

**MARCH 27, 2006**

**5:00 P.M.**

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, Kaman and Murray.

*At 4:00 p.m. President Kaman asked for a motion to hold an **Executive Session on Land Acquisition Confidential Matters**. Mr. Edmon moved, seconded by Mr. Murray and carried. President Kaman asked that the audience and media leave.*

*An executive session was held on **Land Acquisition Confidential Matters**.*

*At 4:52 p.m. President Kaman returned to the table and regular open session.*

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 Brian Crandall, Brett Fuqua, Dave Waddington, Craig Stahl, Dannie Edmon, Dan Kaman and Dennis Murray 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.

**PRESENTATION** – Coach Jude Roth/Saint Mary’s Central Catholic High School Wrestling Team awarded certificates for their accomplishments.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented on executive session confidential matters; Items #1; 2 they should have more time for public comment; and Items #3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

Mr. Tim Stookey, 1503 Fifth Street, commented on Items # 9 and 10.

Mr. Crandall read a proclamation for **Boys & Girls Club Week** - April 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Community Development Block Grant FY 2006 Action Plan.**

Mrs. Mary Bird, Program Coordinator, said Mr. President & members of the Commission, this hearing is intended to give the public and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input into the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fiscal Year 2006 Action Plan and to propose spending for the Action Plan. The City of Sandusky is an entitlement community and expects to receive \$826,607 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In order for activities to qualify for funding, the City of Sandusky must show that activities meet one of the three following national objectives: benefit at least 51% low and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight conditions, meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs (natural disasters such as floods and tornadoes are examples). There will be a second public hearing on April 10<sup>th</sup> and at that time the City Commission will be asked to approve the 2006 Action Plan. The Fiscal Year 2006 Action Plan, along with a copy of the 2004-2009 Consolidated Plan, will be available for public comment for 30 days beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>. Citizens are encouraged to provide input into the type of projects that can affect financial or quality of life concerns. Comments should be submitted to the City of Sandusky, Department of Community Development, 222 Meigs Street. President Kaman asked for questions from the Commission and then the audience. He said hearing none, **he would declare the public hearing closed**.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Fiscal Year 2006 Community Housing Improvement Program.**

Mrs. Mary Bird, Program Coordinator, said President and Members of the City Commission, the City of Sandusky intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the HOME investment Partnership Program, a federally funded program administered by the State of Ohio under the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). The City of Sandusky will apply for \$500,000 of Fiscal Year 2006 HOME Funding subject to meeting program requirements. On March 13, 2006, the City conducted its first public hearing to inform citizens about the CHIP Program, how funds may be used, what activities are eligible and other program requirements. The application is due to the Office of Housing and

Community Partnerships by April 7, 2006. If awarded, the City is proposing to undertake the following activities: \$450,000 for Private Owner Rehabilitation to rehab 20 owner-occupied single-family homes; and \$50,000 for Grant Administration and Implementation. All activities will benefit low and moderate-income persons. A copy of the grant application will be available for public inspection in the Office of Community Development between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. President Kaman asked for questions from the Commission and then from the audience. He said hearing none, **he would declare the public hearing closed.**

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Mrs. Angela Byington, Chief Planner, said Mr. President and members of the Commission, **The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the request for amendment to the Zoning Map, which will amend two parcels from Single-Family Residential to Commercial Services. (Parcel #5701314000 (0 Arthur Street) and #5701313000 (2002 Campbell Street).** The purpose of this rezoning is to permit the property of Hermes/Parker Concrete Ltd. to allow for an office addition and storage of equipment and building materials. The Comprehensive Plan calls for this property to be medium density residential. However the property has been utilized in a non-conforming, non-residential manner for many years. Their commercial use is located east and west of the site, residential to the north and daycare to the south. If the City Commission intends to approve the zone map amendment, the property owner will then submit plans for approval to the Planning Commission. At that time the Planning Commission may add screening and landscaping requirements to protect adjacent non-commercial properties. Thank you. President Kaman asked for questions from the Commission and then the audience. He said hearing none, **he would declare the public hearing closed.**

President Kaman said they would go to **Previous Business.** Mr. Edmon said they talked at the last meeting, and Mr. Crandall and Mr. Waddington asked how much money was saved on the snow removal this year and the possibility of doing a free Brush Pickup for our citizens. **He would like to make a motion for getting a free Brush Pickup because we have saved money from the snow removal for one free Brush Pickup for our Arbor Day Pickup. Mr. Crandall seconded motion.** Mr. Crandall said that should remind themselves that it was the taxpayer's dollars and not anything in this City was for free. It's their money.

President Kaman said last time they had asked for some numbers. Mr. Will said he had those figures for his Manager's Report, but he could do it now. To do a Brush Pickup they ran through what the estimated costs would be. This was not adding tax dollars, but just the cost of providing that service during that week. There were 14 full-time positions at 40 hours at \$28.78 for a total of \$16,116.80. Five seasonal at 40 hours at \$9.50 was \$1,900.00 and fuel for 11 vehicles at \$100.00 per a day at five days was \$5,500.00. The estimated brush disposal at Barnes was about \$4,000.00 and equipment repair for the Chipper knives was \$150.00 for a total of, if they were able to get it done within a week which they would expect it will be longer than that, \$27,666.80. If they do this, what that means is they would not be doing those in-house things at the time of the Brush Pickup with people that are doing these things that would not happen. That would be mowing due to personnel cuts, ballfield maintenance, tree trimming at an average of 18 per week, tree removal at an average of four per week, street work such as crack sealing, alley grading and blacktopping. Things they should consider is what do they do for the people that are paying for the service, would they get a refund for that week? Since 1995 to 2006 Horticultural Services had eight less full-time employees. He could give them a copy tomorrow.

President Kaman asked did he have a recommendation from Mr. Pisarsky and himself? Mr. Will said they recommended that they do not do that. Too many complications too much delay and cost.

Mr. Edmon commented on the one that they were charging for, when it first rolled out the 500 participants which they did not get, they never got to that. They were not supposed to do the program and they did it anyway. So they should get their money back. Mr. Crandall said he was sure the citizens probably would forego their \$2. So he was in full favor of giving it to them. Mr. Stahl said find a compromise. He would recommend setting up a dumpster at central locations and rotate it around the City. That would save staff Mr. Edmon said the problem was the drop-off was free at Barnes, but the elderly can not get out to it. Mr. Waddington said we had savings because of the mild winter, but what about if next year we are not that fortunate?

Mr. Crandall said when he sees how much our services have been cut, it angers him. Our services have been cut drastically and they do have the money to support this. He has read all of the reports. They should give it to our citizens that are paying for it with their tax dollars.

Mr. Stahl said what about drop-off sites? Mr. Will said he would suggest continuing on as they have for weekly service because of the additional pay. In 1996 they added a free Brush Pickup when they had additional money and continual growth. Ten years ago they had more money and things have changed. A point of clarification to Mr. Edmon's comments is they were trying to get 500 people signed up for that because that is what it would have taken to get an outside hauler. They couldn't get enough so they calculated it for in-house to still offer that service. Mr. Crandall said in 1987 they had 240 employees and we were still able to pick up brush. Mr. Stahl said if they were going to spend \$27,000 he would probably vote no, depending on Mr. Will and Mr. Pisarsky's final recommendation. Mr. Will said do not continue. That would be their recommendation.

President Kaman said the Brush Pickup, along with several reductions in staff, was done to help the budget. They took things away from the budget to help do the Brush Pickup. Now that they have done those budget reductions, as painful as they were, now they were starting to show that we are saving money and getting money back in City coffers. That would be their recommendation after just two years of it and saving money and jumping right back in to it and start spending it again? There was a motion on the floor, would the Clerk please poll the Commission. The Clerk then called the roll: Yeas: Crandall, Edmon, 2. Nays: Fuqua, Waddington, Stahl, Kaman, Murray, 5. **President Kaman said the motion fails.**

Mr. Crandall said under Previous Business, because it ties in with the next item on the agenda, previously he knew that they had discussed the budget and pay and the upcoming contracts. He feels this issue needed to be clarified right now. Once again, he had gone through the budget. **And what he would like to do is move to give our City Commission Clerk a .5707 hour raise immediately. That would raise her to a pay classification A-9 and that would be more in line with other classifications of her title.** And as a Charter Officer that would give her a pay increase that is long, long overdue. **So he would move to that fact that they raise our Commission Clerk to .5707 an hour. Mr. Edmon seconded the motion.**

Mr. Stahl, Mr. Fuqua and Mr. Murray said they were uncomfortable discussing Mrs. Brown's raise in a public forum in this fashion on television and usually aren't they in executive session? President Kaman asked Mr. Icsman if they should proceed in this manner or would he prefer it to be in executive session for personnel matters? Mr. Icsman said it could be either way. It was really up to them. He didn't know if there had been any prior discussion, but it certainly could take place in public. It doesn't have to be private. Especially if there is going to be some disagreement on what someone is qualified to do and whether or not they deserve it because it may impact other employees in terms of what is fair. What impact that might have on other employees that are similarly situated. So it's really up to the City Commission.

Mr. Stahl asked would it be appropriate to ask for an executive session? President Kaman said yes. Mr. Stahl said he would so move. Mr. Edmon said point of order. There was already a motion on the floor. He has to remove his motion first before he makes another motion.

Mr. Crandall said once again, if he recalled, they were going to have a transparent government. Public information is public information. Whether it's a pay raise through whatever. And they knew and he would remind his colleagues, he had worked for the City for over twenty years and now he was selected for a seat on the City Commission and he has probably obtained more public information than maybe anybody here. It's all public information. If they as the Clerk's employers they want to give her a raise, let's give her a raise now. If not or they don't, let's say no for now and maybe they can have discussion. He thinks she has been short-changed for far too long. But the thing is after a long period of review, once again, he has reviewed the payroll reports, and he has got some that probably go back to 1999. He believes the Clerk has been shortchanged for too long and he thinks that they do need to take action. Mr. Stahl said he wanted to make a motion. President Kaman said not yet because they have not rescinded the motion. Further discussion.

Mr. Kaman asked Mr. Crandall did he know since all the research he did, could he tell him the budget ramifications of this raise that he was asking for? Mr. Crandall

said \$973 for the year. President Kaman asked him what was the percentage of that for the Commission's budget? Mr. Crandall said he did not look. The President said there was a motion on the floor that he guessed they were going to vote on. He then asked the Clerk to call the roll with the following response: Yeas: Crandall, Waddington, Edmon, 3. Mr. Stahl said Mrs. Brown has become a friend. She gives good bowling lessons. This isn't a vote against Joyce. He don't think this is the proper forum. Mr. Kaman said he agrees with Mr. Stahl so he would vote no if anyone wants to know. Nays: Stahl, Kaman, 2. Mr. Fuqua said he was going to abstain. He don't agree or disagree with the Clerk getting a raise. Abstain: Fuqua, Murray, 2. President Kaman asked what's your pleasure Mr. Icsman? Mr. Icsman said the Clerk would give the count. Mrs. B. Joyce Brown said it was 3 yes, 2 nays, 2 abstentions. Mr. Icsman said it doesn't need four like with ordinances and resolutions. Although the abstentions were qualified by wanting to discuss it further. He doesn't know the impact that it would have on the four all vote. The vote as it stands is 3 to 2. The raise passes by a majority. **The President said so that vote passes.** Let's move on to real previous business.

### PREVIOUS BUSINESS

**ITEM#1** - This item was read at first reading March 13<sup>th</sup>. Submitted by City Manager. **ORDINANCE NO. 06-032 - Making General Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006.** Moved by Mr. Fuqua, seconded by Mr. Waddington under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14 on second reading. **Discussion.** Mr. Edmon said he could not in good conscious support this budget. President Kaman said he was pretty surprised that the vote took so long to get moved and seconded when we're quick to spend the budget, but not approve the budget.

Mr. Edmon said he was told all the time that the local level your party does not make a difference, but this is what he sees. He sees what we are doing is trickle-down economic type of program. We don't have any problems spending money on change orders, up to 30% sometimes. We don't have any problem with people doing work in our City coming to us and asking us to waive \$100,000 building permits. But we tell our children they have to rake leaves in order to build a skateboard park. We tell our citizens they have to pay extra for our Brush Pickup. Our citizens are paying about three times to have sidewalks or streets put in front of their houses. So he can no longer support these budgets that to him seem very Republican he guessed that he could say because he was a Democrat and very proud to be one. So he won't support these budgets that in his mind don't follow the philosophies that he likes.

Mr. Crandall said once again, when he spoke here last year prior to being elected on the budget and he mentioned how people were getting outside the realm of a 2% pay increase, but yet the budget was passed. But that's okay. He's glad we have those friendly debates. He would go down the list here. They have given increases as 5%, 5%, 12.9%, 6.52% and then a 5.8%, a 5.71%, 64.7%, 9.5% and .5%. We talk about Brush Pickup and we don't have the money and this and that and the other thing you know and there are some contingency funds here and some Strategic Plan funds and you know and he is not getting it. And he would take some of the blame because he was remiss in not bringing up talking about the budget from January 1<sup>st</sup> until March 13<sup>th</sup>. He apologizes to the citizens of Sandusky for that because he should have been more responsible to say hey they need to have more sessions. President Kaman said he would like to make another clarification to the public, the Audit Finance Committee took our budget. They had their meetings that were open to the public. So it was not that they did not have any public meetings on the budget. Mr. Stahl said they had three meetings this year. RITA folks were in and they talked about zero-based budgeting. There would be press releases tomorrow and monthly income statements. Mr. Edmon said those meetings were inconvenient for our citizens to go to if they have jobs.

Mr. Edmon said he would also like to point out no police and fire were mentioned in the budget. Mr. Will said it was not a recommendation made by the Commission. President Kaman said it was just said that they would like to get more. Mr. Stahl commented on the good job of the Audit Committee. Roll Call on suspension, 5-2, Nay, 2-Crandal, Edmon. Roll on final passage, 5-2. Nay, 2-Crandall, Edmon. Passed.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**ITEM#2** - Communication submitted by Angela Byington, AICP Chief Planner.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-033 - Amending the Official Zone Map of the City of Sandusky to rezone two (2) parcels, one located on Arthur Street and one located on Campbell Street, from "R1-40", Single Family Residential to "CS" Commercial Service. (The purpose of this rezoning is to allow an office addition and storage of equipment and building materials.)** Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll Call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

**ITEM#3**

Communication submitted by Gary M. Lyons, Assistant Chief of Police. Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Murray.

Mr. Waddington said he would vote no because the last couple years he had not supported this because he felt this was a duplication of services. He would rather have a man in a vehicle for police and fire on the streets than out on the water. Assistant Chief Lyons said they do not take officers from the road patrol to man marine patrol. This is done on a sign-up basis. The major budget comes from the State grant with the remainder coming from Dock Tax. Assistant Chief Lyons said they were yet to spend any money, but one of the first courses of business is to return the police boat, which is about \$120,000 in value. Mr. Stahl asked what were the ramifications if they gave the boat back? Assistant Chief Lyons said once you give it up it's hard to get it back, and Huron wants one and they will probably get it.

Mr. Stahl asked for the total cost of Marine Patrol? Assistant Chief Lyons said they hoped to get reimbursed \$30,000, typically it was \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Mr. Edmon asked how much money was coming out of the budget? Assistant Chief Lyons said there was no impact on the budget. They normally operate for boat season from Memorial Day to Labor Day and then Fourth of July and as many holidays as they can do. Mr. Widman said the rest comes from Boat Dock Tax. A discussion ensued on operating costs. President Kaman asked for a vote on the motion. The Clerk called the roll: Yeas, 5. Nays: Waddington, Kaman, 2. Passed.

**RESOLUTION - Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Calendar Year 2006 Marine Patrol Assistance Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft.** Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Murray under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll on suspension 4-3. Nays: Waddington, Edmon, Kaman 3. **Passed first reading.**

**ITEM#4**

Communication submitted by Gary M. Lyons, Assistant Chief of Police. Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Fuqua and carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-034 - Purchase fourteen (14) In-Car Cruiser Video Cameras and Voice Recorders from L3 Communications of Boonton, New Jersey, through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program in an amount of \$117,805.00.** Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

**ITEM#5**

Communication submitted by Mary Bird, Program Administrator. Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Crandall. After a comment from Mr. Crandall, Assistant Chief Lyons gave information on replacements. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 014-06R - File an application for Financial Assistance in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the FY 2006 Community Housing Improvement Program through the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships.** Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Resolution passed.

**ITEM#6**

Communication submitted by Charlene Mockensturm, Community Development Director. Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Murray. Mr. Waddington said that the City was keeping an eye on our business and trying to help them.

Mr. Murray said they should receive quarterly update on the loans. Carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-035 - Approving an Economic Development Loan from the City of Sandusky's Revolving Loan Fund for Decko Products, Inc.** The RFL Committee recommends a 7-year, 7% loan for \$75,000.00. Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Waddington under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

#### ITEM#7

Communication from Michael R. Meinzer, Fire Chief. Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Fuqua. Mr. Edmon commented on the contract bonding. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 015-06R - Declaring the Necessity to proceed with the Sandusky Fire Department's Vehicle Exhaust System Installation Project; approving the specifications and estimate of cost; directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids.** (The estimated project cost including inspection, advertising, and miscellaneous cost is \$144,121.00.) The project will be paid from Fire Department's 2005 AFG Program award of \$129,709.00, and the remaining \$14,412.00 from Department's EMS Transport Billing Fund. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Fuqua under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll Call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Resolution passed.

#### ITEM#8

Communication submitted by Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services. Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Edmon and carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-036 - Amending Part Three - Traffic Code, Title Five - Vehicles, Chapter 339 - Commercial and Heavy Vehicles, Section 339.02 - Use of Local Streets.** (The new map denotes truck routes and no through truck streets as currently approved through journal entries.) Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Fuqua under suspension of the rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

#### ITEM#9

Communication submitted by Jane E. Cullen, Engineering Technician. Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Murray. Mr. Waddington questioned what could they do about the testing of the water and a brief discussion ensued. Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-037 - Enter into an agreement with Shoreline Contractors, Inc., of Westlake, Ohio for the East Bay Dredging Project for \$595,137.45.** (This is a public channel and has not been dredged for several years. Sediment and silt has built up making it hard to navigate. Dredging will be from the bridge at Cedar Point Drive and extending to mouth of Pipe Creek.) Moved by Mr. Waddington, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll Call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

#### ITEM#10

Communication submitted by Jane E. Cullen, Engineering Technician. Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Edmon and carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-038 - Enter into an agreement with Huffman Equipment Rental and Contracting, Inc. of Eastlake, Ohio for Cove Channel Dredging Project for \$98,477.41.** (This is a public channel that has not been dredged for several years. Sediment and silt has built up making it hard to navigate. Dredging will be at the entrance and main channel of the Cove Channel.) Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Mr. Crandall under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll Call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Passed.

#### ITEM#11

Communication submitted by Jane E. Cullen, Engineering Technician. Moved by Mr. Stahl, seconded by Mr. Waddington and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 016-06R - Declaring the Necessity to proceed with the proposed Putnam Street Storm Sewer Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids.** (Putnam Street from Buchanan Street north to railroad tracks. There will also be additional storm sewer separation by picking up drainage from existing catch basins that currently drain into combined sewers. (The total estimated project cost including advertising and miscellaneous expenses is \$185,472.40.) (The

Engineer's Estimated Total Construction Contract Cost \$159,890.00.) The Distress Grant Fund will provide \$115,000.00; CDBG Funds will provide \$7,300.00; remaining \$63,172.40 will be funded by City's Sewer Fund.) Moved by Mr. Edmon, seconded by Murray under suspension of rules with City Charter Section 14. Roll Call on suspension, 7-0. Roll on final passage, 7-0. Ordinance passed.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Mike Will said **Mills Creek Golf Course would be opening** on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and season passes were available at the Clubhouse and Customer Accounting Office at City Hall. They would be hosting a Chili Open Golf Scramble on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Will said the **Shelby Street Boat Ramp would be open** this Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and season launch passes are available at the Boat Ramp Facility and Customer Accounting Office at City Hall.

Mr. Will said individuals interested in signing up for the **2006 Yard Waste Program** could do so by calling Parks & Recreation or Horticultural Services.

Mr. Will said the **Parks & Recreation Master Planning** process had begun and two public forums have been scheduled to gather feedback from the community to assess the needs of the community in parks and recreation services. They were scheduled for Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station.

Mr. Will said last meeting the Commission brought up concerns of **water drainage problems that were going on in the "C" Street area**. They were able to research that problem and come up with a temporary solution. The best possible solution was reconstruction in that area. That will come up when deciding our street lists.

Mr. Will said at a previous meeting **loud music car complaints** were questioned. There were 29 complaints for 2006 with 6 citations and out of those 6 two were found guilty and four were pending. By the time police responded they were usually gone.

Mr. Will said he would like to request **a public hearing for the vacation of a portion of Decatur Street** for April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Will said he was working towards getting detailed information on a **City Hall update**. On March 14<sup>th</sup> Brian Horne from Horne and King spent the entire day interviewing our staff about their existing space and anticipated future needs (both the amount of space and proximity to others).

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Crandall commented on the results on the Action Plans for **the costs of the retreat**. Mr. Will said they were completed for the six departments.

Mr. Fuqua commented that the **Coastal Management Bill** had died, but he had talked to the Law Director and he would continue to fight that bill.

Mr. Crandall commented on the **deer check-in at the Fire Station**.

Mr. Crandall questioned the **plan for streets** and their schedule since it was done.

Mr. Crandall commented on the **parking machine on the pier** that was charging.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Waddington questioned the **Lions Park liability** because he saw kids playing and climbing on the rubble the City put down for erosion control.

Mr. Crandall commented on the **City Tax Credit** that was taken away of ½ of 1% that was now 1% to the City. Mr. Widman gave an explanation.

Mr. Crandall asked about the **money saved at BIWW because of the emergency**. After an explanation from Mrs. McKillips a brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Crandall said there was a news article where they took out of someone's file some officers were lazy, stubborn and set in their ways. He would like to know who they were so action could be taken against them. He should remind their supervisors these are public records. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Kaman said he would make **Police Chief Selection Committee Appointments** for approval by the City Commission. He would give their name and a little biography. He'll need a motion from the Commission to approve them and they will need a voice vote.

Mr. Crandall said information was in the newspaper and he called a Commissioner to see if he had missed anything and he said he didn't. Then he called Mr. Kaman and asked who was on this committee and he was told he would find out at the press conference. He feels they were in violation of the Charter. (He read a section of the Charter.) They were not given the opportunity to say what they wanted to see in a Police Chief. He had discussion he would assume with Mr. Murray, Kaman, Stahl saying they had the right to vote on this without the advice and consent of the Commission. He feels as an elected member all seven of them are equal and not to

share that kind of information as stated in the Charter, he really didn't think that was proper. Mr. Kaman said in doing this he went to the Law Director and the Administrative Services Director and with the advice and consent of the City Commission, he asked three individuals and he got names from Mr. Fuqua, Mr. Edmon and Mr. Murray. He had a couple of other letters. He had less than 20 people contact him by letter or phone. So he went with those people that he thought were best. They were not on the committee yet, until they were approved by the City Commission as he said at the press conference. That is how it says in the Charter. Mr. Fuqua said he was troubled because also he submitted a name, but he don't feel the advice nor consent of the entire City Commission was sought. He does agree with Commissioner Crandall that there is a seven member board. It is not a one member board. They got feedback after the fact. Had this happened with the previous Mayor, he was sure several people on this Commission would have been up in arms and would have asked for his head on a platter. Mr. Edmon said he thinks it would have been fair for the Chair to have shared all the names that he received with all of the Commission and it would have been fair because they gave him advice and consent. They were not given the opportunity. He (Mr. Kaman) instead made the decision on his own and they were forced to find out about his decision in the newspaper. When they called him and asked him what was going to happen, he still did not tell them until they found out in the newspaper, he don't think that is an acceptable way that they handle their business. President Kaman said because he also didn't know at the time that they were going to be on it, and Mrs. Rudolph explained what their job was.

Mr. Crandall said here they were going to have a transparent government. Once again there were seven. Also it says when the position is vacated. Is Chief Runner still an employee of the City? Mr. Fuqua said until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Icsman gave an explanation of Civil Service 124.44 for vacancy and rank of the police that use the same language as Section 27 of the Charter in the use of advance of vacancy. The integrity of the process is not fatally flawed.

Mr. Fuqua said it was a matter of respect. They are all elected the same way. They are equal. He don't feel that they were treated equally. President Kaman said he don't think if he had put his candidate on the board, he would have acted in this way. Mr. Fuqua said that was not so. Mr. Crandall said he knew his candidate was not chosen because he did not submit any. He feels this is unfair. He was going to put Mrs. Brown in this. People didn't want to be put on the spot so he brought it to the table. This is outside the realm of the table. No chance to debate if they were the best candidates. They might be, but he believes this process was tainted.

President Kaman said okay. So what he was going to do was bring up three people. He would go one by one and have the Clerk take a voice vote. The first was **Brenda Alexander**, the owner of BA Document & Printing Services, Church Secretary to AGAPE Love Ministries. Mr. Stahl said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded. President Kaman said **Richard Brady**, President of Brady Electric Company and Brady Sign. Mr. Murray said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded. The Clerk called the roll and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", with the exception of Messrs. Crandall, Fuqua and Edmon voting "Nay", the motion carried. President Kaman said **Ron Maschari**, retired Sandusky City School District. Mr. Stahl said so moved. Mr. Waddington seconded. The Clerk called the roll and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", with the exception of Messrs. Crandall, Fuqua and Edmon voting "Nay", the motion carried. President Kaman said the fourth person doesn't need a vote, **Janice Warner**, Chairperson of Sandusky Civil Service Director and of Erie-Huron Community Action Commission and he would serve as the City Commission representative on the Selection Committee. Mr. Crandall said he just hopes this was a fair process. Mr. Icsman said it was really Mike Will's appointment, it was the City Manager's appointment.

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. John Biechle, 3914 Galloway Road, stated he had property at 2340 River Avenue and he was requesting to either purchase or have a lease agreement for the property northeast of it that was owned by the City.** Mr. Crandall said Mr. Biechle has been taking care of the property. *Can we have the City Manager move this along and make sure it's up for sale or a lease agreement so he can continue the clean up of his property and do what he wanted to do with that area. This was definitely an asset.* A discussion ensued.

Mr. Bob McCormick, 3103 W. Monroe Street, said he had retired after 22 years on the Fire Department as a lieutenant. They did all of the desk work, answering phones, dispatch, cleaning, maintenance, etc. A possible scenario was removing the secretary that made \$40,000 to \$50,000 and put some firefighters in place.

Mr. Ginty commented on the executive session on land acquisition confidential matters and air rights on the Chesapeake Building.

Mr. Tim Stookey, 1307 Fifth Street, commented on the EPA Office ISS Space Station picture and a brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Don Schwanger, 726 Perry Street, commented on paid parking on Jackson Street Pier.

Mr. Fred Farris, Perry Street, commented on the selection committee for the Police Chief and how it was run and it should be voided.

Mr. Crandall said the Parking Committee was referred to another committee.

**At 8:15 p.m. an executive session was held on Land Acquisition Confidential Matters.**

At 9:15 p.m. President Kaman returned to the table. It was moved by Mr. Waddington to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Crandall and carried.

ATTEST:

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B. JOYCE BROWN  
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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DANIEL J. KAMAN, PRESIDENT  
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION