Going forward, we plan to reallocate some of the resurfacing dollars on sealing and treatments preserving the good pavements. This approach will go farther (both financially and number of roads touched) on extending the lives of more roadways longer. With this amount of newer pavement, there's a paradigm shift of less reactive maintenance like hole filling, full reconstruction, and more preventative maintenance. This will make our money go further and we will be able to repair more roads. City Commissions commitment to improving pavement conditions and allocating \$5M of ARPA funding from 2021-2023 has been a huge boost to improving our street network. Surface treatments and sealants done in recent years have shown good results on local streets, but not as much on streets with higher traffic volumes. Recent and current street selection methodology is good, fair, and justifiable. We gather input from residents, from our street department – they know where the worst roads are, with grade the pavement index, the consultants rate our streets.

Mr. Krabill noted that they seal coated a couple blocks on Hancock in past years. He knows what they do for parking lots, but the streets are different. Was it successful? Mr. Snyder stated he thinks that they would not use that type of product again on that high volume, busy street, there are better streets that it would be good on. There are a lot of tools in the box though for us to use.

Mr. Murray stated we have not reached nirvana, but we certainly are getting closer. Making these continued investments in our streets we are now getting to the point where we can now have better streets and not invest so much in them. We have finally turned that corner, down we will invest more in maintenance on those streets.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

## ITEM 9 – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

# APPROVAL OF C/O #1 ON THE 2023 UNDERPASS REHABILITATION AT COLUMBUS AVE WITH SCHIRMER

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The original contract with Schirmer Construction, LLC, was \$527,785.00, Change Order 1 shall increase the contract by \$34,500.00, making the total do not exceed for the project \$562,285.00. The added amount (\$34,500) shall be fully paid out of Issue 8, Infrastructure Funds from the Capital Projects Fund.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-050:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve the first change order for work performed by Schirmer Construction LLC of North Olmsted, Ohio, for the 2023 Underpass Rehabilitation at Columbus Avenue Project in

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the amount of \$34,500.00; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Ms. Vargo, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

### **Comments:**

Mr. Klein stated when we originally bid for this project on Columbus Avenue we didn't have enough money to award the lighting on Tiffin Avenue underpass. That was also bid as part of that project as an alternate. We really wanted to do that. When we went through the capital plan we felt this was such a priority, especially with resident feedback, that we added it to this project.

Mr. Poggiali stated he fully supported this, he just hoped that the whole railroad trestle does not collapse without railroad repair.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 10 – Submitted by Megan Stookey, Project Manager

#### PERMISSION TO BID THE 2024 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT, CONTRACT A

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The engineer's estimate for the 2024 Sidewalk Repair, Replacement & Grinding Project, Contract A project is \$124,674.71 which shall be paid for with \$101,133.75 Capital Projects Funs (Issue 8 Infrastructure), and \$23,540.96 Fire Department funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 010-24R:** It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed 2024 Sidewalk Repair, Replacement & Grinding Project – Contract A; 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 Mr. Waddington, and second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission voted to pass this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7.

# **Comments:**

Mr. Klein stated when we do these sidewalk projects, we budget \$100,000 - \$105,000 a year and then we approach the Fire Department, the Recreation Department, and others to see if they have other projects that we could add to projects with their funding for a better cost. Fire Department Station 3 needed new paving, so adding it to the project lessened the costs.

Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

# ITEM 11 – Submitted by Jared Oliver, Police Chief

## PERMISSION TO PURCHASE INTOX DMT FOR SPD

<u>Budgetary Information:</u> The total cost for this purchase will be \$12,271.50 and will be paid using Federal Forfeiture funds.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-051:** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to expend funds for the purchase of one (1) Intox DMT breath testing instrument and related accessories for OVI enforcement to Intoximeters Inc. of Saint Louis, Missouri, for the Sandusky Police Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Mr. Koonce, and second by Mr. Krabill, the commission voted to pass this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

#### **Comments:**

Mr. Krabill inquired if this was a replacement for the existing equipment.

Chief Oliver stated that the Ohio Department of Health authorizes the machines that are available for law enforcement to use for breath testing for OVI enforcement. The data master, the current

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machine, is no longer to be used as of January 23, 2025. It will no longer be certified by the State of Ohio. This is the new machine to be used across the state. There is a ten-month lead time for this machine. We had to order it now.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

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

## **DONATIONS**

- Parks and Recreation would like to thank Marvin Martin for the donation of his services to repair the stage curtain at Sandusky Rec @ Mills. Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali, and a second by Mr. Murray, the commission accepted this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.
- Parks and Recreation would like to thank Kathy Werner for her donation of Plastic
  Flatware to be used for Midtown Supper Club. Upon motion of Ms. Vargo, and a second
  by Mr. Poggiali, the commission accepted this donation. President Brady declared this
  donation accepted.
- Parks and Recreation would like to thank Father's Heart Family Church for their donation of 2 cases of sandwich bags and one case of plastic flatware to the Out of School Program. Upon motion of Mr. Krabill, and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission accepted this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.
- Parks and Recreation would like to thank Jennifer Washington for her \$120 donation towards Sandusky Recreation Youth Programming. Upon motion of Mr. Murray, and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission accepted this donation. President Brady declared this donation accepted.
- Parks and Recreation would like to thank Judy Corso for donating her \$5 change from her purchase of Midtown Supper Club tickets back to the program. Upon motion of Mr.
   Poggiali, and a second by Ms. Vargo, the commission accepted this donation.
   President Brady declared this donation accepted.

#### **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

# **ADMINISTRATION**

 The Ohio Department of Development announced that the City of Sandusky was awarded \$250,000 from the Energy Efficiency Program for Ohio Communities. This program was created to help complete energy efficiency retrofits in existing buildings. The City of Sandusky was one of 35 projects awarded throughout the State. We will be working with AMERESCO to complete these energy upgrades and bring back future legislation to accept these funds.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

 The contractor will begin installing the playground at Amvets in March and will begin repairing issues with the existing buildings as weather permits. This work will be completed prior to the start of the baseball season.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- CDBG public service applications will open for eligible non-profits until March 14, 2024 and is available on the city's website by request. The cap for this program is \$25,000 per agency. You can call 419-627-5730 for more information.
- The Housing Development and Beautification Program opened on Monday, February 5, 2024. Applications are being submitted now via e-mail, mail or drop box in the lobby. If you are interested in participating in the program, visit

www.cityofsandusky.com/housing to obtain an application or pick one up in the lobby. If you are unable to do either, call 419-627-5832.

• A survey is open to the public until this Friday, March 1, 2024 to gather community input for the Community Development Block Grant Program's Consolidated Plan. The plan serves as a long-range guide for the program for the next five years. The survey can be accessed at www.cityofsandusky.com/cdbg. Paper copies can be obtained at City Hall.

#### **PLANNING DIVISION**

• The Planning Division is seeking City Commission approval to apply for a 2024 Skatepark Project grant to fund a shade structure at the Sandusky Wheels Park. If received, the grant would support the installation of one of the shade structures included in the park design. The Skatepark Project funds grants up to \$50,000, nationwide, on a revolving basis. If received, this would add funds to the overall project and not replace any city funds expected to be allocated toward the project. I would like to ask for a motion to allow the Planning Division to apply for The Skatepark Project grant. Upon motion of Mr. Poggiali, and a second by Ms. Vargo, the Commission approved the grant application for this project. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

#### **Comments:**

Mr. Waddington noted that last year the Housing Program ran out of funds (\$175,000) in four days. If anyone is watching, there are still funds that can be applied for.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Koonce stated he wanted to apologize to the commission that when we were discussing the Columbus Avenue Streetscape, he wants everyone to know he absolutely supports the project. He wants to be sure the needs of people are met. He believes he took away the opportunity to table the legislation. He is not sure anything can be done at this point relating to that. He will still be standing in the same place.

Mr. Hastings stated that the motion can be amended.

President Brady he believes staff has heard loud and clear what the commission want them to do going forward. And as early as tomorrow start working on the parking plan. We will get to the next reading and see where it goes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Murray stated he had two items to comment on. First there were some conversations about public input on the capital plan process. This year we will have the Strategic Planning Process which will allow that input and public meeting. The past Strategic Plann came from the Bi-centennial plan, and it was a working document, that was never placed on a shelf. It worked aggressively. The second thing is he believes we should take a more formal step on the earlier legislation of the Columbus Avenue Streetscape. **Upon motion of Mr. Murray, and a second by Mr. Poggiali, the commission is directing staff to come back to commission with a specific proposal and recommendation for parking, not necessarily at the next meeting. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Koonce, Mr. Krabill, Ms. Vargo, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Brady, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Poggiali, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.** 

Ms. Vargo stated her neighborhood is getting ready for Omni Fiber installation. She has seen the ugly boxes in other neighborhoods, will they have that?

Mr. Klein stated the Public Works is working very hard to avoid the situation with those boxes and has asked them to minimize those to as few as possible. They do have inspectors on site pushing them. They had another meeting with them last week. It is not easy for the public to see them coming through as quickly and aggressively as they are. Our staff is working that the needs are met not only with the contractor but also with the residents as much as we can. He

encouraged the residents that as the contractor moves through the neighborhoods, they are to be using door hangers. His staff has worked with them to ensure they do what they promised to do with the door hangers.

Ms. Vargo asked if we should have better communication with the residents because she did not think this company did much, she just got the door hanger today and they started installing well over a week ago. With the fiber many do not know it is coming.

Mr. Klein stated it is very touchy because we do not necessarily provide information on private projects and take ownership of them. However, we do want to make sure that it is communicated properly and through the necessary channels. Omni does have information, and maybe that is something we could get a link to on our website or social media.

Mr. Krabill inquired where the fiber line was going – in the boulevard, along the sidewalk or in the main lawn or against the house? Is there any hope of hiding the boxes.

Mr. Klein stated that they are staying as best they can in the tree lawn between the sidewalks and the curb. A lot was supposed to be overhead on the onset, but a lot has now gone underground. He stated Mr. Snyder may have to weigh in on if we are getting landscape around the boxes. He is not sure how they get the lines to every house.

Mr. Krabill stated this is not a new question to him, as he is getting many residents asking him about this. He has found out it is both underground and overhead in some neighborhoods.

Mr. Klein stated he could inquire with Omni if they would like to visit and answer questions.

President Brady stated that was a good idea.

Mr. Murray stated he thought they were in the boulevard and assumed they had easement. Staff overtime on this is billed back to Omni.

Mr. Klein has required any contractor that has done any direction boring to camera all the laterals and sewers, so they do not hit them.

Mr. Koonce stated that Jason at Orlando Pace Park contacted a First Energy contact, and he will get back to him on how to clean up that area. Sunnyside basketball court needs some work, but Farwell Park is full of trash and the area behind it needs to be addressed as well.

President Brady stated he believed we do not own Farwell Park.

Mr. Klein stated that was correct, but we do maintain it. The Farwell Court is slated to be resurfaced this year with CBDG funds.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Mr. Murray the Commission moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.

Richard R. Brady

Cathleen A. Myers

Commission Clerk President of the City Commission