

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

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Steve Poggiali, Dave Waddington, Blake Harris, Mike Meinzer, Wes Poole, Dennis Murray, Dick Brady, 7.

City staff present: John Orzech – Interim City Manager, Colleen Gilson – Interim Asst. City Manager, Cody Browning – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis - IT Technician, Tiffany Rufo – GIS Analyst, Brendan Heil – Law Director (Teams), Michelle Reeder – Finance Director, Jonathan Holody - Development Director, Jared Oliver – Police Chief, Mario D’Amico – Fire Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Nicole Grohe – Community Development Program Administrator, Jason Werling – Recreation Superintendent, and Cathy Myers - Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Murray, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the November 10, special meeting and the November 14, regular meeting and suspend the formal reading. President Brady declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATION: GIS Updates, Tiffany Rufo, GIS Analyst

Ms. Rufo started the presentation explaining the large portion that GIS is used for the utilities of the City. The Water system which has been expanded has 10,373 meters, 2136 hydrants and 3062 valves. They are 85-90% complete in mapping out all the water division system. The Sewer maintenance system has 3,564 manholes and 3217 catch basins and are 85-90 complete entering all their data into GIS. Each lift station and pump are also entered into the system – all maintenance and repairs are documented into this system. The Streets Department will use it to track all alleyways, utility boxes and traffic lights. Big Island also uses the system to track all their assets. Parks has an inventory map including dedication plaques, benches and such are marked. All these items have a GPS mark and a number associated with it. In 2016 we began the tree inventory, and it is the most used and up-to-date data set. It tracks every tree in the parks and boulevards. Forestry uses this data to assign trees to be inspected, to be trimmed, to be removed as well as their planned plantings – which is used to document the tree planting masterplan. Not only does it track the status of each tree – but also the type of tree it is and when it was planted. This data can be used to diversify the species to make sure we have a resilient tree population. All this data gets pushed back to dashboards and datasets, one can sit and crunch numbers for hours on these. If there are specific things we are watching and looking for we push them to dashboards for the management teams. Each maintenance department uses this system through an app on their phone and it is tailored to each department to log work done and how long it took, and list items repaired or replaced and the notes that go with it. This data gives us the ability to track where our man hours are being spent and work that is performed. In IT we assist each department such as Police for cell maps for cases, suspect flight paths, and providing visuals for future grant applications. The leaf pickup and tree pickup map is located on the website. A tree inventory map, and road closures is also on the website. The Planning and Zoning Departments uses GIS to keep track of zoning, and any updates and changes are done inhouse. Mailing lists can be completed for contractors or consultants. This system can do a lot of demographic and site analysis that would cost a lot for consultants to do for Planning and Zoning and Engineering applications. A couple staff now are trained and licensed as community analysts which allows them to do data gathering themselves. The GIS Advisory Board also provides assistance to other townships and municipalities who are also on the advisory board. Florence Township is one such municipality that now is collecting their street signs, hydrants, and general assets that they would like to track for either EPA or for inhouse use. Two updates on the GIS Advisory Board are the city will receive two aerial flyovers annually instead of one every two years, this will make it easier for some data collection from the computer rather than from out in the field. We will also see an overhaul of the parcel layer from the County Auditor which will change some of the ways we

utilize their information. We are currently working with them to formulate a plan for a smooth transition as possible.

Comment:

President Brady commented that his knowledge of the GIS is limited to Mr. Klein stating if we have a waterline break and we do not know where it is – that is an issue. That no longer happens. We no longer must scramble to find blueprints to locate a break – it provides a valuable service. The fifty other uses that have instrumented by IT have been invaluable to many departments.

Mr. Poole commented that it would be a valuable tool for departments to use in the budgeting phase with commission to identify future spending and replacements.

Mr. Murray echoed Mr. Poole's comments and stated it would be interesting to see some of these reports.

Ms. Rufo commented that with the GIS system that was started in 2016 as a fuel driven data collection, these last couple years we are now getting enough data in the datasets to make informed decisions. The longer we use the GIS the more value it will provide to us.

Mr. Murray added that the commissioner's role is not of management, but more of oversight and policy direction. With that in mind, if staff occasionally wants to forward some reports, he would be happy to look at them.

Mr. Poole commented to elaborate on that, the concept here is we have a budget that we decide what we are going to spend our money on. If we get data from departments in presentations and show what the status is, it will help us prioritize the budget. That is the direction he believes should be taken, to make better decisions.

Mr. Meinzer commented that about fifteen years ago the Fire Department started using mobile data terminals in the fire trucks. Today if you have a heart attack, there is no way to know which emergency vehicle is closest, all the emergency responders are still lost in the woods because they still do not know this data. There should be every emergency vehicle, every structure in the city, and what type of response they need. Tracking trees and manhole covers is great, but he does not see one emergency vehicle being tracked. That is life safety – the priority should move up.

Mr. Poole said we recognize this data gives us an opportunity to determine how important that data is. If we do not know where the vehicles are that translates in terms of the service provided. If people are dying because they cannot find them from calls, placing money for this improvement could justify it solving a problem.

Mr. Meinzer stated he knows the Fire Department has been short staffed for the last decade as well, and they probably do not have the manpower to enter that data.

Chief D'Amico responded there was one inspector on dayshift that provides all the fire prevention activities. Work such as this would be split between shifts when they have free time and are not on calls. But we do have access to a hydrants map for flow testing over the last few years, and we enter that data so that when we do pull up to a fire, we can pull that data and see what flow rate we will get.

Mr. Meinzer asked Chief D'Amico if they currently get vehicle recommendations from dispatch.

Chief D'Amico responded that they currently do not.

Mr. Murray responded that he was under the assumption that all emergency vehicles in the county had transponders and that dispatch knew where they were. If that is not the case, it is not good.

Chief Oliver responded that it has been a constant discussion of who is responsible for entering that information on run cards. Alert does have the option for GPS capability in dispatch to see where cruisers and what emergency apparatus is where. The mapping system sets up to the 911 calls. It is a lot of clerical work that needs entered, and there is opportunity there. He wanted to add how great Ms. Rufo has been for the Police Department in criminal investigations, with a phone call she puts information on maps and shows movement of individuals that our prosecutors office has never seen.

Mr. Poggiali thanked Ms. Rufo for her presentation and work she has done, especially for grant applications. Visuals are very important with applications for grants, it is no longer just the narrative.

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 to move any items from the Consent Agenda, none heard.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM A – Submitted by Cathy Myers, Commission Clerk

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR NICE ASH LLC

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact for this item.

Notice to Legislative Authority for Transfer of B Liquor License, Distributor of beer, ale, stout, other malt liquor, from Relish Bistros LLC, DBA Zinc Brasserie & Patio, to Nice Ash LLC, 101 W. Market Street.

ITEM B – Submitted by Jason Werling, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

2023 PAPER DISTRICT MARINA RATE INCREASES – SECOND READING

Budgetary Information: The agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The City will benefit from Towboat Marine's management and operation of the Marina, as well as the agreed upon first \$10,000.00 revenue each year going to the City of Sandusky, with an additional 50% split after revenues received meets \$45,000.00 for the season.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-230: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving a new fee schedule for the Paper District Marina.

ITEM C – Submitted by Michelle Reeder, Finance Director

INSURANCE AGREEMENT FOR 2022-2023 WITH RINEHART WALTERS-DANNER

Budgetary Information: The annual cost has become part of the annual operating budget and the City of Sandusky's total cost for December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 will be an amount not to exceed \$355,000. This insurance proposal covers property, general liability, automotive, umbrella, cyber, crime, golf course and liquor liability coverage. The prior year insurance ordinance was passed by the City Commission on November 8, 2021 as Ordinance 21-181, for an amount not to exceed \$335,000.

There is a 5.88% increase in the property insurance premium and a 28% or \$2,585.25 dollar increase to the Cyber coverage effective December 1, 2022. In 2019, ordinance 19-194 was approved with a not to exceed amount of \$440,000, the current proposal is \$85,000 less than the 2019 proposal.

The cost of insurance is not to exceed \$355,000 which includes the premium cost of \$346,336 plus a contingency of \$8,664 for special events or additional coverage if needed. Based on exposures, the cost will be distributed to the General Fund (\$227,200), Street Fund (\$36,920), Water Fund (\$44,375), and Sewer Fund (\$46,505).

ORDINANCE NO. 22-231: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rinehart Walters-Danner Insurance Agency of Mansfield, Ohio, for property, casualty, and liability insurance for the period of December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM D – Submitted by Jarod Oliver, Police Chief

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AGREEMENT

Budgetary Information: There is no budgetary impact. SCS will reimburse the city for the wages and benefits cost for two full time Officers for all hours worked at the school.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-232: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract for police services with Sandusky City Schools to provide (2) police officers to work as school resource officers at Sandusky City Schools; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM E – Submitted by Josh Snyder, Public Works Engineer

PERMISSION TO BID THE CLEVELAND ROAD WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project construction costs is \$358,052.00 and shall be paid with Water funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 062-22R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with the proposed Cleveland Road Waterline Replacement Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Mr. Harris made motion, second by Mr. Poggiali to accept Consent Agenda items A-E and declaring that all ordinances and resolutions and liquor license as drafted and presented to the commission under the Consent Agenda shall take effect in accordance with Section reflected in those ordinances and or resolutions. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinances, resolutions, and liquor license: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray (abstain Item B), and Mr. Brady, 6. President Brady declared these ordinances, resolutions, and liquor license passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF ERIE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Budgetary Information: There is no cost to approve this plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 063-22R: It is requested a resolution be passed approving the Erie County Solid Waste Management District Plan Update; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Murray, to adopt this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

ITEM 2 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, Assistant City Engineer

PDS AGREEMENT WITH BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING FOR EAST PERKINS AVE RESURFACING

Budgetary Information: The not to exceed cost for professional design services is \$171,160.00 with ODOT funding \$136,928.00 and the City funding \$34,232.00, which shall be paid with the Capital Projects Street Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-233: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an 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 by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Meinzer, to adopt this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr.

Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 3 – Submitted by Jeffrey Meinert, WWTP Superintendent

PURCHASE REPLACEMENT MOTOR FOR AERATION TANK AT WWTP FROM GARDNER DENVER NASH

Budgetary Information: The cost for the replacement motor shall not exceed \$18,951.26 and shall be paid for using Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-234: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a replacement Baldor motor for the aeration tank blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Gardner Denver Nash, LLC, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$18,776.00; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Poggiali, to adopt this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 4 – Submitted by Jonathan Holody, Community Development Director

ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALDRIDGE RESTORATION AT 201 FULTON STREET

Budgetary Information: The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund, as 25% of the increase in assessed value will be subject to real estate taxes during the abatement period. The project will also create three permanent employment positions subject to City income tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-235: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Aldridge Restoration LLC, relating to property located at 201 Fulton Street, and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Waddington and a second by Mr. Harris, to adopt this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

President Brady commented that he visited this property as he is sure many have in the last few days and remarked what an eyesore it was. It will be such an improvement it will be to have it rehabilitated and put back on the tax floor, at least in a limited capacity. It is eight units, and he is sure whatever he does to improve it will be an improvement to that neighborhood.

Mr. Waddington added that it will add one part-time and two full-time employees to the City.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray (abstain), and Mr. Brady, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray (abstain), and Mr. Brady, 6. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

ITEM 5 – Submitted by Nicole Grohe, Community Development Program Administrator

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT – PERMISSION TO BID CDBG FY21 DEMOLITION PROJECT #5

Budgetary Information: The total estimated cost for this project including advertising and miscellaneous expenses is anticipated to exceed \$10,000. After receipt and review of bids, staff will present to City Commission a recommendation to enter into a contract with the firm that provided the lowest and best bid for the demolition. The costs for the demolition and asbestos abatement will be paid with FY 21 Community Development Block Grant funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 064-22R: It is requested a resolution amending Resolution No. 057-22R, passed on October 24, 2022, and declaring the necessity for the City to proceed with a modified CDBG FY21 Demolition Project #5; 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 by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Poggiali, to adopt this resolution under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this resolution passed.

ITEM 6 – Submitted by Jason Werling, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

PURCHASE AN ENCLOSED PULL ALONG TRAILER FOR ICE RINK STORAGE FROM GINERICH TRAILER SALES

Budgetary Information: The total cost of the custom-built trailer will not exceed \$21,995.00 and will be paid with donated funds as part of a programming series with Civista Bank and expensed with funds from the Capital Fund appropriated for amenities at the Jackson Street Pier.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-236: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to purchase a U.S. cargo flat front enclosed pull along trailer from Ginerich Trailer Sales, LTD, of Millersburg, Ohio, for the Recreation Department; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Harris, to adopt this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Comment:

Mr. Murray asked Mr. Werling to explain what this purchase was for.

Mr. Werling explained this was a car trailer which will store the flooring for the new ice rink, skate racks and skates and as a mobile unit to transport these items as needed to Wightman-Weber rink.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this ordinance passed.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

DONATIONS

- Thank you to Stein Hospice and Community Celebrations Council for a donation of \$1,000 and to Stein Hospice for a donation of \$245.08 toward the purchase of decorative lights to adorn trees in Washington Park over the holidays. **Motion by Mr. Waddington and second by Mr. Poggiali to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed without objection.**
- Thank you to Construction Equipment & Supply for donating the use of a lift, worth \$1,300, to the Division of Facilities & Properties for the purpose of decorating for the holiday season. **Motion by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Harris to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed without objection.**
- The City of Sandusky Recreation Department would like to thank Sue Denslow for her donation of a Wii and 3 games. This will be used for the Out of School Program at Mills Rec. **Motion by Mr. Meinzer and a second by Mr. Harris to accept this donation. President Brady declared this motion passed without objection.**

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

- The City is in receipt of an Economic Development Transfer TREX Liquor Permit transfer form for HALO Live LLC. The permit is coming from City BBQ LLC, located in Beachwood, Ohio. From their application to the state HALO Live LLC estimates they will invest \$22,000 into this project. It will create additional jobs at their facility and generate an additional \$50,000 in sales tax. It is a request by the city commission by motion provide authorization to signoff on the TREX transfer form indicating that the City of Sandusky

endorses and acknowledges this transfer will be for an Economic Development project which will benefit the community. The proposed TREX transfer will come back to the city commission one additional time in the near future by the Division of Liquor Control for one more step where the city will then indicate whether a hearing is requested prior to being authorized by the state. **Motion by Mr. Murray and a second by Mr. Harris to authorize this TREX transfer.**

Comment:

Mr. Poole inquired what the simplified version was of this. Mr. Orzech responded that they can apply to the state and say they were going to have Economic Development impact and then that process goes through the state and then through Liquor Control. It is because they are getting a liquor permit that is not authorized in our city, they can get an Economic Development one. We did another one like this about a year ago with Paddle and Climb. This just recognizes that they are proving an Economic Development impact which they have provided the state, and we can still request a hearing after that just like normal process. This is just an additional step required for this type of permit.

Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

POLICE

- Just a reminder that SPD is collecting new coats, hats, and gloves in sizes infant to adult 2XL. Community Impact Officers will deliver these to members of the Southside Enrichment and Empowerment group in December so they can be given to children in need.

FINANCE

- The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Friday December 9, 2022 at City Hall starting at 8am.
- General reminder for property owners of vacant dwellings – if your dwelling is expected to remain vacant and unoccupied during the winter months, we highly recommend that you contact the customer accounting office to turn off the water. This will help prevent your water lines from freezing and breaking which would lead to costly repairs for the property owner. The Customer Accounting Office can be reached at 419-627-5893 to arrange water being shut off.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets & Traffic staff have successfully collected leaves from each zone in the City and are currently moving through each for a second round of collection. If residents cannot meet the schedule, there will be a drop-off area for bagged leaves near the Marquette Drive entrance to the City Service Center seven days a week until January 20th. Property owners are encouraged to visit our website at www.cityofsandusky.com/LeafCollection to view the current schedule and to call 419.627.5884 if they have questions or concerns. Leaves are not permitted to be dumped at Kiwanis Park.
- With the arrival of cold temperatures, we'd like to remind residents of a few extra steps to take to avoid frozen water lines inside and outside the house, including setting thermostats at 55 degrees minimum, insulating exposed pipes and letting the cold-water faucet trickle continuously during extreme cold weather.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The 2023 Downtown Parking Permit program will roll out in December. Community Development staff expect to send renewal letters to current permit holders by December 9.

Comment:

Mr. Murray wished to remind residents that in the event of snowfall, if it is over two inches, the vehicles should be moved off city streets within twenty-four hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Waddington added that the Doghouse Bar demo this morning was a highlight for many of us at this table.

President Brady added that there were six people there. It did not keep him from making a speech. He is sure it will be printed in the Register in its entirety. He knows we make light of this morning, but there were a lot of people who played a significant role in getting this accomplished. Mr. Heil and Mr. Orzech took marching orders from this commission to get that establishment closed. They successfully negotiated that with a lot of help from the Erie County Court. The Police Department paid the heaviest toll from the dozens and dozens of police calls to that establishment. Erie County Sheriff's Department played a role in helping to board up the building once the court allowed us to take control of the property. The bottom line is Erie County Treasurer through the Land Bank Utilization Program are funding the cost of demo to that structure. He can report that at 4:45 p.m. he drove by, and the structure was four feet high, instead of twenty-four. The people who probably paid the biggest price were the neighbors of that neighborhood. They put up with uncivilized conduct from that establishment for over a year. It is easy to sit here and say that government takes a long time to get things accomplished, and oftentimes he finds himself apologizing for how slow government can move. But sometimes for very good reason it moves that slow to protect property rights – it is very important. But at the end of this day, we have returned that neighborhood back to a neighborhood. They can feel safer there. As he said this morning, everyone that played a role in this saved someone's life. Whether it was a child in a crib across the street, or an elderly person sitting on a chair on a porch, or a passerby driving through the neighborhood, someone in that neighborhood was going to get killed because of the activity in that establishment. We extinguished that. There are people – a few of them that will say we paid too high a price for that. He would respond that that neighborhood was worth it, every neighborhood in this community is worth it. It is a good end; it resolved an issue. And that resolution we can all be proud of.

Mr. Murray added that it does take along time for government to do things, but sometimes for very good reasons. Having due process and individual rights – these things are very important. But we have done this several times, and our Police Department has great authority when it comes to these issues. The next time this comes up, they will have the ability to say – we are coming for you, we are going to get you. It may take a while, but we will get you just like we got all the other ones. He believes continuing to do this makes us more credible when the next one pops up – because it will – it always does.

Mr. Poole stated his blood pressure was really high, he had to take a moment to breathe. We have torn down dilapidated buildings in this community for several years. It is important to do, and we certainly needed to tear down that raggedy building in that neighborhood. Hopefully it will become something better, maybe someone will put a barbershop on that empty lot, that would be nice, a dayshift kind of business. He would suggest two things: the Doghouse has been closed for a couple of years. After the Doghouse closed another business was in there, that was not the Doghouse. We have never put on a spectacle for show like this for tearing down a building in the past. He finds it very troubling that we decided to put on a show that was pointed at a business. The Doghouse was an African American owned business that was a problem for the community. He finds this disgusting; he is not sure what else he wants to say more about it. We live in a great town. And President Brady said it best – the citizens did not bother to show up for this lynching. This was a troche, that simply said look what we've done for your neighborhood chasing those dark folks out of there. There is no reason for us to have had speeches in tearing down a dilapidated building. He said he was sorry for talking like this but sometimes he just has to say something. This was absurd. All that participated need to be embarrassed. We tore the building down, we took care of the business, and we threw a party for it. You should have passed out the pointy hats and pitchforks, this is absurd. He stated he was disgusted.

Mr. Poggiali stated he would like to comment to Mr. Poole; Erie County would take pictures all the time when they tore down houses. In fact, he sent a picture to Mr. Stidham earlier when

Marci Kaptur was with us for one of the houses we tore down. The township and all these other political subdivisions do it all the time. He stated he did not see the same thing Mr. Poole sees.

Mr. Poole tried to speak. Mr. Murray reminded Mr. Poole of the point of order. He was not recognized by the chair.

President Brady stated Mr. Poole was not recognized by the chair. After discussion about the chair's authority, Mr. Heil was asked to rule in on the application of rules.

Mr. Heil stated it was ultimately up to the chair of who he wished to recognize to speak.

Mr. Harris stated he wanted to add one brief comment regarding the demo of that property, he felt it was better to celebrate or acknowledge the removal of something that was a nuisance to the community, rather than potentially holding a vigil for a resident or a child in that neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Waddington reminded commissioners of the Care and Share donation drop off donations (curb service) of food, toys, and cash this Saturday, December 3rd, from ten to twelve. It is a tough time of year for these charity organizations. **Mr. Waddington made motion second by Mr. Harris that commission donate \$1000 to the Care and Share Holiday Drive. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.**

Mr. Poggiali made motion, second by Mr. Waddington to set a Public Hearing on the Budget at the December 12 meeting. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

Mr. Murray made motion, second by Mr. Waddington to set a Public Hearing for a Zoning Map Amendment for 701 E. Water Street at the January 9th meeting. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

Mr. Meinzer made motion, second by Mr. Harris to set a Public Hearing for a Zoning Map Amendment for E. Washington Street at the January 9th meeting. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

Mr. Poggiali made motion, second by Mr. Harris for the naming of an unnamed alley at the January 23rd meeting. Roll call on the motion: Mr. Poggiali, Mr. Waddington, Mr. Harris, Mr. Meinzer, Mr. Poole, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Brady, 7. President Brady declared this motion passed.

President Brady made announcement that the last Commission Meeting of 2022 is moved to Wednesday, December 21, at 5 p.m. to allow for holiday vacations.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Craig Hecht, owner of Manor Motel, 2428 Columbus Avenue, wished to thank Community Development Director Mr. Holody for the \$3000 block grant he received for his business.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, the Commission moved to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. President Brady declared the meeting adjourned.



Cathleen A. Myers
Commission Clerk



Richard R. Brady
President of the City Commission