

MARCH 13, 2006

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 (*Dennis Murray-excused*), Brian Crandall, Brett Fuqua, Dave Waddington, Craig Stahl, Dannie Edmon and Dan Kaman in attendance; as well as the Charter Officers of 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. Crandall 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: Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, Stahl, Edmon, and Kaman. The President then asked for a motion to **excuse Mr. Murray**. Moved by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Waddington and carried.

President Kaman asked for disposition of the **minutes of February 27, 2005**. The formal reading was dispensed by motion from Mr. Waddington and entered into the record as written. Mr. Stahl seconded. Motion carried.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented on Item #1; #2 that they should have more time for public comment; and then Items #3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Ed Enderle, who was running for State Representative, made comments about the water meetings.

Mr. Don Schwanger commented about #3 and the ferryboat patrons taking up valuable spaces and they should limit it to three hours on the perimeter so that the public could enjoy the pier. (*Kelly Kresser look into idea for pros and cons and get back to the Commission.*)

At 5:10 p.m. a **PUBLIC HEARING** was held on **General Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006**. After comments from Mr. Widman and President Kaman, Mr. Peter Crage of Cedar Fair made comments on zero-based budgeting.

Mr. Edmon questioned transfers in the budget and Mr. Widman said there are certain accounts that don't cover themselves and the General Fund has to cover those efficiencies, such as Police and Fire Pension Funds and Park & Recreation.

Mr. Crandall questioned Contingency Funds, Special Project Funds, Membership Clubs and different associations where they pay dues and Mr. Will responded.

Mr. Ginty questioned the ambulances moving and Fire Chief Meinzer gave an overview of the ambulance situation and moving them from downtown.

Mr. Edmon questioned the water tower being a Capital Expense and what would they cut out of our list to get it and Mr. Widman gave an explanation. Mr. Stahl said they would have a monthly report every month.

Mr. Crandall commented that he did not hear about budgeted expenses in November and December and they should have in-depth work sessions. **At 5:30 p.m. President Kaman declared the public hearing closed.**

At 5:30 p.m. a **PUBLIC HEARING** was held on the **Fiscal Year 2006 Community Housing Improvement Program**. Mrs. Mary Bird, Program Administrator, said Mr. President and members of the Commission: This is the City of Sandusky's first Public Hearing to provide citizens with information concerning the general provisions of the upcoming fiscal year 2006 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and the City's application for this funding. Activities funded through this program must be designed to benefit primarily low to moderate-income persons in the City of Sandusky. Activities to be considered for funding may include the following: Owner-Occupied Housing, Rehabilitation, Rental Rehabilitation, Acquisition/Rehabilitation. The source of funding is the HOME investment Fund through the State of Ohio's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The City intends to apply for \$500,000. President Kaman asked for comments from the Commission. Mr. Edmon questioned how rental or homeowners could take the amounts out and Mrs. Bird informed him of the policy and procedures. President Kaman asked for comments from the public. Mr. Ginty made comments. **At 5:35 p.m. President Kaman declared the public hearing closed and returned to the table.**

CURRENT BUSINESS

ITEM#1 - Submitted by Angela Byington, AICP Chief Planner. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Waddington. Mr. Crandall commented to make sure the language was clean and clear; and also Mack Iron does not own the property. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 012-06R - File an application for Clean Ohio Assistance Funds with the State of Ohio. (The amount that is being requested will be up to \$150,000 and would be utilized for a Phase II Environmental Assessment of Sandusky Cabinets, Inc. The COAF is part of the \$400 million Clean Ohio Fund through the Ohio Department of Development Office of Urban Development.) Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Fuqua under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Resolution passed 6-0.

ITEM#2 - Submitted by Michael J. Will, City Manager. Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Fuqua. Mr. Edmon commented that he would recommend tabling this item until they let the public properly look at this information. Mr. Stahl and Mr. Will explained the timeframe of the budget process. Mr. Waddington questioned the proposed process and Mr. Will gave an explanation. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE - Making General Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006. *After comments from Mr. Edmon, Mr. Stahl and Mike Will, Mr. Edmon said he would like to table the budget.* Mr. Crandall seconded. President Kaman asked for a roll call. Yeas: Crandall, Edmon, 2. Nays: Fuqua, Waddington, Stahl, Kaman, 4. *The President declared the motion failed.*

It was then moved by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Stahl under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension; Yeas: Fuqua, Waddington, Stahl, Kaman, 4. Nays: Crandall, Edmon, 2. Roll on final passage; Fuqua, Waddington, Stahl, Kaman, 4. Nays: Crandall, Edmon, 2. **Ordinance passed at first reading 4-2.**

ITEM#3 - Submitted by Rosanne Bodner, Public Transit Administrator. Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Mr. Waddington. Mr. Fuqua questioned the list of bids and why Autogate was an unresponsive bid. Mrs. Bodner explained the solar battery.

Mr. Waddington questioned if they were going to use Mr. Robert Sparks or the police on nights and weekends. Mrs. Bodner explained it would be Mr. Sparks.

Mr. Crandall asked if a machine could handle more than 40 units and what about overflow. Mrs. Bodner said yes and Jackson Street Parking Lot was for overflow.

Mr. Crandall questioned the liability for vandalism since the area was unsecured and Mr. Icsman said that was a City problem when they started charging and it would be the City's responsibility.

Mr. Waddington questioned if Dock Tax this season was coming out of that and Mr. Will replied yes.

Mr. Fuqua asked if the Put-in-Bay Boatline was doing the collections? Mrs. Bodner said no, the City would do the collections twice weekly from the start.

Mr. Edmon asked if the insurance covered damaged vehicles and Mr. Icsman said Gallagher Bassett covered that with what we already have.

Mr. Crandall asked if with the Bayfront they anticipated more pay lots and Mr. Will said the demand was driven by the activity. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-026 - Enter into a contract for \$18,605 with Signature Control Systems, LLC of Twinsburg, Ohio, for a Pay Parking Station on the Jackson Street Pier. (The station will collect and process-parking fees resulting from the public use of designated long-term parking spaces on the pier.) Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ITEM#4 - Submitted by Margaret C. Rudolph, Director of Administrative Services. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Edmon and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-027 - Amending Part Three - Traffic Code, Title Seven - Parking, Chapter 351 Parking Generally, in the manner and way specifically set forth. Moved by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Edmon under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ITEM#5 - Submitted by Ed Widman, Finance Director. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Edmon. Mr. Waddington questioned if the pool cities had increased

and Mr. Howell of Gallagher Bassett said there were two more cities and the costs were down.

Mr. Crandall questioned the difference in costs from '04 and '05 versus '05 and '06 plus the rest of '06, with Mr. Widman and Mr. Howell giving explanations. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-028 - Make payment to Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association (BORMA), Inc. for the 2005-2006 renewal for Property, Casualty and Liability Insurance. (This is due to the formation of a Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC) for \$190,472.) Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ITEM#6 - Submitted by Michael Meinzer, Fire Chief. Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Mr. Fuqua. Mr. Waddington commented on heating costs. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-029 - Enter into an agreement with Firelands Regional Medical Center for restocking City Ambulances with Supplies and Pharmaceuticals for \$15,000. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ITEM#7 - Submitted by Michael R. Meinzer, Fire Chief. Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Fuqua. President Kaman questioned buying a rescue truck together and Fire Chief Meinzer said they had mutual aid contracts, training and technical rescues and also buying that they all did together. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-030 - Purchase one (1) International 2006 Diamond SPEC 7400 SBA 4x2 (SA625) Cabin Chassis for \$57,445 through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program from Mansfield Truck Sales and Service, Inc., 85 E. Longview Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44905. Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 6-0. Roll on final passage, 6-0. Ordinance passed 6-0.

ITEM#8 - Submitted by Charlene Mockensturm, Community Development Director. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Waddington. Mr. Crandall abstained. Mr. Crandall said he had issues with the retroactive contracts going back to January 1st. Mrs. Mockensturm and Mr. Stahl made comments. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-031 - Enter into a Consulting Contract with Gregory E. Sherman for Calendar Year 2006. (This contract will allow the City of Sandusky to meet the State of Ohio Department of Development and HUD requirements pertaining to the above-regulated economic development programs.) Moved by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Stahl under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 5-0, Crandall abstained. Roll on final passage, 5-0, Crandall abstained. Ordinance passed 5-0 with 1-Abstention.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Mike Will said the City was given \$300 originally to establish the **Greenhouse Endowment Fund** and they felt that they needed at least \$1,000. They now have that funding and needed acceptance to establish that fund. Mr. Crandall said so moved. It was seconded by Mr. Waddington and carried.

Mr. Will said they had a **\$1,000 donation from Richard Ferrell** for that fund. Mr. Crandall said so moved for acceptance. Mr. Waddington seconded the motion. It carried.

Mr. Will said they had another **\$1,000 from the Mason's Board of Directors** for that fund also. Mr. Crandall said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded the motion. It carried.

Mr. Will said the **Water District would be replacing the Surge Tank** on March 14th and 15th and the citizens should restrict water usage on those days.

Mr. Will said the **Police Citizens Academy** had vacancies available and they should call 419/627-5900 to sign up. Mr. Will said he had nothing further.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Waddington questioned when the **fireboat** was due. Fire Chief Meinzer said mid May and they received training.

Mr. Crandall said that previously he had questioned the **concrete work at the Complex**. Mrs. McKillips gave a report and said they could put offices there.

Mr. Crandall questioned the **East End Sewer Separation Project** and Mrs. McKillips said it was Hollyrood, McKinley and adjacent streets that would be updated.

Mr. Waddington there was **\$36,000 spent on overtime for snow removal** and it saved a considerable amount. Mr. Widman said he would have Josh Snyder, Traffic Engineer, get that information.

Mr. Crandall responded to Mr. Edmon's comments on the Butler Street Ramp. The cartoon was nice, but he would move that the **Butler Street Ramp remain open for the duration**. Mr. Waddington seconded the motion. The motion carried with the "Nay" vote of Mr. Edmon.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Edmon said he received calls on the **flooding problem in the 1300 block of "C" Street**. *After brief discussion, Mrs. McKillips was to report back at the next meeting.*

Mr. Crandall questioned who enforced the **loud music coming from cars**, the police or court? *After discussion Assistant Police Chief Lyons was to come back with a report in two weeks.*

After discussion, Mr. Crandall moved to reinstate the **Brush Pick Up** just for the spring on April 24th for Arbor Day? Mr. Will gave an explanation of the program. Mr. Fuqua questioned if that would interfere with union jobs and Mrs. Rudolph said they would utilize that staff instead of contracting out.

Mr. Crandall questioned the **deer situation from Fremont**. Fire Chief Meinzer said hunters brought them down in the evenings and as a service the firefighters did this and there were usually only around four deer a season.

President Kaman made comments about the St. Mary's Wrestling team.

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. Jerry Wertz, 104 E. Delaware Trail, made comments that on March 22nd Dr. Jonathan Ross would be at the AFL-CIO Hall and speak on Universal Health Care.

Mrs. Tammy Hannah, 2102 W. Lynn Drive, made comments about supporting Metro Parks and how much it would cost each citizen per year.

Mrs. Kathy Mueller, 7707 Patton Tract Road, made comments about the Pipe Creek Water Shed Action Group that would be meeting March 21st at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephens United Church of Christ at 905 E. Perkins Avenue.

President Kaman returned to the table and asked for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mr. Waddington to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Crandall and carried.

ATTEST: _____

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

DANIEL J. KAMAN, PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION