

JANUARY 14, 2008

5:00 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 Dave Waddington, Dan Kaman, Craig Stahl, Dennis Murray, Brett Fuqua, Brian Crandall and Julie Farrar in attendance; as well as the Charter Officers of the City Manager Matthew D. Kline, Law Director Don Icsman, Finance Director Ed Widman and the Clerk of the City Commission B. Joyce Brown; the Administrative Staff of the Director of Engineering Services Kathy McKillips, Police Chief Kim Nuesse, Fire Chief Mike Meinzer, Administrative Services Director Warrenette Parthemore and Economic Development Specialist Scott Schell. It was an open meeting with the audience and the news media present.

Mr. Waddington offered the **prayer**, everyone stood for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**; and the Clerk called the **roll** with all Commissioners present.

Mr. Waddington moved to accept the **minutes of the December 26th regular City Commission meeting and the Swearing In & Election of the President and Vice President ceremonial meeting**. Mr. Fuqua seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under **Audience Participation** – Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented on agenda items.

Mr. Tim Schwanger, 3612 Sheffield Way, questioned agenda items.

CURRENT BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – Communication – Jeffrey W. Rosekelly, P.E. Project Engineer

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The revised estimated project cost including engineering costs and a 5% contingency is \$686,518.65. The City is responsible for the entire project cost and will be paid with the Sewer Funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-08R - Repealing Resolution No. 026-07R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed Hollyrood and McKinley Streets Sewer Separation Project; approving the revised specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto. It was moved by Mr. Stahl and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Resolution be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion - Mr. Crandall said the engineer's estimate came above the bid. Who bid that? And it came back October 15th when the bids were opened, why has it taken so long to bring it back to the Commission? Mrs. McKillips said the original estimate included payment replacement for the trenches, where the new pipes would be installed. That estimate was too low. In discussions with our consultants, it looked like there was an error in the unit that were in the bid forms for the project. One of the issues that we worked on in trying to revise the project estimate was the actual pavement replacement typical sections. They originally are required to be reinforced concrete and asphalt on top of that in order to try to keep our project costs down. We are increasing the total project cost to try to keep from adding an additional \$50,000 to \$100,000. We decreased the typical sections, the amount of concrete that was going into the trench. That took a while in order to make sure that what we were gaining was going to work for our project. We wanted to make sure that we got it right this time. So that was why there was a time difference between when we opened the bid and when it is finally coming to you. As far as any other changes, we did throw around the idea of eliminating two laterals as a cost saving to bring the project costs down. But in the end we determined that it was best to go ahead and leave those in and make sure that each property in this area has the opportunity to affordably attach to our storm sewer without actually having to go out into the road themselves. Other than that, everything else pretty much stayed the same. Mr. Crandall said I gather then that someone in-house did the engineer's estimate? Mrs. McKillips said no, we have an outside consultant. Discussion ensued. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Resolution as follows: Yeas: Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: Waddington, 1. The President declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #2 – Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, P.E. Director of Engineering Services

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The project cost based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising, and miscellaneous cost is \$25,300.00, which will be paid with Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-001 - Enter into a contract with Burch Hydro, Inc. of Fredericktown, Ohio, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Cleaning Project. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Kaman asked what was our history and were we going to have to replace this anyway? Mrs. McKillips said we have no idea. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Communication – Matthew Kline, City Manager

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The costs for this contract are covered in the City's 2008 Budget through availability of funds in Economic Development, the City Manager's Office and Sewer & Water. There will be no impact upon the General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-002 - Enter into a Consulting Contract with James L. (Don) Miears for Calendar Year 2008, a copy of which is attached to this Ordinance. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Crandall said I will clarify it was up to 30 hours a week. It's not 30 hours each and every week for a 26-week period. So if you need his services for five hours during that week, he will bill for five hours.

Mr. Kaman said it is my sincere hope we will use Mr. Miears to get the Paper District back on track. Hopefully it will be his first priority and then go on to other economic development plans along with Mr. Schell to get new living wage jobs. Discussion then ensued.

Mr. Stahl said Mr. Miears should have a title. Mr. Kline commented and discussion ensued with the consensus on the title Senior Economic Development Advisor. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 –Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, P.E. Director of Engineering Services

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: There is no impact on the General Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-003 - Enter into a Lease Agreement with Peerless Stove and Manufacturing Company for the building and land located at 334 Harrison Street, Sandusky, Ohio. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** - Mr. Stahl said I have family so I will be abstaining on this issue. He then gave history on Peerless Stove.

Mr. Murray asked who negotiated the lease? Mr. Kline said the lease was brought to my desk the first or second day I arrived. Mr. Murray asked how was the rent established or was that something based upon an appraised value of the property? Mr. Kline said I don't know how this \$1,000 price came about. The date on it was extended for five years because we will be taking over that property for the expansion of our Wastewater Treatment Plant. So Peerless will have to relocate then. Mr. Icsman said the other aspect was that Mr. Huntley was going to do some expansion with the building and wanted the security of some kind of commitment so that he could do that expansion and get that return on investment. And Mr. Kline is correct, that building when we purchased it, was to demolish it to use for expansion of the plant, which is not going to occur anytime soon or at least not for the next five years. So all of that factored into arriving at the price. I can't speak for Mr. Miears, but I got to believe in our discussions, the building in all likelihood would be empty if it wasn't occupied by someone like Mr. Huntley. It's not in very good shape. We had our person go through it to make sure that it's not defective in any way. Discussion. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Waddington, Kaman, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 6. Nays: 0. Abstain, Stahl, 1. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

Item #5 – Brought to the meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 002-08R – Supporting Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur’s FY09 federal appropriation request for matching funds for the Development of The Ohio HUB Cleveland – Toledo – Detroit Passenger Rail Corridor; and declaring that this Resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Resolution be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Murray said we received word late last week that Congressman Kaptur was having this meeting and how this would be an affective aid to that process. My feeling is long term we’re looking at it would be very important to have high-speed rail in this area to connect us to major metropolitan areas. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then final passage of the Resolution as follows: Yeas: Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Resolution passed.

Under the **City Manager’s Report**, Mr. Matt Kline said it is requested that the following **donations** be accepted for the **Sandusky Police Department’s K-9 Unit**: Marvin Byer, \$25; Knights of Columbus, Sandusky Council, \$50; George L. Mylander, \$2,000. Mr. Fuqua said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded, carried.

Mr. Kline said it is requested a **\$300 donation** be accepted from **George Mylander for the Sandusky Police Department**. Mr. Fuqua said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded, the motion carried.

Mr. Kline said we have received one additional **\$10 donation for the “Friends of the Greenhouse”**. Mr. Fuqua said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded, carried.

Mr. Kline said **The Traffic Division has an old traffic signal from along S.R. 6**, which was replaced in 2007. The Signal is no longer of use to the City and **IAC (Lear) in Huron would like to purchase this signal and it is my recommendation that we dispose of it and sell this signal to them for \$25**. The four signals were sold in the City auction in 2007 for a total of \$11, one for \$6, one for \$3 and two for \$1 each. Mr. Fuqua said so moved. Mr. Stahl seconded, carried.

Mr. Kline said I have been debating on what to say or maybe not to say tonight, but I felt compelled to say a little bit. **Many people have been upset over the article in the paper in regards to the Fire Department over the weekend**. And I would ask everybody in the community to take a deep breath, relax, it’s okay. I personally have not read the letter and everything that I have been told, right now I don’t plan on reading the letter. My management style is not reactive. It never has been nor never will be. It’s always been proactive. I believe you will see some changes in many departments. I will have some recommendations that might need or require Commission action. I will also be managing each of these departments, making some decisions that I believe will be driving the City forward in a more progressive way. I’m not taking any, quite frankly any credence of what I’ve been told. If there were some problems and this person happened to be in a position of leadership, then he should have acted like a leader. I don’t believe you make false accusations, outlandish comments, critique something that happened 15 to 20 years ago, from what people have been telling me. We will manage each department professionally, progressively, and not reactive. Quite frankly I believe we have an excellent Fire Chief. The fire personnel that I have met are doing a very difficult job and all of the firemen that I have met are professional. They care about the job that they are doing and they care about the community. From my understanding, one of our Commissioners was also attacked in it, and again I apologize for not reading it, but these are accusations that again hold no water when it comes to me and the department and working with Chief Meinzer’s department. He has my full support.

Mr. Kline said **City offices will be closed next Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22.

Mr. Kline said I know there are some questions and comments in regards to Hayes Avenue Underpass and others. *President Murray asked were there any questions of the City Manager?* Mr. Kaman said on the sides that have the pipes coming out of them, it makes the sidewalks on that side very narrow, and Hayes Avenue especially, it’s very narrow and very dark. The sidewalks that have the steps going down to them, all of the sidewalks going down are in bad shape. We would like to have discussion about both of those tonight. So the students or citizens would have to walk to the end of the subway to get through them. They would still be open,

just one side only and also the lighting needs to be improved. The Tiffin Avenue lights light up the streets, but not the sidewalks. And Mrs. Henry that helped us clean up Saturday, said when she was in school she didn't walk underneath there, she crossed the tracks because of that reason. And walking home after sporting events or practices, it's dark, the lighting is bad and you have less than three feet of walking way. You have big three-foot columns there, that if someone wanted to do something, they could hide behind those columns, it'd be easy pickings. Also the subway railings along those walkways, they're rusted so bad, some of those are down to one pipe. And that's why we're requesting that we request discussion tonight of closing off the one side of each subway. That way we can cut our costs and just repair one side. Mr. Waddington said when we were cleaning that up, we found three hypodermic needles. I think the trash is horrible. Mr. Fuqua said I agree with most comments. My only concern is closing off the one side, is the number of kids that would be forced to cross the street. Mr. Waddington said we have a safety officer that works at the corner of Hayes and Osborne if they wanted to get across. Mr. Kaman said these are high school students and hopefully they know how to cross.

Mr. Kline said the good news is we are currently waiting for a letter from the railroad, which we hope to get here shortly and then we will be putting this project out to bid this year. So this underpass will be improved. We are also trying to get a hold of ODOT to find out where they are at on their schedule for Hayes Avenue also being a part in the paving program. It's been 10 or 11 years since it's been paved. We would like to see them work in conjunction with us to pave it from Perkins all the way from that, in conjunction with improving about a \$1.5 million project of improving the underpass this year. And we will press the railroad for what we need from them so that we can move forward. We have sent out our Street team to do some patching. I'm not sure I have an easy answer for temporary lighting. I will talk to Mrs. McKillips tomorrow about that. So hopefully soon we'll be bringing you an ordinance to go out to bid to clean that project up.

Mr. Kline said in addition I've talked to Mrs. McKillips about the improvements that we have made to the Columbus Avenue Underpass and at least doing some work there just to maintain it so it doesn't deteriorate any further, to spruce it up a bit.

Mr. Fuqua said to address Mr. Kaman's concerns about the post, is it possible to put temporary fencing along there, much like the fencing that is along the post? So no one could slip behind one of the posts and maybe jump out and grab someone? Mr. Waddington said I'm 270 pounds and there was no way that I'm going to be looking over my shoulder if I'm walking there. I got the plans from MPO and that's next year okay. but I've seen deterioration in the last six months. I've been out on three different occasions. And Camp Street is 2012, that's five years out. And why hasn't staff cleaned those out? I've tried. Lengthy discussion ensued. **Mr. Kaman said I make a motion that we close the west side of Hayes Avenue Underpass that has the drainage pipe coming through it. Mr. Waddington seconded.** President Kaman asked for discussion. Mr. Stahl said I support the motion, but I think the rest of its schematics on that at least until staff comes back to our next meeting. Let's leave the steps, the lights and all that to them and they can come back with some further recommendations. **President Murray asked for a vote on the motion, and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.**

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Waddington said **Honeywell Energy status update**, Thursday I met at the City Service Complex with Chris Hess of Honeywell. He went over the completed lighting upgrades and LED traffic lighting upgrades. All but nine intersections in the City are finished. The old red, yellow and green lights used 135 watts, where a red light now will use 10 watts. Yellow is 18 and green is 14. That is a considerable saving. All of the florescent lights have been changed from 32 watts to 28. This all adds up when you have thousands of lights at our buildings. The Greenhouse control system replacement and reglazing has been completed. Tomorrow Honeywell will start installing solar rays in the Greenhouse for renewable education as well as reduced energy that we use in that building. I like the idea that government has taken this initiative. And the HBAC upgrades at Big Island and other energy related work that is being performed, I am happy to see this renewable energy and eventually we are all going to have to change, residential too. Discussion.

Mr. Waddington said I asked this about a year ago if staff could look into **City cars and trucks (energy efficient)**. Do we need at 350 V8 and can we get by with a Ford Ranger or Chevy S10? We got a shovel and a bucket in the back and we're burning

dollars. Weather stripping, we did the thermostats, lights that come on when you walk into the room, so we're finally catching up. And hopefully we will see the payback next year when we can say we saved x-amount of dollars.

Mr. Waddington said the **storm water utilities**, I have been talking with Mrs. McKillips and the Mayor, it's actually a funding method or program concept organizational entity. Kathy McKillips and myself attended the County Storm Water Utility Overview meeting recently, presented by Douglas Noel. I'm concerned now how the City of Sandusky fits into the overall picture with more frequent flooding and continued buildings that now flood. What is Sandusky's plan? I think we need to figure out what we are going to do because we receive all the water. We're at the lowest point.

Mr. Waddington said other questions, aging infrastructure, maintenance, etc., future plans. I have expressed my concerns to Eric Dodrill and members of Pipe Creek, which I am a member. Now projects like the VOA and the possible building by the Sandusky Mall, we're going to be getting more and more water and we can only process so much. A ten-inch pipe is a ten-inch pipe. If it's filled to capacity and not taking thousands every year, more gallons of storm water and if it runs up over the bay, then I got a EPA problem. So then this is something we're going to really have to take a hard look at. So I have another meeting this coming week.

Mr. Murray said one of the things we talked about in the VOA Project is it was reported to us that it was a Category 3 Wetlands back there, which is part of the problem of cleaning that ditch along the railroad. So we really need to take a comprehensive look at what we're doing with storm water in our community because we're simply the mouth of the creek. And we're not the ones creating the issues, but obviously we have to deal with it. I think with all that we have going on, we may have to bring someone in to help with this. And we talked about the possibility of Bob Hagg coming in a couple hours, up to four hours per week. Another thing that Mr. Kline would like to do with Mr. Hagg, there is a lot to manage there in terms of how a storm water utility would be created, how it would be funded, how properties would be fairly assessed. And I think it is going to require someone with some centralized knowledge who can stay on top of that, not a lot of time, but someone who has that as their focus.

Mr. Waddington said they have the swales dug out, my concern is the farm fields are about 2-1/2 to 3 feet high than what the VOA is building. So if it is being built through that rock, it's going to be a lot faster coming down. And the EPA questions, I know they don't want a backwash and it can actually flood out in two different directions. Mrs. McKillips said the VOA are building 15 units over in Foxborough Commons area. And several years ago when they proposed the project, we required them to clean out their portion of the ditch and put in retention for the storm water so they could manage on their property without increasing the load onto the existing ditch. And the County required that of their projects and we required it of any projects in town. The City petitioned to have the County take over that ditch as part of their ditch program and the County has been working on that ever since. It's taken that long because they ran into issues. The Corps of Engineers and the Ohio EOA does not want the City or County to mess with the ditch there by the railroad. Where it goes out in the bay there is a marsh area, there's a wetlands right there on the south side of the railroad. It is an issue. In further talking with one of the property owners in that location, basically they determined that the main problem is the bay. When the wind blows out of the north, the bay level increases. And it doesn't stop some water from flowing into the bay, but it does decrease the velocity that's blowing into the bay. So that is an issue. And of course if you have a very large storm and the wind is blowing out of the north, that ditch does fill up very quickly. So right now the County is moving forward with the proposal to possibly install the dike and a pump station type building to hold back the bay water and to still continue to pump the storm water into the ditch that heads out towards the bay. Right now they have hired a consultant to further study this issue. Once that study is complete and they either confirm that that structure is going forth, but in a different alternative in order to address storm water issues in that area. We'll know more hopefully in the next several months.

Mr. Kaman asked will any of that be done before residents move in, because it sounds and it looks to me that we put the cart before the horse? We're going to have drainage issues out there and a 10-inch pipe and you have this beautiful two lakes that do drainage and retention ponds out there, but they drain into where the County

takes up. And it's going to be a dead end and that water is going to backup and we're going to have flooding issues like we were concerned about. Hopefully not with those new ditches, but right now it's all just sitting out there. When you go back to what the County is going to do, will they have that done before residents move in? Mrs. McKillips said I don't know. I'm not sure. In order for this project to move forward, they are looking for the City's CDBG funding of this project, overall correcting of the project. Mr. Murray said I thought we petitioned the County to do that work that the property owners did. So therefore it would be the County who would fund it and that would be assessed against the property. Mrs. McKillips said that is an option, but when we're talking about putting in a dike with a pump station, we're talking more than just taking a backhoe and digging out a ditch, which was what was originally petitioned. Originally we thought they could go in there, clean the ditch out. And they would basically resculpt the ditch and move all of the vegetation and it would allow water to flow out at the rate that it should be. Plus now we have more information from our regulatory agencies. And this new, it's not for sure, but a possibility, but if they do move forward with some type of like a head wall with basically a low pump that pumps the water up the other side of it, now you're talking about a lot more money.

Mr. Kaman said I remember when this VOA Project came up Mr. Waldock, one of the property owners out there were very concerned. He came to this meeting and voiced his concerns about the flooding and it seems like right now just by looking at it Saturday, we're doing exactly what he predicted. That this is going to be a lower level elevation property. It's going to flood. The flooding from the runoff from the new properties and the fields are going to cause the already flooding problems out to his spot that leads to worsen. I've seen it because all of that water is sitting out there. Mrs. McKillips said just need to remind you that back when this project was proposed, several of the flooding incidents that happened at the time were not storm related. It's was sanitary related. But the City has put a lot of money into upgrading our storm from our sanitary sewer system in that area in order to address the issues that were brought up at the time the project was proposed. And I can't say we will never have another sanitary sewer backup, but at this point I think we have done everything that we can in that area. At the time this project was proposed the storm sewer was not a concern as far as the basement flooding issue. And Mr. Waldock does have concerns as far as the bay backup, but that's a different issue. We can not control the level of the bay. But there's the possibility of controlling it from backing up into the existing ditch. President Murray said I encourage you to move along this storm water utilities concept because I think in the last couple years we've seen the increased flooding and the Friends of Pike Creek have been very active. And we have seen a number of places in the City and in the County where we've got big problems and we've tried to address them piece meal and it will never be effective or cost effective doing it that way. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kline said just to clarify, I have been briefly working with the County Commissioners on what the countywide project is. Do you want us to work with them or create our own storm sewer utilities? President Murray said from my part, I want you to continue to work with the County. I think it needs to be a countywide solution and I think the County's right on. There's a lot of different variations to that. Some of which have a different impact on the citizens of the City of Sandusky. And I think it's also important that we remain engaged in the process so that our voices are heard in the fair way to resolve those issues. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kaman said I don't want to beat this thing to death, but Mayor Bickley from Milan is here. And the County can clean every ditch from Milan to Sandusky, but if we don't clean the one going into the bay, it's not going to matter. And Mr. Kline I would like you to walk that ditch, because the trash that is in there it goes from a six foot ditch to a ditch about one foot tall.

Mr. Fuqua said first what I'm about to say I apologize for not contacting any of the Commissioners about this, but I didn't read the newspaper until late last night and I've been gone from Sandusky since about 5:30 this morning. But I just want to say that I'm very, very, very disappointed and disheartened with the **comments that Mr. Davis made in the paper yesterday regarding the Paper District** down here. I mean the negative connotations that he spewed towards Sandusky really bothered me. And the comment he made about the Keller Building looking like Harlem, that really bothered me. Call me over sensitive if you want to, but being a minority that

comment really struck home with me. And I don't know what he has to do to rectify that, but I will say this, once we are finished with any business that we have with Mr. Davis I honestly hope that we do no more business with him. Because in my opinion, he does not have the class, dignity or tack that his father had. And again, I was really, really disturbed about those comments in the paper. And again I'll apologize for not contacting any of my fellow Commissioners about that, but it was just that I was up late last night and up early this morning. And once we're done with this gentleman, I hope all ties are cut. And with that, anybody can say anything, but I just felt the need to say that. President Murray said we do have an enforcement contract with MidStates. We will be expecting payment in full, the \$100,000, and we will continue the dialogue with Mr. Davis I'm sure to make sure that that happens.

Mr. Kaman asked for an **update on the overpass and the water towers**. Mrs. McKillips said the West End Overpass Project continues. Back in the middle of December ODOT received the drainage study from their consultant, what to do with the storm water. The study did not include all of the information that ODOT was looking for. So right before Christmas ODOT sent a response back to the consultant requesting additional information. And according to ODOT, we're supposed to be expecting that information this week. I do not have a copy of the study yet, so once we get that information and review it, determine whether or not we move forward with a new structure extension or it depends upon whatever it is and whatever additional costs it may be to the project. The water towers, we are currently out to bid. At the next meeting we'll be bringing an amendment to our agreement with our design consultant for construction services in anticipation of our bidding process. We plan on opening bids up February 5th. Mr. Kaman said you did decide before that they will be all steel ones? Mrs. McKillips said composites, steel composites. Steel being on top with a concrete pedestal.

President Murray said there is in draft form **revised legislation for the public vehicles for hire**. That's a variation to the existing taxicab ordinance. That will be set up for a public meeting sometime in February to gain input from members of the public and obviously the taxi cab drivers themselves. It is designed to plug a loophole in terms of limousines that were slipping between the cracks. Discussion.

President Murray said with what has been going on in the Housing Department, we have not been able to move forward with the vacant **Commercial Building Registration** legislation. The Fire Chief has been involved with that and I want that to stay on the front burner so that we can address that because it has a lot of safety implications of crime, fire and economic development implications. Sometimes we simply can't figure out who has the thing or what's in it and it would be very helpful if we could give that information out.

President Murray said with respect to the **Joint Sandusky/Perkins Police Station**, we have been invited to continue the dialogue whether or not a joint police facility makes sense for both communities long term. The Perkins Trustees will be holding their meeting on February 12th at six o'clock. I think at the same time it would be important to continue the discussion about what it is that we are going to do with our own dispatch here in the City of Sandusky. Long term I am 100% in favor of having county-wide dispatch, but we have a situation that we need to address here in the very near future with some antiquated equipment that would be very, very expensive for us to replace. And both we and Perkins may find that it's cost effective to have them do that. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kaman asked where are we on the **Steuk property, Route 6?** Mrs. Carrie Handy said that is a commercial property that would fall under the Building Department. We and the Health Department cannot enforce it because there's no residential units in that property, unless there would be trash or lots of yard debris we wouldn't get involved. Mr. Kaman said there is a house on the property. Mrs. Handy asked if that would also need Code Enforcement in the back. I have not been out there recently, but we can certainly go out and look at the house. But the commercial building up towards the road would fall under the Building Department. Mr. Kaman said I am concerned mainly about the old Steuk's building and the barn, and the house is back there also. The Steuk's building the roof is caved in on the front. I mean I agree with Mr. Davis, it is starting to look like the Keller Building. You can see right through it. Mrs. Carrie Handy said I will get the Building Official to

go out there. President Murray said I think that highlights the problem of treating vacant residential buildings and vacant commercial buildings differently. I don't really see the reason to do it. I realize Carrie you have been working 25 hours a day lately and this is not an opportune time to get going on this legislation. But I think I would like to continue the dialogue going forward once your department does get back up and running the way it is supposed. Because I think it makes more sense to have an integrated treatment of residential and commercial buildings. Mrs. Handy said we are still working on the Vacant Property Ordinance. The Law Department and the Fire Department have still been working on it. So we hope to have a draft here in a couple of months. Discussion.

Mr. Kaman said just so I'm clear, who do I talk to about the Steuk's store? Mrs. McKillips said it did come up in one of our last meetings and I believe Mr. Miars was trying to make contact with the property owner. We have his contact information. Mr. Kaman said my goal would be to have it torn down by summer, tourist season.

Under New Business, Mr. Waddington said I would like to make a motion to the Commission tonight for \$1,500 for a working budget for the March 12th David Conkle speaker that we will have at the Cedar Point Center for our Sustainability for Alternative Energy Solutions Task Force for Erie County. It is a workshop for employees and residents. Discussion. **Mr. Kaman seconded. The President asked for a vote on the motion, and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion passed.**

Mrs. Farrar said the **traffic light on the overpass** coming around from Sandusky Steel heading south, could they cover that when Cedar Point season is over? President Murray asked that Mrs. McKillips look into it.

President Murray said we need to make appointments to a number of City Boards and Commissions tonight.

ADA Advisory Board, 2-year terms with each expiring December 31, 2009, Coralee Bosworth; Bob Warner; and Hugo Schaufelberger. Mr. Crandall moved, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2-year terms expiring December 31, 2009, Peter Craige, C.P.A., Brent Gardner, and Al Nickles, C.P.A. James L. (Don) Miars an unexpired term until December 31, 2009. Liaison Alternate-Brett Fuqua.

BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE, Judy Corso, Mark Harrington, Joe Hayberger, Steve Poggiali, Lance Warner and Carl Wolf. Mr. Fuqua moved, Mr. Waddington seconded, carried. Liaison-Julie Farrar. Mr. Fuqua moved, Mr. Waddington seconded, carried.

CITY COMMISSION, DEPARTMENTAL LIAISONS

Community Development – Julie Farrar.

ELECTRICIAN EXAMINING BOARD, 1-year terms expiring December 31, 2008. Dan Fresch, Daniel Hartleib, Kenneth Tunnell, Battalion Chief Michael Yost. Mr. Kaman moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried.

ERIE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT, 5-year terms expiring December 31, 2012, George Mylander. Mrs. Farrar moved, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - City Representatives - Liaison Member Dan Kaman. Mr. Waddington moved, Mrs. Farrar seconded, carried.

FAIR HOUSING BOARD, 5 -year terms expire Dec. 31, 2012, Barry Vermeeren. Mr. Fuqua moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried.

HOUSING APPEALS BOARD, 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2009, Bob Warner. Mr. Crandall moved, Mrs. Farrar seconded, carried.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, 5-year terms expiring October 10, 2012, Wendy Dempsey and Dora Grant. Mr. Kaman moved, Mr. Stahl seconded, carried.

Unexpired term of October 10, 2008 for Dr. Richard Koonce. Mr. Waddington moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried. Liaison -Brett Fuqua. Mr. Kaman moved, Mr. Stahl seconded, carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION, 6-year terms expiring Jan. 18, 2014, Dr. Paul Ernst. Mr. Waddington moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried. Liaison Member - Brett Fuqua, Sr. Mr. Waddington moved, Mrs. Farrar seconded, carried.

RECREATION BOARD, 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2010, Jackie Collins and Sherrie Waddington. Mrs. Farrar moved, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried. Liaison - Dave Waddington. Mr. Fuqua moved, Mrs. Farrar seconded, carried.

SANDUSKY TREE COMMISSION, 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2010, unexpired term John Parker. Mr. Waddington moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried. Term expiring December 31, 2010 - Craig Hofer and Joe Viviano. Mrs. Farrar moved, Mr. Crandall seconded, carried.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - 5-year terms expiring 2012, John Feick. Mr. Kaman moved, Mr. Waddington seconded, carried. City Liaison - Craig Stahl. Mr. Crandall moved, Mr. Waddington seconded, carried.

WATER REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD - City Liaison Dan Kaman. Mrs. Farrar moved, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

Mr. Crandall said I would request an **executive session pending litigation**. Mr. Waddington seconded. The Clerk called the roll: Yes: Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Mr. Crandall said I would request an **executive session pending litigation, Housing Department**. Mr. Waddington seconded. The Clerk called the roll: Yes: Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, Fuqua, Crandall, Farrar, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. Brian Huntley, 527 Columbus Avenue, commented on his company and what they did

Milan Mayor Robert Bickley, commented on windpower, stormwater and a mill levy to upgrade.

President Kaman said they would take a five-minute break and return.

At 6:50 p.m. President Kaman, Commission and the Administrative returned to the table and held an executive session on pending litigation.

An executive session was held on pending litigation, Housing Department. Mr. Fuqua left the chambers because a family member was involved.

At 8:15 p.m. President Kaman returned to the table and entertained motions for adjournment. Mr. Crandall said so moved. It was seconded by Mr. Fuqua and carried.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR., PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION