

JUNE 23, 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 Brett Fuqua, Julie Farrar, Bob Warner, Dave Waddington, Dan Kaman, Craig Stahl, and Dennis Murray 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, Interim Police Chief Charlie Sams, Assistant Fire Chief Paul Ricci, Administrative Services Director Warrenette Parthemore, Economic Development Specialist Scott Schell, and Chief Planner Carrie Handy. The audience and the news media were present.

Mr. Fuqua 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: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl and Murray.

Mr. Waddington moved to accept the **minutes of June 23rd** and dispense with the formal reading of same. Mr. Kaman seconded the motion and it carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Mr. Waddington moved to accept all communications. Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

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

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The revised project cost based on bids, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$655,416.70. The private assessment cost is \$131,322.52. The City portion of the project cost is \$328,754.18. The Water Fund expense will be \$75,354.37, the Sewer Fund expense will be \$6,590.22, and the \$5 License Fee Fund will be \$246,809.59. The Ohio Public Works Grant will fund \$195,340.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-050 - Enter into a contract with Precision Paving, Inc. of Milan, Ohio, for the Monroe Street Resurfacing Project Phase III. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed at second reading. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on final passage: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. **The President declared the Ordinance passed at second reading, effective after 30 days.**

ITEM #2

ORDINANCE NO. 08-051 - Amending Part Three – Traffic Code, Title Nine – Pedestrians, Bicycles, and Motorcycles, by the adoption of new Chapter 379 – Golf Carts. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed at second reading. **Discussion** – Mr. Waddington said hopefully with the passing of this ordinance, he would like the Law Director and Acting Chief Sams to develop a City map and also a list of requirements for gas or electric carts to become street legal. Because if it passes tonight, the 30 days if they can come back before and let everybody have a heads up on it. Mr. Stahl asked if they discussed at the last meeting that they couldn't decide which streets would be and which ones wouldn't, say they said all City streets? Mr. Icsman said they did discuss that and then early on then it was decided to just have it be all City streets, but with the idea that the Police Department would provide some guidance or enforcement to stay off of Perkins Ave and things like that. Rather than try to figure out a way that people could navigate through the streets on a 25 miles per-hour street. Mr. Waddington said on Saturday Mr. Warner had indicated to him and he had talked with and had Chief Sams involved, and that's why he recommended getting them to develop a map to get clarification on this. And second was compiling the requirements for this. Mr. Warner said Chief Sams was the perfect man to figure out what streets we can put golf carts on and what we can't. He knows how fast they are going to go and what the traffic flow is on certain streets and he thought they needed to defer to his expertise on where they should or shouldn't be. Mr. Stahl said they've already passed this saying all City streets. So it wouldn't be up to Acting Chief Sams other than he could indicate that Perkins Avenue was off limits. His understanding was the way that he voted on was that it would be citywide and the

only street out of bounds was Perkins Avenue. President Murray asked why would Perkins Ave be out of bounds? Mr. Stahl said he supposed it would be in bounds if you were on our side, but out of bounds on their side of the line. Mr. Fuqua said Perkins Avenue was another big issue because both Sandusky Police and Perkins have jurisdiction on Perkins Ave. Then you look at the Sheriff has jurisdiction and the State Highway Patrol. So you have four different police agencies that have jurisdiction on Perkins Ave. President Murray said they looked at legislation that had some limits on which roads you could drive it on and only that wasn't the version of legislation that we passed on first reading. He was open to the idea if the Police Department came back to them and said they didn't think this was a good idea of having golf carts on all of the roads in the City and they should modify it and add another clause to the legislation. That certainly seems like a reasonable thing to take a look at. As it was, he thought it made sense to open it up to all streets and then if they need to, they can reign it in later on.

Mrs. Farrar said she would like to bring to their attention an article in the Associated Press. There were two studies done, one by the University of Alabama at Birmingham and one by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. It stated that the number of injuries had been increasing as more people rely on golf carts for transportation off of golf courses. She just wanted to express that she was still opposed to this legislation. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 5. Nays: Fuqua, Farrar, 2. **The President declared the Ordinance passed at second reading, effective after 30 days.**

CURRENT BUSINESS

ITEM #3 – Communication – Warrenette Parthemore, Director of Administrative Services
BUDGETARY INFORMATION: Circuit Rider Management Group has agreed to complete the project for a fee of \$15,000.00. The original amount approved was \$39,050.00; \$13,375.00 of the original monies allocated is still available. The remaining \$1,625.00 will be paid from the Administrative Services account, with 50% from the General Fund, and 25% each from Water and Sewer. The department planned to use some of the monies for a Compensation Study to prepare for contract negotiations in 2009. The timing of this project will now allow the use of the comparison data gathered for it for negotiations as well and negate the need for a separate study.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-052 - Enter into a contract with Circuit Rider Management Group of Granville, Ohio, for Professional Consulting Services to complete the Job Classification and Compensation Study. It was moved by Mrs. Farrar that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** - Mr. Fuqua said he saw the necessity of this legislation was because Dr. Heneman has not been able to complete the project. Was there any means by which we can get a refund of his money since what he did was not satisfactory? Mrs. Parthemore said the Law Department is working with him. They sent him a certified letter telling him that we wanted a full accounting of the funds and we wanted the materials produced and provided for this project returned to us. He has not responded in any way, which has been part of the problem all along. He does not respond to e-mails and phone calls. We weren't getting any communications. And to answer to Mr. Ginty's question, it was her recommendation to the City Manager that we sever the contract. He did turn in some of the job descriptions to us. He had job descriptions for people in the Water Plant and the Horticulture job descriptions. He had someone whose a Legal Assistant in the Law Department with the same job description as the Secretary who works at the Water Plant. It was really a mess. Mr. Fuqua said okay. Mrs. Parthemore said Dr. Heneman himself is an expert. He was relying on a graduate assistant to do the work for him. Mr. Fuqua said so it is possible we may get at least some or all funds returned to us? Mrs. Parthemore said we are going to try. Mr. Fuqua said okay.

Mr. Waddington said he noticed that we had a 12-week timeline from Circuit Rider. He saw where they were going to be updating staff here, so was there anyway that the Commission could get a small snippet update like a monthly? Mrs. Parthemore said they were actually going to provide her with a weekly report, which was something that she had requested from Dr. Heneman and did not get. She would forward that weekly report to them.

President Murray said he understood we paid Dr. Heneman \$26,000? Mrs. Parthemore said yes. Mr. Fuqua said \$25,675 to be exact. President Murray said and he had been completely unresponsive? Mrs. Parthemore said she had asked to meet with him for several months and he was not able to. So she had told him that she would come down there. He was never available. He had a large project in the Bahamas and a large project in California that apparently took precedence over us. And his response when she would send him e-mails to complain, it was often that he would refer her to the graduate assistant because she knew more about our project than he did. We did get some of the work done from him and we will be able to use some of it. Her department spent a lot of time comparing a lot of the work. They kept trying to make it work so that they could get the project completed, which was entirely her fault. She probably should have recommended severing of his agreement.

President Murray said he saw that Circuit Rider reduced the amount of their original proposal in light of the work that had been completed. Have they seen the work that is completed? Mrs. Parthemore said yes, they provided the things that they had already corrected and they have offered the services of their office to help update any of the paperwork. They would be working very closely with them. Therefore they have agreed to do it for this price.

President Murray asked was Dr. Heneman at Ohio University? Mrs. Parthemore said Ohio State. He is a recognized expert. Again she thought it was because he passed it on to his graduate assistant.

President Murray said he would ask Mr. Icsman that as this progresses that he would let them know or Mrs. Parthemore, because at some point it is going to become a legal matter in the next month or so if he doesn't respond to her inquiries. There is really no reason to wait any longer to take the next couple steps. Agreed. Someone said agreed. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Communication – Ed Widman, Finance Director

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The contribution will be distributed to all departments with \$63,928.00 impacting the General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-053 - Make payment to the North Central Ohio Municipal Finance Officers Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan. 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** – Mrs. Farrar said she wondered if Mr. Widman could answer Mr. Ginty's question of why that went up? Mr. Widman said unfortunately it's fairly simple. We had to have increased claims. In the past when we were getting refunds at this time of year it's a good experience, it has changed. We worked with HR to attend some of the meetings on this so that we were all involved. We try to do what we can to minimize our costs, which would help to our advantage.

President Murray said he knew that we bought into a Worker's Compensation Program and we paid a group rate as opposed to a much higher individual rate. It was a tentative growth savings dependent upon the claims history over the following year and then if the claim's history doesn't turn out to be the same as either some baseline or group average, then we end up paying more. Mr. Widman said that was a pretty good summary, and to put numbers to that, the individual rate for the City would be over \$500,000. The group rate knocks that down to about \$300,000, leaving gross savings of about \$200,000. Unfortunately we have to give half of that back so we're saving about \$100,000, which we are better off than being on our own. That's how that pool is set up. Some pools when you have bad experiences you are shown the exit door, but in this case they work with the groups as long as they see that they are trying to do something to improve their experience using all the instruments that the bureau makes available. They have tried to do all of that in the past, but it doesn't always benefit us. Discussion. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on the motion and the vote was as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 - Communication – Jeffrey W. Rosekelly, P.E. Project Engineer

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: The cost to purchase the estimated 1,777 tons of Asphalt, based upon current rates, will be paid with Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-058 - Purchase 1,777 tons, more or less, of Asphalt from Erie Materials, Inc. of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Hollyrood and McKinley Streets Sewer Separation Project. It was moved by Mr. Fuqua and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Stahl said Bob Kreimes stopped into his office this afternoon between his plans at Firelands and he had a society golf outing earlier today, he stopped in at 4:30 and was getting ready to come to this meeting. And he had a couple of questions for Kathy, and he apologized with his timeframe that he did not get with her ahead of time. But he understood that Kreimes Construction had given a bid and was confused about the number of hours estimated that the City wanted them to give a bid on a roller operator and a rake person to rake blacktop out. He wanted him to extend his offer that he would give a, he wasn't sure about the total number of hours she estimated, it was confusion on his part, the total number of hours would be estimated to do the job. So Mr. Kreimes just asked him to pass along to her that he would be happy to donate one day's service of a roller and a rake person. But she wouldn't have to rent a roller. He would be happy to donate that for free. And he explained to him that his family had been involved and headquartered in Sandusky for a very long time, he believed since the end of World War II when his dad was with True All Construction, which was a bunch of guys that started it after World War II. So he said Sandusky has meant a lot to him and he would feel bad if the job went out of Sandusky. He was informing us he was giving us a very generous offer of one day's service with a roller. If it takes two days you have to pay for the second day, but he'd be happy to pay for one day. And I said Rob I'm not in the middle of doing bidding for the City, but he would pass that along. And maybe Mrs. McKillips that does it, if it affects this ordinance at all, maybe she might want to let him know by e-mail what her response was to that so they didn't create any issues here this evening. But he did want to pass that along and he passed that along to her, this offer, and he congratulated the City for positively moving this work forward and that's a very good thing. And again, Rob that's a generous offer, but again the devil is always in the details and he didn't know the details. And quite frankly it's not his job to know the details. So his vote would be yes on this issue tonight.

Mrs. McKillips said in the original communication for this item, she did say that they were expecting a price increase on July 7th according to the projected costs put out by our asphalt suppliers. In the last week we did receive a fax that they're upping the date of their price increase, which is actually effective today. So today actually prices went up \$7 a ton. We were only expecting a \$4 a ton increase, but it made it \$7 off and it was the best we could get. Mr. Fuqua said so in effect this legislation is no good then? Mrs. McKillips said well, they would see. They needed to get this work started. We couldn't delay not bringing anymore asphalt out there. Once we get to that they would see actually how close we are. She meant the additional \$7 a ton could potentially add an additional \$10,000 to the bill.

President Murray asked that Mr. Icsman explain because they were proposing this ordinance to purchase a fixed number of tons at a fixed price, so he doesn't understand how they can pass this without modifying it at least. Mr. Icsman said he would agree. The only thing that he thought Kathy was saying was that not even the amount, which would be impacted by the per ton amount, could not go past that pursuant to this ordinance. But he agreed. But actually one of the reasons for the emergency was because of the alleged effective date of the price increase, which was July 7th. Even though we knew that was their motivation for passing it under Section 14, but it is no longer in use as well. He didn't know what they were going to do about the project having to start, but he thought this was not something that should be passed.

Mr. Fuqua said he would like to therefore amend his motion and suggest maybe that they could put this on hold until the next meeting. He meant if the price has gone up, Mrs. McKillips would it really hurt the City that much if we wait two weeks to begin the project? Mr. Kline said to the residents of Hollyrood and McKinley. Mrs. McKillips said yea, we had people out there already that are upset. Mr. Kline said he quickly did 1,7700 tons times \$7 and came up with \$12,500 and added it to this \$79,959. He had \$92,459 if someone would be comfortable, if they

made a motion to amend not to exceed \$93,000, they should be covered for 977 tons. **Mr. Fuqua said he would amend his motion again that we did accept this legislation with the stipulation that we don't exceed \$93,000 for this project.** **Mr. Warner seconded.** Discussion ensued. Mr. Icsman said the other thing that he would like to see is the per ton change then. In other words, in that ordinance it is different types at different prices. Let's amend it if you're going to amend it and pass it, because we can change the original for signatures for whatever you say tonight. The copies will not obviously change, but the original before the present times will be so Kathy can provide you with her costs and that's with the amount changes. President Murray asked Mr. Fuqua to amend his motion. **Mr. Fuqua said he would amend the motion to include the per ton costs that would not exceed \$93,000.** **Mr. Warner seconded.** Mr. Icsman asked Mrs. McKillips to tell them what it is. Mrs. McKillips said it was approximately 887 tons of 404 at \$54 at the new price and 890 tons of 402 at \$49 a ton. President Murray asked for a vote on the motion, and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", the motion carried. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: Waddington, 1. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #6 - Communication – Jeffrey W. Rosekelly, P.E. Project Engineer

BUDGETARY INFORMATION: This change order is a **\$39,774.70 deduction** from the original contract amount. The Final Construction Contract Cost is \$461,144.08. An Ohio Public Works Grant will fund fifty percent (50%) of the project cost, \$230,572.04. The total project cost including engineering, supervision, inspection, administration, legal opinion, advertising, and miscellaneous is \$519,599.58. A breakdown of the total project cost and final cost distribution is attached.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-054 - Approve the First & Final Change Order for work being performed by Ed Burdue & Company of Sandusky, Ohio, for the Monroe Street Resurfacing Project Phase II and to deduct the contract amount by \$39,774.70. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mr. Warner asked where the deduction came from? Mrs. McKillips said they actually had a total addition to the project of \$70,657.00. And then on other items they deducted a total of \$110,432.29 for a net deduct of the \$39,774 Assessment. The bulk of the bid was on asphalt. They basically switched from one asphalt for another. They added 953 tons of the all purpose cords and they deducted 685 tons of intermediate cords. Those were quite a wash, but they also deducted 859 tons of aggregate base, 37 catch basins adjusted to grade, 1,045 cubic yards of topsoil. That was the main contributor of the deduct. Basically the amount of topsoil was overestimated in the project or the amount of boulevard that would be disturbed was overestimated in the project. They also deducted 400 square yards of pavement repair. Those are the large ticket items. She could give Mr. Ginty a copy of the item. Discussion ensued. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-055 - Levying special assessments for the improvement of Monroe Street between certain termini by grading, paving, resurfacing, constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveway approaches and curb ramps, and adjusting manholes, catch basins and a water valve box to grade, all together with necessary appurtenances thereto. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mr. Fuqua that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – President Murray asked if the private property portion that this applies to, does that total \$160,000 on the final cost distribution? Mrs. McKillips said \$128,312.92. President Murray asked had they been provided an itemization of which properties that applies to in an earlier legislation? Mrs. McKillips said yes. President Murray said so this is just a finalized attendance amounts now that they have the exact costs? Mrs. McKillips said now that they actually have the exact unit prices and the actual quantities farmed out in the fields, it's the total amount that will actually be billed. So it will be \$128,000. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #7 - Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services
BUDGETARY INFORMATION: \$18,600.00 will be paid with Sewer Funds.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-056 - Enter into an agreement with GS Engine Power, Inc. of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, for the Overhaul of the Waukesha F817G Engine. It was moved by Mrs. Farrar and seconded by Mr. Kaman that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – Mrs. Farrar said it is going to cost us \$18,600 to repair, rather than spend \$60,000 to replace. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #8 - Communication – Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services
BUDGETARY INFORMATION: \$10,900.70 will be paid with the City's State Highway Funds (Account 217)

ORDINANCE NO. 08-057 - Payment to the Treasurer of the State, Ohio Department of Transportation for the Maintenance of State Route 2 for Calendar Year 2007. It was moved by Mr. Kaman and seconded by Mr. Waddington that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. **Discussion** – President Murray said this is the agreement by which we swapped with ODOT maintaining that portion of Route 2 that's within the City, in exchange for us maintaining that portion of Cleveland Road between the City limits and Camp Road, that we otherwise would not need to maintain, correct? Mrs. McKillips said correct. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll twice, first on the motion and then on final passage of the Ordinance as follows: Yeas: Fuqua, Farrar, Warner, Waddington, Kaman, Stahl, Murray, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Kline said they had **three donations of \$30 for the Friends of the Greenhouse** to be accepted and placed in the Washington Park Endowment. And **donations of \$150 to be accepted for citizens to purchase a tree from Lee Silvani and Craig and Susan Stahl.** Mr. Kaman moved to accept, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

Mr. Kline said this Thursday evening the **concerts would continue at Washington Park Gazebo that were sponsored by Sandusky Community Celebrations Council.**

Mr. Kline said there would be meet and greet for **Lieutenant Darryl Edge of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, sponsored by the local NAACP, at the gazebo** on July 6th at 3:00 p.m. In case of rain it would be held at the Market Street fire station.

Mr. Kline said this Saturday was day number two for our **neighborhood cleanup** from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the southeast corner parking lot on **Hancock and Monroe.**

Mr. Kline said they had final prices and they were ready to sign an agreement in order to purchase to go into **contract with the K-9**, which will be reviewed by Don.

Mr. Kline said **Wightman/Wieber Park** being **vandalized** was quite disturbing where kids tore picnic tables right out of the anchors and set the plastic slides on fire. The police would be doing more patrols and they would ask the neighborhood to help.

Mr. Kline said at the last meeting they asked for a **cost estimate for paving of all of the Jackson Street Parking Lot** and he would give that to them in writing. Depending upon the thickness, asphalt could go anywhere from 1½ inches up to maybe 3 inches in lower areas. The cost estimate was very rough, but it was anywhere from \$60,000 to \$95,000. He would share an e-mail later this week.

Mr. Kline said they had a very productive meeting since the last Commission meeting, regarding the **Marina District.** Issues that he believed had been resolved was the **financial picture** and how it stands and he believed they could be ready to go forward. There were minor tweaks in some of the language and it would be forwarded on to legal counsel. We had three weeks between now and the next meeting of July 14th and he hoped we would have a full development agreement with legislation to present to the Commission. The last two stages that were pending, he believed were going to be resolved and they would be taking that to Squire, Sanders for a contract and legislation.

Mr. Kline said his family unit was back together after seven months and he was a resident of Sandusky. *President Murray asked were there questions of the Manager?*

Mrs. Farrar said the **signage for Dutch Lane**, was that going to happen? Mr. Kline said he hoped so, not today but it would happen.

Mr. Stahl said there were a couple **downtown people that weren't happy with Bike Week** and saying they were closed down for a couple days. Mr. Kline said he received positive and negative comments from businesses and they have scheduled a Post Day Meeting. The Mainstreet Association, department heads, and local businesses would be invited for this Friday on those concerns for next year. Mr. Fuqua said next year if they could address with the security company of moving the barricade for the business people to come in. Mr. Kline said after he received his call it was addressed immediately. Discussion ensued.

Under **Old Business**, Mr. Waddington said he would like to ask the Commission if he could entertain a **city-wide one time roundtable to address neighborhood problems**. Everyday we must fight to be a place of choice in Sandusky and the safety of our neighborhoods must be the driving force behind this. Other areas of concern, redevelopment of vacant lots, Housing Code Enforcement, energy costs for increased fuel costs for older homes, development housing and tenant behavior. Riding around on his bike the last few weeks the plastic bottles and cans were all over our community and not just one neighborhood. And Mr. Chairman and he attended the Landlords meeting last month, it was different little groups that he talked to and Mrs. Carrie Handy earlier this afternoon. Let them try to get an area where you could either take a call, because he thought there was a lot of misinformation. A lot of people were frustrated. This just doesn't come out of the Saturday meetings. He's gotten phone calls and he has been listening to a lot of community members and a lot of people are ready to give up in some good areas in our community.

President Murray said the landlords were in that meeting and it was very interesting because these were the people that thought about how they wanted to include the situation. It was not a landlord versus tenants attitude that they have at all. It was a win win. But they had some very constructive ideas and he thought the idea of a roundtable was a really good one. Mr. Waddington said he would like that in an evening and hopefully in the next few weeks he could set something up and e-mail them. His biggest concern was that we have a lot of elderly in Sandusky so safety was a big issue. And there were certain areas when they were doing trash pick ups that they had said they wouldn't want to come down through here at night. And he thought if we really wanted to try to change Sandusky, that's something that doesn't cost a lot of money. He thought they needed a joint effort and let them work on this in a positive manner and all of them get going in the same direction. President Murray said he thought it was a great idea and he would like to volunteer to help organize that and invite different landlord groups. He didn't know if he could find a comparable group to represent the tenants, but Erie Metro Housing was the logical group to include. Mr. Waddington asked could they possibly look at the State Theatre and the office room, because at the school they were cleaning right now? President Murray said they usually charge for that, but he wondered if they would waive that. *Mr. Kline said he would call.* Mr. Waddington said he would love all the Commission because they should all be there if they were really concerned. President Murray said what about Room 300 at the High School? Mr. Waddington said he would talk to Dan in the morning. Mr. Fuqua said he sat on the Metro Board and they had a meeting tomorrow, did they want him to mention it to him? Mr. Waddington said anybody they could get. It would be within the next 10 days to two weeks, he would get something set up. And staff and Mr. Kline is always telling them that everybody is overworked and understaffed and they could maybe get out. And when they were going up and down Wayne Street where Steve Poggiali lives that used to work here that works at the County now, and he asked him what's going on that these people are selling their homes? And he said they said they just don't want to fight anymore. So we need to turn that around. And he was just worried if we start losing our real real good neighborhoods that would just create more problems.

Mrs. Farrar said in regards to her concerns on **Cedar Point and following our Enterprise Zone Agreement**, she wanted to let everyone know in working with Mr. Brady of the Building & Trades Council and Matt and Bob Warner, they got responses from Mr. Dango. And they had three union contractors working over there and 15 local suppliers being used over there and glad that it is working out.

Mr. Waddington said after he received his General Fund May 31, 2008 Report information, he would ask Mr. Stahl if he was concerned as he was about **Emission Tax and Hotel/Motel Taxes are down**. And if this trend continues, they certainly were going to do some belt tightening at City Hall. Mr. Stahl said the July 28th meeting they would have a presentation on the budget. He then gave tax stats.

Mr. Kaman said several times he brought up our **erosion problems with Pipe Creek and Shoreline Park**. And this last Thursday **John Blakeman volunteered beach grass** and he was able to meet with the Greenhouse volunteers and Tom Speers and his crew down at Shoreline Park and they +planted that. He thanked the volunteers for the Greenhouse and Sandusky's parks who worked to preserve Sandusky's floral park heritage with fundraisers, membership drives, and endowment funds.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Warner said Saturday at a meeting people were asking about the Finance Committee after conducting about five to 10 minutes, which was open to the public and they then went into executive session. Mr. Stahl said that was how they did it for the 2½ years that he had attended. Discussion ensued.

President Murray said as they are aware, there is a **vacancy in the position of the Chief of Police** and by the Charter, they were required at some point in time to **put together a selection board**. So between now and the next meeting, he would appreciate it if they would pass along their suggestions regarding people they should consider regarding appointment to that board. There is question about whether or not the selection board should be meeting at this point in time. As they were aware, Chief Nuesse has a right of appeal to the Civil Service Commission and there is some question about while that is pending, we would really be receiving the same number of applicants.

President Murray said also at the last meeting they talked about doing a **review of the Charter Officers**. He had some forms he would like to distribute, not for the purpose of being completed and turned in, but just to provoke some thought. They can talk about that at the next meeting in executive session or decide what it is that they want to do. He didn't have any particular preference on proceeding. *The consensus was to distribute them and have an executive session at the next meeting.* He thought it was a good opportunity to have a dialogue with the Charter Officers about what it is that their expectations are so that they can perform better. It's hard for them to do what they want them to do unless they tell them what it is that they want them to do in terms of more communicating, more community outreach, faster responses or whatever it is.

Under **Audience Participation**, Mrs. Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, commented on the Housing situation and how the budget would be affected, the Marina District Project and TIF and getting rid of Surf's Up or the transfer of land. And on Section 25 Expenditures, she served on the Charter Review Committee, and they set that for \$5,000 and it was now up to \$10,000. And the way the budget is, maybe they could put a revision on the ballot to put that back down to \$5,000, because a lot of things were flying under the radar that weren't coming to the attention of the Commission or the public because it was up to \$10,000.

Mr. Steve Conglin commented on Ex-Police Chief Kim Nuesse's appeal.

Mr. Eric Brady, 190 E. Main Street, Norwalk, commented on the bike rally and Cedar Point's hiring practices and hiring of locals working over there.

Mr. Barry Riddle, 1338 Fifth Street, commented on the rippled blacktop on Hollywood Road.

At 7:45 p.m. President Murray returned to the table and entertained motions for adjournment. Mr. Kaman moved, Mr. Fuqua seconded, carried.

ATTEST: _____

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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