

DECEMBER 26, 2007

6:30 P.M.

At 6:30 p.m. a meeting was held for the **SWEARING IN CEREMONY AND ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION** in the City Building Commission Chambers, 222 Meigs Street, with City Commissioners Brett Fuqua, Dave Waddington, Craig Stahl, Dan Kaman, Dennis Murray, Brian Crandall and Julie A. 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, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Ricci, and Administrative Services Director Warrenette Parthemore. It was an open meeting with the audience and the news media present.

President Kaman offered the **invocation**, everyone stood for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**; and the Clerk called the **roll** with all Commissioners present.

President Kaman asked that the Clerk read the communication relating to the filing of the Certificates of Election. **The Clerk of the City Commission, B. Joyce Brown, then read the communication stating that the Certificates of Election for Julie A. Farrar, Brett L. Fuqua, Sr., Daniel J. Kaman and David L. Waddington had been received and were on file in the Office of the City Commission for the term commencing January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011.** President Kaman stated that he needed a motion. Mr. Murray moved that this communication be received, contents noted and placed on file. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

President Kaman then asked the Finance Director to read the communication regarding the filing of the bonds. **The Finance Director, Edward A. Widman, then read the communication that confirmed that the elected Commissioners of Julie A. Farrar, Brett L. Fuqua, Sr., Daniel J. Kaman and David L. Waddington each had a \$5,000 Public Officials Bond on file in the Finance Office.** President Kaman stated that I will accept a motion to receive this communication. Mr. Murray said I will make a motion to accept the Finance Director's communication, note the contents and place it on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

President Kaman said we will have the swearing in of the Commission in alphabetical order. **Judge Erich O'Brien will swear in Mrs. Julie A. Farrar.**

Judge O'Brien asked that Mrs. Farrar raise her right hand and repeat after him the following: *"I, Julie A. Farrar, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Sandusky. That I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge the duties of my office as a City Commissioner and not to be influenced by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment or discharge of employees. That I am currently qualified to hold the office and during my candidacy and election I have not violated any provisions of Section 4 of the City's Charter and I shall continue to maintain all of the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner throughout my term in office to the Charter Section 4. That I will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job or service with or for the City nor in the profits thereof nor in the expenditure of any money on the part of the City other than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God."*

President Kaman said next we will have Mr. Fuqua sworn in by Mr. Icsman.

Donald C. Icsman, Law Director, asked that Mr. Brett L. Fuqua raise his right hand and repeat after him the following: *"I, Brett L. Fuqua, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Sandusky. That I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge the duties of my office as a City Commissioner and not to be influenced by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment or discharge of employees. That I am currently qualified to hold the office and during my candidacy and election I have not violated any provisions of Section 4 of*

the City's Charter and I shall continue to maintain all of the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner throughout my term in office to the Charter Section 4. That I will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job or service with or for the City nor in the profits thereof nor in the expenditure of any money on the part of the City other than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God."

President Kaman said I will be next and sworn in by my brother David Kaman.

Attorney David Kaman asked that Mr. Kaman raise his right hand and repeat after him the following: *"I, Daniel J. Kaman, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Sandusky. That I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge the duties of my office as a City Commissioner and not to be influenced by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment or discharge of employees. That I am currently qualified to hold the office and during my candidacy and election I have not violated any provisions of Section 4 of the City's Charter and I shall continue to maintain all of the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner throughout my term in office to the Charter Section 4. That I will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job or service with or for the City nor in the profits thereof nor in the expenditure of any money on the part of the City other than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God."*

President Kaman said we will have Mr. Icsman swear in Mr. Waddington.

Donald C. Icsman, Law Director asked that Mr. Waddington raise his right hand and repeat after him the following: *"I, David L. Waddington, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Sandusky. That I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge the duties of my office as a City Commissioner and not to be influenced by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment or discharge of employees. That I am currently qualified to hold the office and during my candidacy and election I have not violated any provisions of Section 4 of the City's Charter and I shall continue to maintain all of the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner throughout my term in office to the Charter Section 4. That I will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job or service with or for the City nor in the profits thereof nor in the expenditure of any money on the part of the City other than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God."*

President Kaman said now I will accept a motion to proceed with the secret ballot for the election of the President of the Sandusky City Commission. Mr. Stahl said so moved. Mr. Fuqua seconded the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

President Kaman said I will accept the nominations for the President. Mr. Fuqua said Mr. Chairman, I nominate Dennis Murray as President of the Commission. Mr. Stahl seconded the motion. President Kaman asked Mr. Murray do you accept the nomination for the President? Mr. Murray said I do. President Kaman asked that the Commission please mark their ballot for their choice for President, fold it in half and pass it to the Clerk. The Clerk and the Law Director tallied the votes. **The Law Director then announced that the new President of the Sandusky City Commission is Dennis Murray, Jr.**

President Kaman said now I will accept a motion to proceed with the secret ballot for the election of the Vice President of the Sandusky City Commission. Mr. Waddington said so moved. Mr. Fuqua seconded the motion and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried.

President Kaman said I will accept the nominations for the Vice President. Mr. Waddington said Mr. Chairman, I nominate Craig Stahl as Vice President of the Commission. Mr. Murray seconded the motion. President Kaman asked Mr. Stahl do you accept the nomination for the Vice President? Mr. Stahl said I do. President Kaman asked that the Commission please mark their ballot for their choice for Vice President, fold it in half and pass it to the Clerk. The Clerk and the Law Director tallied the votes. **The Law Director then announced that the new Vice President of the Sandusky City Commission is Craig Stahl.**

President Kaman said at this time I would like to thank my fellow Commissioners for giving me the opportunity to serve as this City's Mayor the last two years. It truly has been an honor. The last few years has brought about a lot of change to our City, not just physical change, but procedural also. I believe we became a more customer, citizen friendly organization. I believe this group of seven Commissioners have made themselves more accessible and open to the public than any government body before us. Although our City will continue to face many uncertainties on several levels, I am sure we will mark some good achievements, regionalization, cooperation, rebuilding of neighborhoods, job protection and creation remain top priorities. I look forward to '08 as I hope all of our citizens do, with the knowledge that we have an experienced, dedicated City staff, willing and able Commissioners and citizens groups ready and willing also to move forward. Again, thank you and I wish all of you a very great '08. And Mr. Murray and Mr. Stahl, congratulations. He asked Mr. Murray would you like to say a few words?

Mr. Murray said just very briefly. First of all thank you to my colleagues, new and old, for the opportunity to lead the meetings over the course of the next couple of months and beyond. And I thank you for that opportunity, it's a real privilege and I very much appreciate it. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues and with the excellent staff that we have, to meeting the very many challenges that we have here in the City of Sandusky. And Mr. Kaman is right and I agree with everything that he said, in the last couple of years we've seen a real change in the attitude and direction of the City of Sandusky. It's a very exciting time too to be a part of the City Commission. I want to say my thanks to Dan Kaman for the impartial forthright, even-handed manner in which he has run the City Commission meetings for the past couple of years. You've been a real example to all of us and a real aid and resource to all of us when we came on the Commission. And you have done an exemplary job in recognizing people in order, people were made to focus and I really want to thank you for that. And I think that we found ways to disagree, agreeably, and that's terribly important. We do need to recognize the right of our colleague to express a dissenting view. I thought Mr. Kaman was unfairly singled out by the Register by his recent vote on the dog ordinance. That was an issue on which I had different opinions at different points of time and I had the benefit of being able to discuss different view points with different Commissioners and it helped to sharpen my own thinking on the issues. We've come a long ways in this City from the Commissions, where people felt at least, that it was a rubber stamp. We have live disagreements here. And it is only as a result of those live disagreements that we are able to get what I think are the best decisions. So thank you Dan for your service. I appreciate it. President Kaman said you're welcome.

At 6:49 p.m. President Kaman returned to the table and said I will accept a motion for adjournment. Mr. Edmon said so moved. It was seconded by Mr. Fuqua and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

DANIEL J. KAMAN, PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION