

JANUARY 23, 2006

4:30 P.M.

At 5:00 p.m. a **regular meeting** was held by the Sandusky City Commission in the City Building Commission Chambers, 222 Meigs Street, with City Commissioners Craig Stahl, Dannie Edmon, Dan Kaman, Dennis Murray, Brian Crandall, Brett Fuqua and Dave Waddington in attendance; as well as the Charter Officers of the City Manager Mike Will, Law Director Don Icsman, Finance Director Ed Widman, and the Clerk of the City Commission B. Joyce Brown. It was an open meeting.

President Kaman asked that Mr. Stahl offer the **prayer** and requested that everyone remain standing for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

President Kaman asked the Clerk to **call the roll** with the following Commissioners present: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua and Waddington.

President Kaman asked for disposition of the **minutes of December 27, 2005 and January 9, 2006**. Mr. Waddington said he would move to dispense with the formal reading and enter into the record as written. Mr. Crandall seconded it and it carried.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented on the vacation of portions of John and Fulton Streets and that the City should quit giving land away; costs of implementing Homeland Security and no reimbursements; and grant applications relative to Dorn Park travel safety.

Mr. Don Schwanger, 726 Perry Street, commented on the Ohio Trail Fund Grant monies for the Castaway Bay Route Phase I of the Sandusky Bay Pathway.

Mr. Ted Steineman, 723 John Street, questioned if Fulton Street from the lake, could still get people to the hospital and back onto John Street?

Mr. Stahl read a proclamation for **Catholic Schools Week**.

A Presentation was made by Ms. Brenda Gautshi, Public Information Specialist, **Ohio Department of Natural Resources Department of Coastal Management**.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mrs. Angela Byington said **Firelands Regional Medical Center is petitioning for vacation of portions of Fulton and John Streets**. The vacations will allow for a west addition to the existing hospital, approximately 16 square foot of Fulton Street and 5,000 square foot of John Street. John Street will be replatted at an increased angle, which will provide smoother vehicular circulation. There will still be access to the hospital on Fulton and John Streets. The Planning Commission recommends approval to the vacations and subsequent replatting of John Street. President Kaman asked were there questions for or against from the Commission or the audience and as there were none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Edmon read a proclamation for **Volunteers of America Helpmates Week**.

ITEM#1 - (The communication was introduced at the 1-9-06 meeting.)

ORDINANCE NO. 06-004 was read at first reading to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Office of the Auditor, for preparation of the December 31, 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Edmon that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice for the vote, first on the motion and secondly for final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM#2

A communication was read from Angela Byington, AICP Chief Planner, to allow for expansion of Firelands Regional Medical Center. It was moved by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this communication be placed on file and order in the legislation. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and it carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-005 was read at first reading vacating portions of Fulton and John Streets. It was moved by Mr. Edmon and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with City Charter Section 14. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and

then final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Ordinance passed. **Discussion** - President Kaman said the City was going to spend money on this project along with the hospital. The hospital has been spending lots of money for several years, but that's what it takes in today's age to keep businesses here and they appreciated Firelands expanding in the City and doing what they can to create more jobs.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-006 was read at first reading accepting the Final Plat and confirming the Dedication to the Public Use as a Public Right-of-Way for the relocated portion of John Street within the City. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice on the vote, first on the motion and second on final passage of the Ordinance with the vote as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM3

A communication was read from Angela Byington, AICP Chief Planner, for the City of Sandusky applying for a Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant to complete four phases of the Sandusky Bay Pathway; "Castaway Bay Route - Phase 1"; "Municipal Boat Launch Route"; "Rail to Trail Route - Phase 1; and the "Paper District Development Preferred Route". (The total length of all phases will be 9,891 lineal feet (1.94 miles) of trail.) It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this communication be placed on file and order in the legislation and it was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-06R was read at first reading authorizing the City of Sandusky to apply for Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant monies and, if awarded, execute a Grant Agreement and expend monies. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion.** Mr. Murray said this would make our community stand out from others. Staff's worked consistently for several years with outstanding, very foresighted work that we need to survive in a competitive environment going forward. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Resolution passed.

ITEM#4

A communication was read from Fire Chief Meinzer adopting the National Incident Management System for the City of Sandusky as directed in the Homeland Security Presidential Directive. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Murray that this communication be received and order in legislation. **Discussion** - Mr. Fuqua queried if money would be filtered back into the community. Chief Meinzer said correct, they have received over \$500,000 to date from Homeland Security.

Mr. Murray said the whole idea behind this initiative is to get all responding entities, fire departments, police departments, a single reporting system so in the event of a natural catastrophe everyone belongs on the same page. Chief Meinzer said correct, it expands further into elected officials and administrative officials getting involved in the event an incident would expand to require more mutual aid. This brings everybody together and it's called Unity of Command where people work out of one center and direction and escalates mutual aid companies that goes to the regional, state levels, and it might go to a FEMA team in Dayton and then federally.

President Kaman asked did we have a set up in the County where Sandusky Fire can talk to Perkins Fire and the same with police, are we all interconnected to our communications somehow? Fire Chief Meinzer said we all operate on different frequencies, but do have our radios programmed with other department's frequencies and that is part of this communications. The President asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-06R was read at first reading adopting the National Incident Management System for Homeland Security Incident Management within the City. It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice on the vote, first on the motion and secondly on final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Resolution passed.

ITEM#5

A communication was read from Gary Packan, awarding a contract to Pros Consulting for preparation of a Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan for \$89,655.00. This plan will be funded entirely through the Coastal Management Assistance Grant (\$40,000.00) and Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$50,000.00). It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this communication be placed on file and order in the necessary legislation. **Discussion** – Mr. Edmon said he was noticing there were several people that bided that were cheaper than the one that we chose, was there a reason? Mr. Packan said they had a committee of four staff and three volunteers. They interviewed seven of the eight through phone and in-person interviews, they narrowed it down and the committee as a whole felt that Pros Consulting was the best overall team to recommend for the job, felt most comfortable with them. And what they could do is their final project was the best out of all of those submittals. Mr. Edmon questioned the particulars of this group that stood out? Mr. Packan said he guessed their comfort level first of all, professionalism, some of the detailed components, interaction whenever they go in and analyze our maintenance and actually look at how efficiently we are working. It was a little bit of both, where some of the other components from the other consultant teams that were opposing to them. Just their RFP was more complete and they felt more comfortable with it. He could get more details, but he didn't have everything with him right now. Mr. Waddington said he worked with Parks & Rec and Gary did a good job on this. And this was not only going to enhance our neighborhoods, but having this plan in place would be a key component for securing grants in the future like in five or six years.

Mr. Crandall said one of his votes would be accepting this grant money. He looked at personnel files today and wondered why can't we do that in-house with the backgrounds that our staff has on file? He questioned CDBG funds where did they take this from and why not have one person over grant writing? A lengthy discussion ensued. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", with the exception for Mr. Crandall voting "Nay", the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-007 was read at first reading to enter into a contract with Pros Consulting, LLC of Indianapolis, Indiana, for preparation of a Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with City Charter Section 14. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and second on final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Fuqua, Waddington, 6. Nays: Crandall, 1. The Ordinance passed.

ITEM#6

A communication was read from Jeffrey W. Rosekelly, for the First and Final Change Order for the 2005 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter and Approach Program for \$17,295.98. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Murray that this communication be placed on file and order in legislation. **Discussion** – Mr. Waddington questioned if this goes back to the Kelly Dillery ADA lawsuit in 1998 and the City had to be compliant in 1992 forward? Mrs. McKillips said they needed to bring the ramps up to federally mediated standards. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-008 was read at first reading approving the First and Final Change order in the amount of \$17,295.98 for the 2005 Sidewalk, Curb, Gutter and Approach Program. It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with City Charter Section 14. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Ordinance passed.

ITEM#7

A communication was read from Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services for Professional Design Services with Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. for Sewer Collections System Model Update and Analysis. **Discussion.** Mr. Edmon said they had discussion about it not being bid out properly, because you had to go to Malcom Pirnie to consult and they were also the people who made it. It was moved by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this communication be placed on file

and order in legislation. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-009 was read at first reading to enter into a contract with Malcolm Pirnie of Cleveland, Ohio, to update the existing Sewer Collections System Model for Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Murray Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with City Charter Section 14. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM#8

A communication was read from Kathryn McKillips, for the East Bay Channel Dredging Project. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Edmon that the communication be placed on file and order in legislation. **Discussion** – Mr. Murray questioned the City's portion being picked up or paid by others? Mrs. McKillips said they had all funding for the Cove Channel Dredging Project and the majority for the East Bay Island. Mr. Stahl questioned when work was scheduled to start? Mrs. McKillips said originally spring prior to fish spawning season, but last Friday ODNR told them April 15th is actually March 15th. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-06R was read at first reading declaring the necessity proceed with the proposed East Bay Channel Dredging 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. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with City Charter Section 14. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM#9

A communication was read from Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services, for the Cove Channel Dredging Project. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will fund up to \$50,000.00 with City funding of \$53,996.92. The City's part would be paid out of funds donated by Cove Channel Area Boathouse Owners. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Edmon that this communication be placed on file and order in legislation. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-06R was read at first reading declaring the necessity to proceed with the proposed Cove Channel Dredging Project; approving the specifications and Engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids. It was moved by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. Edmon that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Resolution passed.

ITEM#10

A communication was read from Joshua R. Snyder, awarding a contract to Maple City Concrete, Norwalk, Ohio, for the Sandusky Pedestrian Bike Path Phase II Project. This project is on the north side of Shoreline Drive running from the Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Park and will encompass construction of a 10' wide concrete path, curbing, striping and installation of bollard-style lights along a half-mile addition to the existing bike path. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this communication be placed on file and order in legislation. **Discussion** – Mr. Crandall questioned what MPO meant? Mrs. McKillips said some funding from this project was coming from Metropolitan Planning Organization. After the 2000 census our area was designated as an urbanized area, basically forcing the City, County, City of Huron and a couple townships to form another governmental body to basically distribute and oversee federal funded projects. So this project was being funded with federal dollars that are actually funded through federal highway, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and our Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Murray said this runs right by their office, but he didn't see a conflict or any reason that would preclude or prohibit him from voting. Mr. Icsman said if he was him, he would not say anything. He didn't have a definitive answer of whether owning property generally in an area where a project is going to be improved, but this is specific to his property. Mr. Murray said it goes past it, but it's south of it. Mr. Icsman said it does not affect his property. In other words the pathway that is going to be improved was not part of his property. Mr. Murray said he would take his advice just on a sense of caution and abstain from discussing or voting on it. Mr. Icsman said thank you. He would have a different or more definitive answer.

Mr. Crandall commented that when they do this project, the people that want to enjoy those events, improving lifestyles for roller blading, bicycling, dog walking, they can enjoy it without you can't be down here. That's their property too and he wanted to make sure all our citizens can enjoy that pathway. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", with the exception of Mr. Murray "Abstaining", the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-010 was read at first reading awarding a contract to Maple City Concrete, LLC of Norwalk, Ohio, for the Pedestrian/Bike Path Phase II at \$171,169.63. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Crandall, Fuqua Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. Abstain: Murray, 1. The Ordinance passed.

ITEM#11

A communication was read from Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering, for a revised resolution authorizing and consenting to property owners, Mary & Marino Graziani, 333 Cedar Point Road, Sandusky, Ohio, to receive a Submerged Land Lease from the State of Ohio. The original Resolution No. 005-05R dated February 14, 2005, was approved for David A. & Norma Jesse and Ronald E. & Cynthia A. Oney to receive the Submerged Land Lease from the State of Ohio and they sold the property. It was moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this communication be placed on file and order in legislation. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-06R was read at first reading adopted pursuant to Section 1506.11 of the Ohio Revised Code finding and determining that based upon the representations and application filed by Mary & Marino Graziani for property located at 333 Cedar Point Road, the use and development of the territory so described, a Submerged Lands Lease may be entered into by the State's Director of Natural Resources. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Resolution passed.

ITEM#12

ORDINANCE NO. 06-011 was read at first reading amending Part One - Administrative Code, Title Seven - Boards and Commissions, Chapter 181 - Audit/Finance Committee. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then for final passage as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The Ordinance passed.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Mike Will gave an update on a request from the operator of a local school district to **change traffic patterns around their school building for safety.** (W. Madison and W. Jefferson Streets to flow west to east between Jackson and Decatur Streets with the change effective February 18, 2006.)

Mr. Will said the **Volunteers Center** gave a **\$681.31 donation for a Park Bench Tribute purchase.** It was moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Fuqua and carried unanimously.

Mr. Will said they had a **\$100 from Richard and Marilyn Farrell to start an endowment fund to maintain the City's Greenhouse.** It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Fuqua. **Discussion** - Mr. Murray said being

familiar with endowments he thinks it's a wonderful intent, but he questioned if it was the responsible thing if they don't have a plan in place to gather further funds because you were going to spend more than \$100 to administer. Mr. Crandall asked would it be possible to earmark that contribution and put it into an endowment for the Cemetery since the Greenhouse does a lot of work at the Cemetery? Maybe contact the donor to see if they could be in agreement or certainly accept the funds and see if there are other avenues, but they were not getting rid of our greenhouse. *Mr. Waddington and Mr. Fuqua rescinded their motions until they could get more information from the Manager on how to use these funds.*

Mr. Will said on **Ohio Energy rates** and their effective increase on January 1st, in spite of savings on the generation portion of our residents' monthly bills because of the City's Electrical Aggregation Program, Ohio Edison's overall charges will now be much higher because they're raising their overall rates to everyone at the same time.

Mr. Will said **City Hall Rehabilitation/Move/Redevelopment update**, whichever direction they go there are two big components that will assist them all in making decisions, the cost of remodeling and potential gain from proposed development. While gathering those space needs and the estimation process they would be working with potential developers to clarify redevelopment proposals. The end of the year they would be able to deliver both pieces of information to decide what to do from there.

Mr. Will said the **State of City Address** will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 12th in the auditorium of Sandusky High School from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Preceding the address City department heads will be in the cafeteria to tell their new operation plans, various updates on development projects and increased community contact.

Mr. Will said our **Police Chief** announced he would be **retiring on May 1st** after thirty plus years. Margaret Rudolph went through guidelines of hiring a policeman.

Mr. Will said he needed clarity **whether staff attendance is required for the entire business section of the City Commission meetings**. After discussion, the consensus was staff should attend the entire meeting because questions come up.

Mr. Waddington questioned had staff had recent engagements with **G&C Foundry** today or Friday? Mr. Packan said Friday they had and he just got some information today and had not gone over it, but he would give an update at a later date.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Fuqua said on **police quotas** he would honestly say he agreed with the citizens, and with the cooperation of the Commissioners he would postpone the beginning of it so they could look into it more deeply because on the surface it does give the impression that certain people in the community will be targeted. He was not saying that's true, and he would like to clarify this is just policy and not legislation. Mr. Stahl said he thought if they liked or didn't like the quota system it isn't for them to run the department. Mr. Murray said the only way they were going to know is to implement it for a period of time and then evaluate it after an appropriate period of time. Mr. Edmon asked how were they going to monitor whose being talked to by the police department, how many felonies are given out by the police department and to make sure that there are no inequities in the duties being performed? Chief Runner gave an explanation and a brief discussion ensued.

After a discussion on the **Greenhouse Project** design, *Mr. Waddington said he would so move to order in the necessary legislation in for the February 13th Commission meeting and direct staff and the City Manager to work with Mark Norman and both sides to gather the necessary details to develop some kind of design.*

Mr. Edmon said they needed to set some kind of **policy** because a **person shouldn't be able to carry over more than two weeks of vacation time and be paid out for more than two weeks of their vacation time and he thinks they should actually take the day off on holidays**. Mr. Crandall said as a Commission they had to overhaul, not just review the entire Ordinance of 145 Administrative, especially with contract time coming the end of the year. *Mr. Edmon moved to establish a subcommittee to review and bring back suggestions to overhaul Section 145. It was seconded by Mr. Murray and carried. (Committee Volunteers Edmon/Crandall.)*

Mr. Murray said he wanted to report back to his fellow Commissioners on working with Mrs. Joyce Brown in **getting communications on the internet the week before the weekly meetings**. The second part was Mrs. Brown had to get old **minutes posted on the web in advance of the meeting**. At the very minimum

looking forward to having those *minutes available to all Commissioners before the next meeting so they could follow up on items they do follow up on at the meetings.*

Mr. Crandall said he received a **communication from a resident on lighting** and they were looking at all cost-saving measures concerning the City operations.

Mr. Crandall said he opened up the paper and he reads about the Reiger Lofts and he would suggest they have monthly, at the very least, **updates on what's going on** because they were the elected officials and people were holding them accountable on what happens within this City. *After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Commission wanted monthly reports issued.*

Under **New Business**, Mr. Waddington said he would *request the Commission direct or designate the Chief of Police and Engineering to **update the City Truck Route Map** and number two the truck routes they send a letter from the Chief of Police because Captain Sigsworth, the Executive Officer for Sheriff's Department, advised he would be happy to have an officer with scales work in the City a couple of days a week. And if they got these laws, if we're not going to do it, then let's get it off the books.*

*Mr. Murray said he would move that the Law Department bring in for consideration to the next meeting the **local preference ordinance**. He guessed it was warranted that the policy has worked out well and it's time to take it to the next step. Mr. Fuqua seconded the motion. Mr. Edmon said he didn't think the percentage given to our local business was high enough and have we done any studies to show how much of that money actually stays in as opposed to letting it go out of our community? Mr. Widman said he would make inquiries and see if anyone actually developed anything recently. President Kaman said make sure our local preference does not punish Sandusky residents that own homes in our City, but have a business in Erie County. He then asked for a vote on the motion and all Commissioners voted "Aye".*

Mr. Murray said he met with Mr. Crandall as the Commission directed and developed an **outline for a business roundtable**. The idea is to invite all businesses on a rotating basis to essentially meet three times a year. There would be an agenda and it was designed as an opportunity for people to come to the City with ideas as to how we can do things better, how we can save money, and to tell us what it is we can do for businesses and when he says businesses are part of our labor too. *He was looking forward to that being implemented just as soon as the mailing list is put together.*

Mr. Crandall said he received communications about towing in the City and he would get with staff and the police department and find out what the **towing procedures** are, how they exist and have been established and then *report to them next meeting.*

Mr. Stahl said he would like to nominate seven people for the **Finance/Audit Committee**: **Larry Aaron** from FlexTemp. Mr. Murray seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Stahl said **Peter Craige**, CPA Cedar Fair. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Stahl said **Brent Gardner and Al Nickles** were already on. Mr. Stahl said **Dan Moncher**, CPA Firelands Regional Medical. It was seconded by Mr. Edmon and carried. Mr. Stahl said **Frank Moscioni**, CPA J.H. Routh Packing Company. It was second by Mr. Edmon and carried. Mr. Stahl said **Jim Ruthsatz**, CPA. It was seconded by Mr. Edmon and carried. The first four person's term expired December 31, 2007 and the next three terms expired December 31, 2008.

President Kaman said they have to also appoint **John Panzer to Erie Regional Planning Commission**. Mr. Waddington seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Edmon to hold an **executive session on personal property**. Mr. Waddington seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following response: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Mr. Edmon moved to have an **executive session on personnel Charter Officers**. It was seconded by Mr. Waddington. The Clerk called the roll with the following response: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Mr. Edmon said he needed an **executive session on personnel**. Mr. Waddington seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following response: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 6. Nays: Murray, 1. The motion passed.

President Kaman said he would **congratulate Mr. Widman and his staff for being recognized by the State of Ohio for their accounting** practices. And also Rodger Best for acknowledgement in the magazine Cruisin' for his downtown activities.

Under **Audience Participation**, President Kaman said anyone that would like to speak on **Agenda Items only** please go to the microphone and give their name and address and limit it to five minutes.

Mr. Fred Farris commented on the expansion of Firelands Regional Medical Center and that it was a multi-million dollar expansion project and they don't have at least three or four blacks working there.

Mr. John Ginty made comments on the traffic street repair report and getting a copy. Next he still felt the Fire Department should be staffed so the ambulances could return to Cedar Point Station and the Venice Road Station.

Mrs. Kathy Mueller, 7707 Patten Tract Road, asked for an update on the water agreement and if there were mechanisms being put in place so they don't have to renegotiate a price rate per unit? President Kaman gave an explanation and told of the meeting tomorrow at 4 o'clock in the downtown Commission Chambers. Mrs. Mueller asked was there a percentage or rate so they don't have to renegotiate the price again? President Kaman said that comes into a different part of the contract that they can get into after they get this first part, which will be the contract to sell water. The other will be a regionalization plan they can accomplish with future rates.

Mr. Ted Steineman, 723 John Street, said he was wondering if they're going to do that project down John Street to the whole way to the corner with the new sidewalks?

Mr. Simmons said there's another for a walking path down Cleveland Road to where the State's took over and made bird areas, made sidewalks for walks all the way down to that area or to Perkins Ave one? That's it on sidewalks. Mr. Packan said that the overall plan that's the Master Plan and it expands the entire length of the City. So that would go basically from where he was talking in regards to the airport all the way over to Dorn Park. Mr. Crandall explained that down there where the State took over, that is out of our control. (Sheldon's Marsh)

Mr. Don Schwanger, 726 Perry Street, said the Watchdogs had contacted ODNR in the past and it was hard to get in touch with them. So it was nice to have someone in our area to take care of things such as coastal management. And whatever the public can do and try to get a hold of the lady that spoke and public citizens put pressure on the Soil & Conservation Department because he was afraid it was going to be buried down there in that subcommittee.

Mr. Schwanger said it was fine when you get all these e-mails and try to answer the questions, but take it from an old hand at City Hall what the people should do is get interested in their government, not just for gripping, but get to know the heads of some of the departments. And believe him, he has done this many times and bypassed the Commission because it's better to go to the department heads. It's a user-friendly facility. Mr. Crandall said he appreciated his comments because he gets answers to his questions now.

At 7:56 p.m. the Commission took a five- minute break, after which they returned to the table and held several executive sessions. (The Clerk was asked to leave the meeting.)

An executive session was held on personnel Charter Officers.

An executive session was held on personal property.

An executive session was held on personnel.

An executive session was held on pending litigation.

President Kaman returned to the table and asked for motions to adjourn.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

DANIEL J. KAMAN, PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION