

AUGUST 28, 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 Stahl, Dannie Edmon, Dan Kaman, Dennis Murray, Brian Crandall, Brett Fuqua and Dave Waddington 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. Stahl offer the **prayer** and requested that everyone remain standing for the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

The Clerk called the **roll** with the following Commissioners present: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, and Waddington.

Mr. Waddington moved that the **minutes of August 7th and 14, 2006** be approved as written and suspense with the formal reading. Mr. Edmon seconded, carried.

Under **Audience Participation on Agenda Items Only**, Mr. John Ginty, 5055 Providence Drive, commented and questioned agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2005 HUD CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) of the Community Development Block Grant Program – Mrs. Mary Bird, Special Projects Coordinator, said Mr. President and Members of the Commission, the purpose of this public hearing is to announce the 2005 HUD CAPER, the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report of the Community Development Block Grant Program has been prepared. The CAPER evaluates how the City uses HUD federal funding to carry out priorities identified in the City's adopted Consolidated Plan. The CAPER also provides a concise reference that compares anticipated work with actual performance for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. This report is an opportunity for citizens to have accurate information to monitor the progress for the changing community goals and objectives that are identified in the Consolidated Plan. Citizens will be provided a 15-day period to review and comment on the draft CAPER beginning August 29th through September 12, 2006. The CAPER will be available here at the City Building in the Office of the City Commission, First Floor, and the Office of Community Development, First Floor. The CAPER will also be available at the Sandusky Public Library. Written comments may be submitted to the Department of Community Development, 222 Meigs Street, Sandusky, until September 12th. A summary of comments received will then be submitted with the CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Thank you.

President Kaman asked if there were any questions from the Commission? Mr. Murray said he began to wade through it and he got to about Page 5 and realized it was about 50 pages, so he deferred the balance of it to tonight or tomorrow. But it's something that was quite lengthy. Could we also make that available to the Clerk's Office electronically so if anyone requests it electronically, they can obtain it that way as well? Mrs. Bird said she did send it to Kelly this morning by e-mail and asked if she would put it on our website. Mr. Murray said if she could send it to Mrs. Brown (Joyce) as well. Mrs. Bird said okay. Mr. Murray said so she would have it in case anyone inquired. Mrs. Bird said okay, she would do that. President Kaman said this public hearing is closed. At this time they would move on to current business.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Mr. Crandall moved to accept all communications for tonight. Mr. Murray seconded, carried.

ITEM#1 – Communication submitted by Edward A. Widman, Finance Director.

Fiscal Officer's Certificate – Moved by Mr. Murray to accept the certificate, not the contents and place it on file. Mr. Crandall seconded, carried.

Discussion – Mr. Fuqua asked was it that the owners could not afford to pay or they were just neglectful in not paying their assessments? Mr. Widman said it was at their options. In some cases they prefer to spread it out over ten years. Some take and make partial payments, but it's really at their option. It shouldn't be taken as a negative, it's part of the program and it's how it works. Mr. Fuqua said okay.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-078 - Providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$104,000 for the purpose of paying the property owners' portion, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments heretofore levied, of the cost of the City's 2002 Program of constructing, re-laying and repairing certain designated sidewalks and constructing certain designated curbs and gutters and approaches, and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Mr. Waddington and seconded by Mr. Crandall that this Ordinance be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on the motion and the vote was as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll on final passage of the Ordinance and the vote was as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM#2 – Communication submitted by Jeffrey Rosekelly, P.E. Project Engineer.

Discussion – Mr. Crandall said he was glad to see this was a deduct cost. President Kaman asked with this \$1,700 deduction was there any way we could do anything with that alley next to Wilson Street? Mrs. McKillips said it comes out of the Street Fund, but we will do it the same time as we do Lane #2 before the Overpass Project.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-079 - Approve the First and Final Change Order for work being performed by A.J. Riley, Inc. of Norwalk, Ohio, for the Wilson Street Rehabilitation Project and to deduct the contract amount by \$1,708.40. Moved by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Murray to be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of City Charter Section 14. Roll called twice as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. Passed.

ITEM#3 – Communication submitted by Jeffrey Rosekelly, P.E. Project Engineer.

RESOLUTION NO. 040-06R - Declaring the necessity to proceed with the Sandford Street/Tiffin Avenue Sidewalk and Community Distress Area Handicap Ramp Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids. Mr. Fuqua moved, Mr. Murray seconded to be passed under suspension of rules in full accordance of City Charter Section 14. Roll called twice as follows: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. Passed.

ITEM#4 – Communication submitted by Kathryn K. McKillips, Director of Engineering Services.

Discussion – Mr. Edmon asked had Mr. Davis bought these bonds yet? Mr. Will said they've not been offered for sale, so they have not bought them yet. He buys them after. It was part of the process before that. Mr. Edmon asked did he know what the interest rate was that he was going to charge us after he gets them in? Mr. Will said we didn't know the interest rate right now. Mr. Edmon asked weren't we kind of putting the horse before the cart then? We passed a resolution to accept something before we know what our full cost is going to be? Mr. Will said these are recommended TIF's from our bond counsel, but we were not putting the cart before the horse on these. Mr. Stahl said on this specific issue the bond prices are set at different levels, the bonds go out and that is fixed is that correct? Mr. Widman said this is the first TIF bond that was ever sold. So Thursday they had a conference call coming up later this week to discuss more of the details on this. Certainly whatever final details have to go through the City Commission. It would be hard to say where we'd start. He was certainly sure Mr. Davis wants to know what the costs would be for this process so he was going to be the one buying it. He believed all of the funds were coming out of that project as well as helping pay.

Mr. Murray asked was that resolution then a significant project for the City. Of course all of us have the background information, but for members of the public that are viewing this, he was wondering if Mrs. McKillips might just provide a quick overview or summary of what is the scope of work that is involved. And then Mr. Widman for the public if he can again go over what this TIF financing involves because that's not something he was familiar with eight months ago. Mrs. McKillips said this project, which this legislation had \$4,400,000, the legislation includes all the Shoreline work along the Bayfront Project. It includes sheet piling, armour stone, a jetty, reventment, dredging the marina, put walkways around the entire property that would be open to the public, a bollard lighting to light that pathway, a street lamp in one corner of the Chesapeake Building just off the possibly the park where

this little area where the public can sit down to view the bay, floating docks. That's about it. Electric and the utilities for the dock.

Mr. Murray asked was this project in any way contingent upon the receipt of the grants that we've applied for recently, he assumed that it is or not? Mr. Packan said the grant application submitted, we won't know until February 2007, if you see that grant. The grant application has been submitted for docks and for any dredgings, a few items and the main items were included in that. We are trying to be proactive and get our process lined up so that we can either go for getting of the entire shoreline or split it into Phase I or Phase II. Phase I being from Jackson Street Slip to the northwest corner of the Chesapeake Building, a little bit south of there. There's a little plaza right there. That would be Phase I. Phase II we would go from that point, around the marina over to where Shoreline meets Deep Water on that side of the far west portion of it. Mr. Murray said and so we've received the grant that was taken from the ODNR, then that portion of Phase II would not be necessary because the grant would cover the cost of that? Mr. Packan said correct.

Mr. Murray said Mr. Widman might give background as to how the TIF financing works since that is something new for the City of Sandusky. Mr. Widman said the funds that would have been generated through the tax value of these improvements that are being made along the waterfront, instead of those going through the normal distributions in the County, the schools and the City, all of these come back basically through the City into this project. So as those dollars materialize, this would give us the revenue source to pay for the debt, and it was not where we were selling typical bonds that are being sold on our taxability or special assessment abilities. Mr. Murray said that was important that the schools signed onto this. And then how long have these bonds been around the State of Ohio? Mr. Widman said he knew we've discussed them a few years that he has been here. He thinks there has always been a concern as to who is buying this bond because there is not that tax debt support. But in this case the developer agreed to buy them so there is no risk on that side. Mr. Murray said what he was looking for, this is not an escateric kind of new bond that someone had around for some period of time. Mr. Widman said it had been around for a while, he could not give when it was actually when and available and offered as an option to fund the project. Mr. Murray asked would he say it was widely used in the State of Ohio or pretty unusual? Mr. Widman said in some places say they were more greater than commonplace. The City actually has a very old TIF agreement with Battery Park. Mr. Murray said at this point is anyone obligated to purchase the bonds or do we get to the point where we figure out how much it's going to cost, we figure what the market rate and interest rate would be, and then we see who would be available? He takes it that Mr. Davis is and as part of this package he has agreed to purchase that.

Mr. Edmon said during this TIF period, does the schools get any money at all? Mr. Widman said not from the same process specifically. Mr. Edmon said and how much would the schools potentially be losing by not getting that money? Mr. Will said let's back up to that last one. And that was that you can't sell bonds like these unless you had some leeway so you can be estimating that you'll use 100% of your future property tax revenues. So there will be no money in there that is not used to go towards paying your debt or it will be used to pay off the debt earlier than what was planned. So there is some excess in there. And it is usually at least 25% in what you're planning. And in this case, this is probably not on any existing property taxes. That's how TIF financing is set up. So you wouldn't be losing any money from existing tax bases, from the future tax bases, and enough to pay off the bonds in 25 year period of time is what it is. The schools get what percentage of property tax, maybe a 60% or 70% of overall property tax? Mr. Edmon said they get the largest share, but they were in the loop on this process. Where they will see the benefit is other neighboring developments that have improved. Mr. Edmon asked so how much is our schools potentially losing by doing this agreement, where they would get that money before, but now they were not going to get it? Mr. Widman said he didn't have a figure. They could get it to him.

Mr. Will said this is a difficult question to answer because he was told that the project wouldn't be happening without this step in there. And if that was the case, then the schools wouldn't be losing nothing. He thinks that's part of the whole discussion he had a couple of years ago when the schools were involved with putting together the developer agreement in the first place.

Mr. Crandall said he just wanted to make it clear that the City will be maintaining that, especially the Pathway was he correct? Mr. Will said correct. Mr. Crandall said and since they were on the pathway if he may deviate just a minute. Where are we at filling the gap behind us on the **pathway on the pier track**, all pier track? They start on the east end whenever it gets developed, and then they get pier track on the waterway where the drawbridge used to be, where are we with that? Mr. Will said it is an unresolved issue right now and we're continuing to work on it. Mr. Icsman said we actually had a meeting, if Mr. Will recalled before his vacation with ODNR and he shared our information with them and they kind of shared, between he and Mike and two individuals from ODNR. So that's where we are. We wanted to make them aware of that and where we were at in terms of our title workings and options for future conduct and wanted to get their feedback before we took it any further steps or recommended to you to take any further. And that's where we're heading.

Mr. Packan said yea, the next step that we will be bringing to you is the submerged lands lease application. We have to approve that in order to submit the application to them and that will start the process. We still need to figure out the bridge situation. So that's an extensive issue that we'll continue to work on, but we can still go half way and so it would just be at the end. President Kaman said but the ownership resolution that's resolved right? Mr. Will said Mr. Kaman there's definitely, they've received some very promising information related to the title work that they feel comfortable moving forward on. President Kaman said so we had two title searches on that property and they both came back that way? Mr. Will said yep. **RESOLUTION NO. 041-06R - Declaring the necessity to proceed with the Paper District Public Waterfront Improvements Project as part of the Bayfront Paper District Redevelopment Project; approving the specifications and engineer's estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids.** Mr. Stahl moved. Mr. Waddington seconded to be passed under suspension of rules in accordance City Charter Section 14. Roll called twice: Yeas: Stahl, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 6. Nays: Edmon, 1. Passed.

Under the **City Manager's Report**, Mr. Will said he had been away for the past week and he had no report.

Under **Old Business**, *Mr. Waddington said he would like a motion to formally bring back to the next Commission meeting, the identical zoning change request for the Shepherd's Shoreline Construction that was unanimously approved by the Zoning Commission. Mr. Crandall seconded the motion.*

President Kaman said discussion. Mr. Fuqua said Mr. Chairman, he thinks we already talked about this once before, before we got the new Commissioners on. He would hope that the votes would turn out the same, because he don't feel comfortable doing this. He means he's made it no secret. He's said it in public that he would never vote for this, because he don't feel like the company has been completely and totally honest with the City or the residents on Meigs Street. And yea the boats are gone now, but how long did it take for the boats to be moved before all this happened? He meant all of a sudden the boats disappeared and we've been trying to get them moved for how long Mr. Will? He means you (Mr. Will) and I been going around and around on this for what, a year or 18 months at least? Mr. Will said through the winter. Mr. Fuqua said but now that this has come back before the Commission, the boats dramatically have disappeared. He just don't feel like they're completely totally honest with the City and he would hope that the Commission would stay on those last votes and deny this application. President Kaman said the motion is to bring the legislation back. So if we would discuss it then, that would give staff and the company two weeks to work out any final outstanding things then.

Mr. Waddington said also on this that's kind of the line of thought that he had. He went over there Sunday and even walked around back there as much as he could, and it was a paved area and they brought it up to standards and he was in Mr. Will's office several months ago when they proposed decorative fencing, the shrubbery, and he thinks they've been more than fair on their part. And right now, we're starving for any business or any improvement in the City. Just drive around or walk around and he'll tell you what, he thinks that we need to bring this back, let's get this resolved and move it on. Mr. Fuqua said Mr. Chairman, he is not opposed to business, but he wants business with honest scruples in business people. And he just don't, he feels strongly about this, he don't like this company. He don't now and he never will.

Mr. Edmon asked if the legislation comes back, will it come back today or another time? President Kaman said it will come back in two weeks. They have a motion on the floor. Mr. Murray said he just thought they ought to tee it off and you know get it ready so that we can decide the issue. He understands that there are some communication questions that he'd like to explore, what went wrong and see if we can't resolve those, see what's a part of that. But he thinks it would be appropriate. Yes, Mr. Icsman go ahead and put that in the works. President Kaman asked for further discussion. As there was none, he said Mrs. Brown poll the Commission please. ***Thereupon the Clerk called the roll and with all Commissioners voting "Aye", with the exception of Mr. Fuqua voting "Nay", the motion passed.*** President Kaman said motion passes, they would have that legislation in two weeks.

Mr. Murray said he would like to discuss was related to the **electronic signage** that they had a lot of discussions on over the course of the last two weeks. And he would like the public to know two things, first that the signage that we pursued, was as a result of a citizen's suggestion. So staff was simply just doing what a citizen had suggested. He thought there was an overwhelming feeling that was not the right thing, at least not at this particular point at time and not for that amount of money. He would simply urge a little bit of caution in terms of things on staff in terms of pursuing the citizens' suggestions. He would just urge a little bit of caution in terms of jumping on the staff. Not the Commission, it was some members of the public.

Mr. Waddington said about a year or year ago he questioned the **need for some of the City alleys**, like behind his house and runs through Cleveland Road and Oakmont and it was six feet wide and he has to take care of it. It is under 531.12 Responsibility of Adjacent Owner. He knows all the City alleys we got to keep. As far as staff looking at ones we will never use, it is inappropriate for him. It would be creative revenue or tax base. Give him the 10 feet. He got a half-acre lot now. Ten more feet, assess him the taxes to the property taxes, he'll take care of it. Why have City staff come out, and he don't know how they got up and down there. He didn't get his because he cut his behind him, but he had neighbors that got cited for high weeds. And the question he got, the one lady that works with him at the high school, questioned she takes care of her yard up to the fence, now she's got to walk around and cut the grass and trim the weeds down this ten-foot section that was the City's, it was for their Fire Department at one time, the horse and buggy days. Ten-foot wide to nine feet, the wagons don't go down there any more. So to him it needs explored and looking into. And he understands Josh (Snyder), if his conversations with Mr. Icsman was correct, he looked into this and he pretty much got a good idea which ones the property owners wanted to buy or split, however you want to do it. And then we take care of it. If we don't have ownership of it that helps create or generate different type problems as far as, why should I go out back there. He understands a lot of his neighbor's concerns. It's like that in a lot of places in Sandusky. We're trying to live, work and play. Let's make the deal a little fairer. Mr. Icsman said Mr. Waddington and he shared this with Mr. Will that is correct. It might have been right around the time that Mike started, but Josh had done it. Kathy knows it, but he thinks we got an extended database and identified every alley. And the question we started with police and fire going through the ones that maybe they want to keep for access purposes and then the other ones we were going to consider that as a policy suggestion to the Commission about what to do with these alleys that a lot of them are just as you described, they cannot be used. They may have power lines in there, but when we vacate them, access for that reason is always retained. So it's something that if the Manager wants to bring that back we can. Mr. Waddington said well his point was that if staff and them were going back and use it, there was no fire truck going down his the way his grass was. He would guess ten feet at the most. No trucks are going down there. But it was problematic for him with that fence line like all the neighbors. We have to get on the other side with a weedwacker, clean it out, cut the branches off and you know it's just a hindrance. And you know if it's on his street, what other areas are there? He thinks it really needs to be looked at. And then we're taking the responsibility away and it's saving staff money at the same time and it generates revenue through more property taxes right. Then he's taken care of the property and he don't have to have Mr. Jackson come out and tell him he got weeds at the end of his yard. It's full service. Thanks.

Mr. Waddington said he wanted to get this **paint violations** off his chest. The essence of the plan, which encouraged redevelopment and reinvestment within the City, an overall vision of the City, to help the individual neighborhoods. That's the entire City's well being. He would like staff and Commission to entertain having a paint donation center set up or look into it volunteer groups for projects to help residents on fixed incomes or special needs through hardships. With Sandusky being a diverse economic population, we must explore all avenues. Finally, we need to create a continual process with several options in short order to explore all grant opportunities in areas of housing needs. We may fumble the ball, but we're still on the field because we're still trying to work this.

Mr. Crandall said he placed in every Commissioner's box for **new broadcast equipment** and he would just like now for staff to take proposals for the cost of that equipment. And if Mr. Hahn (Dave) had any suggestions other than what he has submitted, he would certainly like to hear them. And the equipment is getting old and he knows that his phone starts ringing as soon as 8:35 hits and maybe he can also give them some insight on some of that information too. And also if the Law Director could give him and everybody a copy of the broadcast agreement with the different entities that are involved so everybody's on the same page he would appreciate it. Mr. Icsman said he was talking about the franchise agreement with Buckeye. Mr. Crandall said yes, so that they could continue the free access of the public meetings that we are holding here. Our equipment is getting in pretty bad shape. Mr. Icsman said two things, one he knows it was in there and he knows that the City Manager had in the past, and he also thinks that there is some responsibility that they would have to share in that upgrade. But he does believe that's a prerogative agreement. They had the prerogative to all the Commissioners if they wanted it again and we have done it before, that the franchise agreement itself. President Kaman said so we assume beyond staff looking into this now?

Mr. Will said even when we've been working on all the details of the change from the schools and as we've gotten to the point where at one point we thought we needed to buy all this equipment no matter what because we're not going to have the ability to use it. And then when Mr. Crandall received the communication from Mr. Hahn in regards to pricing and he shared all that with everybody, shortly after we received that notice, we were able to work out things with the school and Sandusky Register was also involved with this, then we would be able to continue to using the equipment indefinitely. So at that point we stopped looking for a person and new equipment even though we know there's quality issues too. So he thinks that's what Mr. Crandall was referring to right now, but let's see how much it will cost to fix up the quality issues. So that's where we were with it and we had done that proposal so that we could go ahead and do that right now. President Kaman said good.

Mr. Waddington said along that line Mr. Will, we get a digital camera for \$12,000 to \$15,000. It was something that would probably last four, five, six years, what was the life of that one? Is it something that we can have shared costs to each department, like the Fire Department maybe, the Police Department, just so it's not all in the Commission's budget?

President Kaman said he would like to ask Mr. Packan where we were at on the **Greenhouse** situation? Mr. Packan said actually he talked to Honeywell today and they had a couple of meetings with Bob Martin and they were working together to try to come up with a plan that would possibly be slightly abbreviated to what we had assessed in the past in regards to maybe possibly leaving the maintenance building in place and just replacing the greenhouse. So that might be a little bit of savings so that they were still working. They gave a deadline roughly of November 1st. President Kaman said they need to get going on this the cold months are coming.

President Kaman said Mrs. McKillips did we get a **proposal for the water towers** yet? Mrs. McKillips said we're pretty much near done and they would bring it to the Commission. They had to work out the numbers for the actual designs on one tower. They have already had discussions with the options, the packaged deal, and although right now we know we need one tower, a one million-gallon water tower. We have another existing tower over at Mills Creek Golf Course. That tower is still operational and that was something that we could possibly look at saving some money by having a contractor that does a new tower, do the paint and the repairs at the same time.

They started having discussion with the consultant, like she said they weren't under contract with any consultant at this point, but their first inclination was that we'd be better off putting the cost of a new tower there into the Water Looping Project on Cleveland Road. President Kaman said hopefully, maybe they could get that coming up. Mrs. McKillips said yes.

Mr. Waddington asked Mr. Murray about Friday at 1:30, was the **water meeting** at the County Services Building? And with our meetings are we trying to get new water towers, because he knew they had transmission costs for running the water lines and towers and that. But we have concerns in the City also. Mr. Murray said so we made the commitment that we did in the agreement that was executed back in January to send certain portions of our cash reserves to build those tower. That is the commitment that we have made in that regard.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Waddington said on Wednesday, September 13th, he and Mr. Edmon were going to have Chris Redfern as their guest instead of on Saturday. They were going to have a **Community Night** and it would be in the Program Room at the Sandusky Library. A town hall meeting at seven o'clock.

Mr. Crandall said he received an e-mail from a person that he talks to frequently and he was concerned about the **traffic markings at Ogontz and Cleveland Road** and he wanted to make sure the Department of Engineering made that correction as soon as possible. Mrs. McKillips said Josh was aware of it.

Mr. Crandall said he didn't know if it was labeled an alleyway or stone roadway, the **roadway between George and Superior. He has had complaints on the amount of dust** out there from the businesses in that area. And also the question on why is there a stone roadway between George instead of having a paved site. President Kaman said it's not an actual street, but that's Perkins Ave and that is to be done with the overpass. Mr. Will said they were trying all to be very responsive and one of the ways is to fill in the holes as quickly as possible. He talked to them a couple of times during this year and Kathy has as well. President Kaman said we talked about it two years ago he believed and the conversation was that we could close it because it's not an actual street. But then that would harm the businesses more. So we stoned it better and we were just waiting for that overpass. Mr. Crandall said he just wanted to make a point. It was a resident that called.

Mr. Crandall said that was why he asked about who was going to **maintain that pathway**. And this has to do with that letter we received about Lions Park being in the shape it was in when the Corps of Engineers went there last year and then again this year. And he could understand the gentleman's concerns, because the same thing happened to him last year. If we're going to rent these picnic shelters, someone on staff has got to make sure that these places are clean. Then he had another resident call him and he showed him some concerns in his neighborhood and he also showed him some City properties. And we have got to maintain what we have. And that's the entire argument. We are out within the community saying clean up, but we forgot to clean up what is the people's property. It's their land, their property and we are in charge of making sure it's taken care of. And for people to go and rent different facilities, one was at Lions Park and his happened to be at Shoreline, that's inexcusable. They certainly were short on work staff, but maybe we need to hire more seasonable help or whatever or make more use of the daylight hours. But when people pay good money renting these facilities, they don't expect to spend some of their time cleaning up. So that's why he wanted to make sure when this pathway is completed, that is the pathway that isn't just concrete and overgrown like. So hopefully this woman has brought our problems to our attention because once again we can take corrective action on what our residents are bringing to us.

Mr. Edmon said he would like to echo some of Mr. Crandall's remarks because he has gotten **complaints about this very building that we're in right now with peeling paint**. We can't very well go out in the public and criticize people about having peeling paint on their houses, if we have it here in this building. So if we can get this taken care of, it would be appreciated.

President Kaman said he had one other item that Mrs. McKillips, our Engineer, and Josh Snyder our Traffic Engineer, and our new Chief Kim Neusse, and Don Icsman, they have been looking at the **Hancock and Washington light**. And Josh advises that the Hancock and Washington Street light does not meet any criteria to be there.

So he asked that they were going to start flashing that light and that light would be removed and they would monitor for accidents. The accidents he has been monitoring and it's just not warranted by State standards. So that one will be starting to flash. He's not sure of the date that he gave us and that it will be bagged and then it will be removed.

Mr. Stahl said they started Friday with their Finance Committee and met with a lot of department managers and went over the **zero-based budget initiative** that we're going to be getting next year. And they went through some of the process of how they planned on going about that. He would just like to just remind everyone that the Finance Committee, and he as Finance liaison, they were not staff functioning employees of the City of Sandusky. They might compare themselves, at least he would compare himself to no different than a board of director of a corporation, where there would be council and advice of staff there to do the job. That being said, maybe he's acting as a spokesperson tonight for the Finance Committee, he thought they just may want to take a brief look at our major sources of revenue through July of '06. Property tax we were a little bit above on our revenue of \$53,000, income tax we were \$216,830 under budget. Admission tax remains \$7,000 under budget and Cedar Point still has a lot of their operating season ahead of them and this was only through the end of July. So he would caution everyone that there was a lot of season left at Cedar Point. Hotel/Motel Tax was \$69,000 under where we planned on being. Income tax that one really gets you. Now, you'll say Mr. Stahl and Mr. Widman or Mr. Will how are things working so well at the City when we're so far under what our budget expectations were. Our Estate Taxes were unexpectedly over budget. Our budget was \$75,586 this year. We've actually collected \$539,000. So it really has masked or hidden some problems we're going to have to face. So hopefully this zero-based budgeting initiative that we will be working on with the different departments that need the very approval of things. And they would ask everybody to pay special attention to that and they would keep looking at it from the Finance Committee and they would be able to proceed all this week to look at these numbers. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Crandall said he received a **letter from the Sailing Club, which they enjoyed their time that they were here for the Junior Olympic Regatta**. The letter stated how they enjoyed the event, they enjoyed the area, but they also would like to see more of that activity go on. And this lady from out of town wrote the letter and hopefully the Sailing Club would continue with that. We do have some events downtown.

Mr. Edmon said he would like to request an **executive session on personnel matters, contract negotiations**. Mr. Waddington seconded. Thereupon the Clerk called the roll with the following response: Yeas: Stahl, Edmon, Kaman, Murray, Crandall, Fuqua, Waddington, 7. Nays: 0. The motion passed.

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Under **Audience Participation**, Mr. Dale McCutchen, Meigs Street, questioned the opening of the doors to come in because he had gotten locked out. Mr. Will said they had changed the locks and he would follow up on that.

President Kaman said they would recess for five minutes and return at 6:05 p.m.

The Commission and administrative staff returned to the meeting.

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The President returned to the table and accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

DANIEL J. KAMAN, PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION