

NOVEMBER 24, 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 Craig Stahl, (*Dennis Murray-excused*), Brett Fuqua, Julie Farrar, Bob Warner, Dave Waddington and Dan Kaman 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; and the Administrative Staff of the Director of Engineering Services Kathy McKillips, Fire Chief Mike Meinzer, Interim Police Chief Charlie Sams, Administrative Services Director Warrenette Parthemore, Economic Development Specialist Scott Schell, and Chief Planner Carrie Handy. The audience and the news media were present.

Mr. Kaman offered the **invocation** and everyone remained standing for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

The Clerk called the **roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington and Kaman.

Mr. Waddington moved to accept **minutes of November 10, 2008**, and dispense with the formal reading of same. Mr. Kaman seconded and the motion carried.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mrs. Janice Warner, Erie-Huron CAC Director, said she came to let the Commission view the Clarence Seavers plaque and thank them and the City of Sandusky on behalf of the Board of Trustees for their generous donation. She said that they had also requested that the name of S. Depot Street be changed to Seavers Way in Mr. Seavers' honor. The Clerk stated that there would be a public hearing on December 8th.

Mr. Wesley Poole, 1939 E. Oldgate, and John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented on agenda items.

PRESENTATION: Wayfinding & Signage Plan – Brady Sign Company
Representatives Carol Fox, Mark Morehart, Christine Brady

Mr. Waddington moved to accept all communications from tonight's meeting. Mr. Kaman seconded, carried.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

ITEM #1 – This item was passed at first reading on November 10th.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-128 - Amending Part Nine – Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code, Title Five – Other Public Services, by the amendment of Chapter 955 – Solid Waste Disposal, in the manner and way specifically set forth hereinbelow. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be **passed at second reading**. The Clerk called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. **Vice President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed at second reading, effective after 30 days.**

CURRENT BUSINESS

ITEM #2 – Communication – Michael R. Meinzer, Fire Chief

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: All proceeds from the sale of the 1990 Sutphen Fire Pumper will be placed into the Fire Department's Equipment Replacement Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-129 - Dispose of the 1990 Sutphen Fire Pumper as being unnecessary and unfit for City use pursuant to Section 25 of the City Charter and authorizing the sale of the 1990 Sutphen Fire Pumper through competitive bidding. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Communication – Charlie Sams, Interim Chief of Police

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The Community Police Station Lease is for \$1.00 a year and funds will come from the department's budget, line item 110-1010-53000.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-130 - Enter into a Lease Agreement with Foxborough Commons to establish a Community Oriented Police Station at 2012 Fox Run Trail, Apt. #10, Sandusky, Ohio. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Waddington asked what happens next summer with the police boat and the Ordinance if the Sandusky Police Department reorganizes its manpower from the marina patrol, because they would be short of manpower? Interim Chief Sams said they were already short manpower. He had conversations with Mr. Kaman who asked them to look into their operation of the boat patrol and they looked to alternatives to the way that they had been doing it. Currently they were talking to several other agencies. So they would not be doing the ODNR Grant next year or doing the boat patrol the way they have been.

Mr. Kaman asked is the crime rate going up in that neighborhood? Interim Chief Sams said they have had talks with Mr. Waldock and some of his employees a long time about problems out there and he had several citizens contact him about issues going on out there and they have seen some narcotic activity. They sat down with Mr. Waldock and his employees for solutions and this was one of the things that he hoped would relieve some of the problems. Mr. Kaman asked did they have internal stopgaps in place so they don't have the fiasco like last time. Interim Chief Sams said absolutely. They would have better supervision. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, Engineering Director

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: Funds for this licensing fee are routinely included in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Budget each year.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-131 - Payment to the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the Annual Discharge Fee for NPDES Permit Number 2PF00001 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Calendar Year 2009. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Warner that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Kaman said this was an unfunded mandated just like it was when Mr. Ginty was on the Commission. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 – Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, Engineering Director

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: Funds for purchase of Bulk Rock Salt are routinely included in the Traffic Services Operating Budget. The 2009 Street Budget reflects same expenditures for 2009 as spent in 2008 for Road Salt. However, with increase in the unit price, the same budget amount will only provide 1,340 tons for CY 2009.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-132 - Purchase Bulk Highway Deicing Rock Salt for the Division of Traffic to be used in the Calendar Year 2009 from Morton International, Inc., Morton Salt Division of Chicago, Illinois. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Waddington said the contract pricing is for 86.49% over from last year. That's why they were going to have to watch this winter with our salt. Mr. Kaman said he thought we needed to ask Scott Miller to get with Troy Vaccaro and see if there was a way that we could have less salt come out of these salt trucks, because when you put salt down a week later you have white residue and dust clouds. Mr. Stahl said the last meeting we also heard about soy based that we should be looking into too. All of those things were pretty much on the cutting edge and comments are well taken. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #6 – Communication – Jane E. Cullen, EIT

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The revised project cost based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$1,460,302.45. Federal Funds through the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will fund \$860,318.30 (80% of eligible costs) with the City's share of the project coming from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$277,005.87 and the Water Fund in the amount of \$322,978.28.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-133 - Enter into a contract with Erie Blacktop, Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Mills Street Reconstruction Project. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #7 – Communication – Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: If the grant application is awarded, the City of Sandusky will receive \$2,500.00 to promote and offer a Tire Recycling Drop Off Day for its residents. There is an in-kind match of \$2,752.00, which represents City Staff's personal wages, community volunteers, donations of recycling flyers from the Erie County Waste Management District and use of the Service Department's dump truck.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-032R - Approving and ratifying the grant application submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention for funding to promote and offer a Tire Recycling Day and if awarded, authorizing the City Manager to execute any required agreements. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mr. Warner that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion – Mrs. Farrar said she had seen it at Osborne Park. What are we going to do with the recycled tires? Are they going to be ground up to be used under the playground equipment because it's much softer? Can we look into reusing it and grinding it up? Mrs. Handy said it would be hauled away by an approved licensed hauler and she was sure that was what they were going to do with them. Whether they could get that back or not, she was not sure, but she would check. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Resolution: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Resolution passed.

ITEM #8– Communication – Ruth S. Haag

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: No impact to the General Fund is anticipated. The total estimated project cost including inspection, advertising, Brownfields/BLRA oversight, and miscellaneous expenses is \$1,311,691.25. Based upon a discussion with the City Manager on 14-Nov-08, it is presently planned that the project will be budgeted through the City's Capital Projects account, based upon notes to be issued by the City and retired with the proceeds from the TIF arrangement on the Chesapeake Lofts Condominium.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-08R - Repealing Resolution No. 041-06R and declaring the necessity for the City of Sandusky, Ohio, to proceed with the proposed Paper District Public Waterfront Improvements Project as part of the Bayfront Paper District Redevelopment Project; approving the revised 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. Kaman and seconded by Mrs. Farrar that this Resolution be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Kaman thanked staff, Waterfront Watchdogs, Commissioners and everyone for getting this going, and the Haag's. They had a meeting Saturday and there were people from the Chesapeake and other residents, and they had a good consensus of where they were going now. The Clerk called the roll on the motion: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. The Clerk then called the roll on final passage of the Resolution: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the Resolution passed.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Kline said **donations**, based on an ordinance we passed earlier this evening it was requested that a **\$1 donation from Dave Waddington be accepted to cover the 2009 lease payment for the new COP Station at Foxborough Commons.**

Mr. Kline said it was requested that a **\$420 donation be accepted for the Sandusky Fire Department's Trust Fund.** These are proceeds from the recent pancake breakfast hosted by the Firefighters at the Commons of Providence.

Mr. Kline said it was requested that the **City accept a donation of one of the lighthouses recently purchased in an auction sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Merry-Go-Round Museum.** It is to be permanently placed in Washington Parks during the spring/summer months and it will be placed indoors at a City Facility during the winter months. He was hoping to have that actually placed here at City Hall so more residents will be able to see it.

Mr. Kline said it is requested that a **\$15,000 donation be accepted from the Frost-Parker Foundation to be utilized to obtain a Feasibility Study/Business Plan for a proposed Ice Arena and Multi-Purpose Facility to be located in Sandusky.** Through a series of e-mails he had updated the plans of doing this type of study. They have gone out looking for professional services. They believe they have found a proven company that has not only done plans, putting the business plans together, but actually implemented them. They manage these types of facilities throughout the country, one of them is located in Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. Kline said it was requested that **\$30 from Ms. Lizette Grannis be accepted in memory of Eleanor Till.**

Mr. Kline said it is requested that a **\$3,198 donation be accepted from the Wightman Wieber Foundation to be utilized for the purchase of portable video cameras for use in city parks and public areas.**

Mr. Kline said it is requested that the following **donations be accepted for the Friends of the Greenhouse Endowment account in memory of Ray Moosbrugger:** Gayle Lamb, \$35; Jake Kreidler, \$15; Craig Soule, \$25; Frances & James McKenna, \$25; A. J. Oliver, Jr. & Mary Jane Hahle, \$100; Carol Ebert, \$20; R.C. & B.B. Wuertz, \$25; Carol Steuk, \$25; Gerald & Sondra Kootman, \$25; Carol Wolfe, \$100; and Mark & Linda Adams, \$50. Mr. Waddington said he would move to accept all of the previous donations. Mrs. Farrar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Kline said some announcements. The **City's leaf collection** is currently about 1½ days off of the posted schedule and they anticipated completing the first round of each zone by the end of next week. There will then be one more run-through of the entire city beginning with Zone 5 during the second week of December.

Mr. Kline said the **City of Sandusky's Greenhouse will be a part of the 2008 Candlelight Tour of Homes** on December 7 - 8 from 6-9 p.m. For ticket information call the Old House Guild at 419.627.0640.

Mr. Kline said the **Mills Creek Golf Course season passes make great Christmas presents** are for sale in the Customer Accounting Office at the City Building. Discounts are offered for seniors, spouses, military, youth and families and they can call 419.627.5895 for more information.

Mr. Kline said the **Sled Hill at Mills Creek Golf Course will be open** as snowy weather begins to arrive from dawn to dusk. *Vice President Stahl asked were there any questions for the City Manager? As there were none, he continued.*

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Waddington said he stopped in Friday for an updated tour with Mr. Pisarsky at the **Greenhouse** and he related to him that we had logged nearly 1,000 volunteer hours there and the parks. The Community Foundation with the Kellogg Grant is moving along and they were also looking at installing a waste oil burner there so they could burn oil to help defray the heating cost. So more and more each passing week it was becoming more sustainable, which would reduce the cost to run that and it's also going to be a Teen Learning Center. It turned out a lot better than he envisioned when they started this project.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Waddington said on December 3rd they would have their **Erie County Sustainability Task Force** at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at City Hall. They also have a website, which is sustainohio.org and some of the topics on there is energy savings, panels for solar, recycling and storm water.

Mr. Waddington said also with the **City on the wind turbines they had the Sandusky City Schools involved** and Mr. Kline and Bill Pfal were looking at it. And they did get the \$10,000 grant from Wightman/Wieber for the turbine. So this was finally happening after three years and there was a wind turbine up back here, and he brought in the little pictures and everybody laughed at him. There were solar panels going up. *Mr. Kline said at the next meeting the group that they had gotten together to try to encourage wind turbine manufacturing here in Erie County would do a presentation.* Mr. Waddington said Bill Moneghan, a County Commissioner, he was hoping that he got involved more and some of the other Commissioners. There are some job opportunities out there and why can't we get some here? A lot of ships carry turbine parts right past us and we should look at that and solar panels and sustainability recycling and reducing the costs of what we are putting into our County Landfill.

Mr. Kline said the City of Huron was part of the group that would be making the presentation. They meet every Friday to push for sustainable energy via winter with the idea of attracting a manufacturing facility to locate here in Erie County. It was based off a meeting that was actually spearheaded by Mr. Waddington back in the spring. They were introduced to a European company that is also located in Canada and is willing to locate a manufacturing facility in the United States. They have work that has been authorized by the Commission and they are currently under study by EPS out of Huron. EPS just finished Huron's study and they were going to be contracting with another local government and now they are trying to get the schools involved and hopefully if they can place enough orders to show there is a market here, then the manufacturing will follow. So it was not only trying to be green and save energy, it was also to try to create jobs.

Mr. Warner said he would request an **executive session on Personnel, replacement for City Commission vacancy**. Mrs. Farrar seconded. The Clerk called the roll: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the motion carried.

Mr. Warner said he would request an **executive session on Pending Litigation**. Mr. Fuqua seconded. The Clerk called the roll: Yeas: Stahl, Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, 6. Nays: 0. Vice President Stahl declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kaman asked about the **appeal process on Code violations** because he received a letter from a **guy and he's stacked wood for 34 years and this year he got a complaint filed on him**. He has not heard anything back from Mrs. Handy or Mr. Kline. Mrs. Handy said for nuisance violations, it would be for court. So he had to file an appeal through Erie County Common Pleas Court. It's not that he can't stack the wood there, he doesn't have it stacked up off the ground to prevent bugs and other things living in it. It has to be 18 inches above the ground. Mr. Kaman said he was driving around this weekend and there was wood all over the City. This was the first complaint. Mrs. Handy said no, they've been citing a lot of people for that. Mr. Kaman said he didn't think this was a good use of our time, but a write up is a write up. Vice President Stahl said it was on a complaint basis, when someone complains that starts the process.

Vice President Stahl said he believed they all received **resumes from 11 to 13 different applicants today for the soon to be open City Commission post (Dennis Murray)**. Maybe this would be a good chance for them to talk about what process they want to take as they move forward in this election process. He guessed that there were a couple of ways that they could do it. They could cut the list down. They could let it percolate for another two weeks and review the resumes. *The consensus was that they would let it go for two more weeks.*

Mr. Kline said their **road resurfacing budget** for this year, if they included concrete streets, cold patch, hot patch, movement of asphalt here and there, it was less than \$100,000. That's just not adequate enough and so they end up in the budget that they phase. We were awarded CDBG Funds for this year for this round of a little over \$400,000, which the Commission has planned to resurface Hayes Avenue. They were rebidding out the Hayes Avenue Underpass and then utilizing CDBG Funds to continue that paving program all the way to Columbus.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. King Baer, 401 W. Shoreline Drive, Unit 351, commended Matt Kline, Scott Schell and all the City employees for their work.

Mr. Gerrard Schmidt, 178 E. Market Street, said he moved here three years ago from South Carolina and his antique shop was open for two years and he closed due to parking issues and robberies. There's no parking meters and he has not seen a parking ticket written on Market Street in over a year. Feick Building employees and other businesses downtown park on Market Street through the entire day, eight to ten hours. How is he supposed to run his business and have his customers some place to park and buy a piece of furniture and carry it down to the parking garage or across the street behind Markley's? Why can't he have parking spaces in front of his business? Two years ago he spoke and they said they were going to do a study. Two years ago a construction vehicle pulled in front of his store and urinated in the middle of the street in front of his customers. He contacted the police and filed a report with the Prosecutor. They told him he should of wiped up the urine so they would have evidence. You have a wonderful town, but he would tell anyone that wants to bring a business here, no way, there's no support. There was an incident report to Kevin Baxter and he gave the license number, they knew where the people worked, nothing was done. He was broken into three times. They had a footprint of the one guy that did the break-in and he gave evidence on another crime and they let him off on his crime. They want business here, please tell him how?

Mr. Ginty asked for an update on Monroe Street at G&C Foundry, and if anyone had knowledge of Mr. Bickley's windmill and was he successful in getting tied in to Ohio Edison where they buy his power back? Vice President Stahl said Mr. Bickley is selling power back to Ohio Edison of about seven to eight hours a day. Mr. Kline said on G&C it was going to be one of two ways. They were trying not to strong-arm a potential business investment, but they have had nearly daily conversations with the individual. It was a long story of a friendship gone bad of one not knowing what the other was doing and then the partner left town. They were encouraging negotiations between several potential buyers and the current owner. If they have to, they probably will have to expedite it like they did the Steuk Property.

Mr. Jeff Krabill, 300 E. Water Street, congratulated the City on a well-done job. And here in Sandusky they have developers bringing jobs to us and investments like John Eymann. With the economic situation facing our community, he had never seen anything like it in the history of our City or anything near the size and scope of this. The developer has stuck with us through thick and thin and the Commissioners had a big deal on their hands that needed to move forward in any appropriate way. This project has been discussed. It has been debated. They've had public meetings. They have had a public vote on this. Nothing of substance has changed, but the project has been improved tremendously by citizens concerned about various parts of it.

Mr. Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, questioned agenda items. He asked had they identified locations in the City of Sandusky where they can manufacture wind turbines where they can not only get the income tax generated from the people that live outside the City that would work at that manufacturer, plus the people that live in the City that would also work there? Mr. Kline said he could not give him the name of the company, but from what he is told there are two companies that have that capability of being able to at least manufacture some parts. One for sure was within the City, but Erie County too. Mr. Schwanger said the \$123 million on the Chesapeake Walkway it really doesn't specify, but it was for that and the communication does away with the ordinance and severs ties with MidStates? Mr. Kline said his understanding was the City had originally bid this project out before. They had to pass a resolution of necessity. It was bid out successfully. There was a low bidder, but since they never got with the developer in a agreement to the actual sale of the bonds or for the financial part of being able to proceed, when those parts broke down, in his bid it is only good for a certain period time. It was before he got here, but his understanding was that the successful bidder actually extended that bid period and held onto to that bid to make it good for at least two periods, thirty to 60 days or two months that that bid was good for. Those times ran out and the project basically died. That resolution has never died, but you were revoking that one to rebid this out. And you had the southeast corner between Jackson Street Pier and the Chesapeake and then the northwest corner where the sidewalk was going to end, it's going to be filled in. And right now the \$1.3 million is to just do the steel piling of the rock, the ten-foot wide sidewalk all the way around and be filling in that hole, but that hole right now is just being filled with \$1.3 of just gravel, topsoil and

grass with an extra possible contingencies you usually do around \$250,000. So another \$250,000 roughly, they were projecting with an Engineer's estimate there between Jackson Street Pier and the Chesapeake on the southeast corner and they may possibly do something in the Plaza area such as park benches. So when he talked about the \$1.8 million that was the whole process, plus contingencies. He explained the bond process.

Mr. Barry Brady, 198 E. Main Street, Norwalk, said the fall of 2000 he was with a company that reroofed two buildings on the east side of Foxborough Commons, and he saw several illicit activities, which caused him to be fearful because the guy was packing and it was a failed drug deal. At that time there was a mini-station there and he was happy to see the COPS Station coming back. His son lived there half of this year and a pizza guy was mugged just for a pizza and when they would come home they literally run from their car to the building. He was in construction and traveled extensively and the economy was such that construction was grinding to a halt just about everywhere. Development in Norwalk was piece-mealed and contractors were coming from out of town, but here in Sandusky they had an opportunity because in the Marina District agreement there were provisions for local labor. It was an opportunity that he wished that he had in Huron County and it was a very positive for this City and Erie County. It was an opportunity for young men and women to get into apprentice programs. And once the citizens speak it was detrimental to go back on it. He represented 108 carpenters in this County and quite a few live in this City and right now they would all love to have a job.

Mr. A. J. Oliver, 1112 Wayne Street, complimented the City for getting back involved in community policing and it really worked to stabilize communities and reduce crime, and just perhaps as importantly it shows that the City really cares. He wouldn't mind working on a levy to actually support community policing and have extra tax revenues available for that. He thanked the City for getting them involved in the Natural Gas Aggregation Program the last two years, because there were a lot of people that weren't computer savvy and were elderly. He thanked them for moving forward with the Paper District Project, especially the Walkway around it, which could really help move the Bayfront Corridor forward. He did extensive traveling and all of these cities have great waterfronts like we do and they all have waterfront walks for strolling and visiting parks, museums and restaurants. They really draw people.

Mr. Matt Erhardt, 105 W. Market Street, asked should the City of Sandusky proceed with the public/private redevelopment project portions of City Hall, Battery Park and the Surf's Up Properties for residential and commercial development, while preserving and enhancing the City's parks and waterfront access for public purposes? They said yes. He thought he would stop down here tonight to tell them that it is still yes. He thought the Commission did a great job working with staff to develop a plan to draw a reputable developer who has stood by this City for a long time, willing to still move forward with us and now he's waiting on us. So he hoped the Commission takes any action needed or required to make sure this goes forward. He listened to folks talk about crime, but in fact we need more services. We should be worried about fires. We should be worried about crime. What's one way to improve that situation? It's economic revitalization, big projects, big opportunities to revitalize this portion of downtown. The Paper District is great. The action taken to move that forward is great. That spurred the Marina District opportunity. He says move that forward and continue to bring those financial opportunities, those labor opportunities, the opportunities that young people can gain through apprenticeships that they may never get. It was really important.

At 6:44 p.m. Vice President Stahl stated that they would take a ten-minute break and return for an executive session. At 6:54 p.m. the City Commission only returned.

An executive session was held on Personnel, replacement for City Commission vacancy.

Vice President Stahl returned to the table and entertained motions for adjournment.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN

CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

CRAIG H. STAHL, VICE PRESIDENT

SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION