

President Craig Stahl called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and opened with the **Invocation**, given by Dave Waddington, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Craig Stahl congratulated and welcomed Commissioners-Elect John Hamilton and Kim Nuesse to the meeting. He said he was happy for them and understood they received meeting packets last week and should feel free to join in tonight's discussions, although they could not vote.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6.

Upon motion of Bob Warner and second of Dave Waddington, the Commissioners voted to excuse Dan Kaman from the meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Craig Stahl stated he wished to acknowledge Veteran's Day on Wednesday and recognize two City Commissioners who served in the armed forces. Bob Warner is a U.S. Army Veteran and Pervis Brown is a U.S. Air Force Veteran. Craig Stahl thanked these gentlemen for their service and asked any other veterans in the audience to stand and be recognized. He then thanked Dennis Timple and Assistant Chief Charlie Sams, both U.S. Army Veterans, for their service to the country.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Dave Waddington, the Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 26, 2009, meeting and dispensed with the oral reading of the minutes. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed.

Under **Audience Participation** for Agenda Items, the following offered their comments:

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Save Our Shoreline Parks, said Matt Kline suggested at the last meeting that the Marina District Project and the Development Agreement was doomed last December based on the economy. Tim Schwanger said the city should follow the advice of Dave Waddington and use the \$100,000 deposit to set up an endowment for the Surf's Up and/or Battery Park Marina property for future development purposes rather than return it to John Eymann. He said another idea would be to keep this money and put it toward time and/or resources spent by city staff for the project.

John Eymann, 6161 Riverside Drive, Dublin, OH, stated this was not the original intent of this deposit.

On motion of Julie Farrar and second of Brett Fuqua, the Commissioners moved to accept all communications. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #1 – Passed on First Reading 10.26.09

Budgetary Information: The Agreement will not result in any additional budgetary expenses. The city will benefit from the agreed upon rental fee income of \$70 per month and electric service reimbursement of \$30 per month.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-090: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Eric Foltz dba Cold Creek Café for the Dorn Community Park Concession Area beginning March 15, 2010 through August 30, 2010.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Bob Warner, the Commission authorized the passage of this Ordinance under second reading. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Scott A. Miller, Director of General Services

Budgetary Information: The material cost of this paving and patching performed is \$46,694.96 (\$35,254.96 in current invoices and \$11,440.00 in the process of being invoiced). Other anticipated paving work, trenches and potholes will cost an additional \$5,000 totaling \$51,694.96.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-091: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to make payment to Erie Materials, Inc., of Sandusky, Ohio, for asphalt and paving material supplied and to be supplied for street resurfacing projects; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Bob Warner and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission authorized the passage of this Ordinance under suspension of the rules and in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse asked if this expenditure was previously approved in the budget and why it was being passed as an emergency. Ed Widman said this was included in the budget and the work has been done and the vendor needs to be paid. He said \$35,254 worth of materials has been used and there is just over \$11,000 in process and not yet invoiced. Scott Miller, General Services Director, estimates an additional \$5,000 will finish out the year with these materials. Kim Nuesse asked if vendors understood the payment process and that the city may take longer to process payment. Bob Warner stated the invoice requires payment within 30 days of receipt. Ed Widman said Scott Miller is a newer Superintendent and may have gotten a little ahead of himself. He said the invoices were initially processed through the Purchase Order system but because they were over \$10,000, the Finance Office did not feel they qualified as Purchase Orders. Julie Farrar said she had two calls from Sycamore Line residents and they were very happy about the repairs to this short section of street and it looks nice and uniform.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Scott J. Schell, Economic Development Specialist

Budgetary Information: This action will not impact the city operating budget. The loan funds are restricted in use and this loan is within the guidelines of the program. The company must certify hiring a minimum of fifteen new full-time equivalent employees within three years of receiving this loan. The new hires will result in additional income taxes for the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-092: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and approving an Economic Development Loan in the amount of \$60,000 to Markley's, LLC; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Brett Fuqua and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission authorized the passage of this Ordinance under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Craig Stahl said as the Commission liaison to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, he attended a recent meeting where the members approved this loan with unbridled enthusiasm. He said the city will be in a first position on this loan which is held and secured by property. He said the owners are excited and hope to reopen Markley's by the end of the year. Scott Schell said Jim Miller wanted to attend tonight's meeting but was called out of town on business. He said Jim Miller expressed his thanks to the staff for all of the time they have spent with him and wishes he could have been here for the vote.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner/Transit Administrator

Budgetary Information: This action will not impact the city's General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-093: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing the city's participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Bob Warner, the Commission authorized the passage of this Ordinance under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse asked why it is being requested this item be passed as an emergency. Carrie Handy said due to the timeline established for purchasing transit vehicles - ordering time and paperwork for stimulus monies - she would like to see this passed as soon as possible. She said after the vehicles are received, the transit system will need to be rebid for 2010 and the stimulus deadline is next fall. She said many communities will receive stimulus monies to purchase vehicles and the companies that manufacture the vehicles are backed up. Carrie Handy said with the change in staffing, she has not been

able to complete this until now. Julie Farrar asked if the vehicles could be purchased locally. Carrie Handy said a Buy America requirement is a condition of stimulus monies and the state purchasing program checks for compliance. She said none of our local vendors are able to supply these vehicles for the city.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

Item #5 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner/Transit Administrator

Budgetary Information: This does not affect the city's General Fund as all Transit operations are paid for with Federal and State grant funds, farebox revenue and contract revenue. However, if the rate is not changed, it is estimated that paying the higher rate for 2010 would cost the Transit system budget approximately \$108,000 in additional funds that could otherwise be used to provide more service.

Ordinance No. 09-094: It is requested an Ordinance be passed authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an Amendment to the Contract for transportation services with MV Contract Transportation, Inc. for services related to the operation of the Sandusky Transit System; and declaring that this Ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Julie Farrar, the Commission authorized the passage of this Ordinance under suspension of the rules in full accordance of Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Craig Stahl asked if the whole system would be put out to bid once the new vehicles are here. He asked if the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Chicago had given their authorization for the appropriateness of this. Carrie Handy said she has not yet received this in writing from the Chicago office of the FTA, but she is trying to get written authorization.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed. Roll Call on the Ordinance: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the Ordinance passed.

City Manager's Report

Matt Kline said he received correspondence from **Mrs. Ruth Parker who wished to establish an endowment in the amount of \$10,000 through the Sandusky Erie County Community Foundation which would allow distributions to be designated for the Horticultural Services and Greenhouse operations for the city.** He said there is no match required and he has a **Designated Fund Agreement** which has been reviewed by the Law Department to be executed by the city. The interest from the \$10,000 would then be used strictly for the Greenhouse operations.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the City Commissioners authorized the City Manager to execute this Designated Fund Agreement on behalf of the City of Sandusky.

Discussion: Julie Farrar thanked Ruth Parker for once again giving to the City of Sandusky and hoped we will send an acknowledgement for this gift. Craig Stahl said Ruth Parker's son, John, and Jim Arthur, who is in the audience tonight, has been active on the Tree Commission and the activities at the Greenhouse and he (John Parker) should also receive a copy of this letter of acknowledgement.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed.

Matt Kline said since the recent gifting ceremony at the Greenhouse, Tom Speir has received calls for use of this facility as it is a great place for people to gather. Stein Hospice has requested to host their annual Open House at the Greenhouse and would like to serve wine. Matt Kline said the Law Department has prepared a draft Agreement to allow them to serve alcohol on our property which will remove liability from the city. Don Icsman said this Agreement transfers the risk to Stein Hospice and requires they have liquor liability insurance.

Upon motion of Bob Warner and second of Dave Waddington, the City Commissioners authorized the Law Director to prepare an agreement allowing Stein Hospice to serve alcohol at their annual Open House which will be held at the city Greenhouse.

Discussion: Bob Warner said he was glad to see this facility being used. Dave Waddington said this facility is a knockout and at the recent gifting celebration, he told George Mylander he was glad that he changed his vote to not close the Greenhouse. Craig Stahl said this has turned into an educational center for the city.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed.

Matt Kline reminded everyone that Wednesday is **Veteran's Day** and city offices would be closed in observance of this holiday.

Matt Kline said at the last meeting, a question was asked about **performing an energy audit for City Hall with Honeywell** and he has made contact with the company to schedule this.

Matt Kline said he has talked with **Dave Williams about his interest in the future development of the Keller Building**. He said Dave Williams indicated money is tight right now and development is not proceeding. He suggested scheduling a vision session or a marketing meeting to help draft a Master Plan for the downtown area which will be a key for the success of the Keller Building property.

Matt Kline said a meeting has been scheduled with **Captain Lance Woodworth of the Jet Express on November 18 to respond to questions posed by Dan Kaman regarding the Jackson Street parking lot**. He said he will provide an update for the Commissioners after this meeting takes place.

Matt Kline said late this afternoon, he received a call and email from **Hoty Builders regarding an update on the Paper District marina project**. He said this project is proceeding according to plans but it is a complex issue with several key points: proceeding with the reviews and submittals for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Ohio EPA Permit, the Submerged Lands Lease with ODNR and the Voluntary Action Plan. He said we have made contact with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey to help us proceed with the Development Agreement and this will be presented to the City Commissioners soon. Craig Stahl said this would have to be in by next Wednesday in order to appear on the next meeting Agenda. Don Icsman said he did not want to give false hope as this may not be ready for the next meeting. He said while it may seem easy to blame the lawyers, there are legal, permitting, financing and environmental issues which are very complex. He said he does not want to see us get into another Public Services Complex which started out estimated to cost \$3 million but in the end, cost the city \$7 million. Don Icsman said he disagrees with the substance of the letter and Craig Stahl said when it is ready, it will be ready, and we should do it right.

Dave Waddington asked about follow-up regarding the **Keller Building repairs** as it is getting close to winter and he still sees jacks in the windows and boards on the windows. He asked if we are going to button these things up. John Hancock said he received a quote today to re-secure the roof structure which was \$5,800. He will be meeting with Matt Kline to authorize the contractor to perform this work. There is also structural work which needs to be authorized and performed and he will be evaluating a proposal for this work. John Hancock said he received a report from the structural engineer since his inspection of the water tank, roof structure and masonry/chimney repairs which he will be getting input on. Craig Stahl asked John Hancock to get this to the Commissioners, including the new ones, soon.

Matt Kline said he has not had the opportunity to talk with George Poulos to provide an **update regarding Housing** as requested by Pervis Brown, but that he will be meeting with him soon and reporting to the City Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Brett Fuqua, the Commissioners requested a second Motion to vote to prepare a Termination Agreement with the LLC for The Marina District project effective December 31, 2009.

Discussion: John Eymann asked to respond to the comments made about this project. He said he is in a difficult spot but a lot of good has come from the efforts of this project. He said it is unfortunate we are all a victim of the circumstances of the world. John Eymann said the reality is we are all burdened by the economy, the residential industry, hospitality industry, the real estate industry and the financing/banking industry. He said nothing is going to happen and banks are not in a position to fund anything right now. John Eymann stated Sandusky is a secondary market and the reality is that there is probably a three- to five-year window for the economy to recover and people will need to start spending money for the hospitality industry to recover. He said there could be a project if the economy were better. He said the failure of this project is not because of a lack of effort; it simply is impossible to get funding. John Eymann said it is painful, but with the world today, this is the brutal truth.

John Eymann said originally the **deposit was a "good faith deposit"** and it was mutually agreed in the contract to work together to make something happen. Early on, the city requested that John Eymann move the hotel site to help facilitate the move of City Hall to another location. He said the Commissioners may recall he (John) did not like this as moving a city hall can be a burden, but he agreed and took on more responsibility and expenses as a result. He incurred more expenses by hiring a commercial real estate person and a public finance guy and created marketing materials to benefit the city and move the project forward. In the Development Agreement, he believed from the city's perspective, the money was never intended to be kept; rather, both parties were expected to take on their own financial responsibilities for this project. John Eymann is not an attorney, but his attorney has sent information to the city's attorney at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey. He has major concerns which are not so mutual anymore regarding the cancellation of the contract. He said he will have no recourse to make something happen with this project as it is being stripped away from him. John Eymann said the Agreement was written to protect the city and the city has not given up anything and was able to negotiate a contract with the Sandusky Sailing Club as a result which now generates revenue for the city. The city has worked out issues with the Sandusky Yacht Club which is now a mutually beneficial arrangement. John Eymann has hired local people as requested with the exception of his finance guy. He said he cannot control the economy and hopes the Commissioners get all of the information about what this money could and could not be used for and consider the mutual intent of the deposit prior to making any decisions.

Craig Stahl asked Don Icsman if the city would jeopardize its standing by not waiting until December 31 to allow the contract to fail on its own. Don Icsman said this is not an appropriate forum to discuss this and that he (John Eymann) just stated that he is not a lawyer but seems to be here tonight giving legal advice. Don Icsman said it was suggested by the City Manager that the Commissioners make a motion allowing the city to put a period on the expiration of this Agreement. He said the Commissioners are not doing anything tonight about the check and John Eymann misspoke when he said this. Don Icsman said we will protect the city's interest. If the City Commissioners decide to not do anything, the Agreement will be in effect until December 31, 2009. Dave Waddington said the Motion he made was to prepare a Termination Agreement which would be effective December 31. John Eymann said he apologized if he misunderstood the Motion. Brett Fuqua said this is not the forum to play a blame game or fault anyone. He said although he has always supported this project, the circumstances of our economy are beyond our control and this is a necessary process. He said if the economy changes, he hopes we can be open to another development in the future. Julie Farrar said she will abstain from this vote as there is still an ethics issue pending for her. Pervis Brown asked if it is really necessary to do this since the Development Agreement will expire at the end of the year anyway. He asked if taking no action would be the same as taking action and questioned why the city should vote to prepare this document. Don Icsman said this came from a suggestion made by Matt Kline to put a period on this sad situation. He said the Agreement will expire on December 31 and there are seven or so weeks to go, and it would be proper and legal for the City Commission to make a decision publicly. Craig Stahl said the remarks made by Pervis Brown were with merit.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, 1. Nays: Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 4. Abstain: Julie Farrar, 1. The President declared the motion failed and the Agreement will expire on its own at the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Julie Farrar distributed information about **wind turbines** and talked about her recent visit to a community in Massachusetts where one was installed. An audio/video recording was then played of the wind turbine in operation both inside and outside for the benefit of all in attendance. It should be noted the decibel level inside of the turbine registered at 65 while outside, it registered 55. The wind turbine

in Sandusky at Shepherd's Shoreline Construction registered at 86. Julie Farrar said in her opinion, this unit is very quiet and is located across a highway from a cemetery and has the capacity to power 150 homes. She said the yawing sound amounted to nothing in her opinion and is much quieter than the one located in Sandusky. The turbine proposed for Sandusky would supply 43% of the electricity for our Water Plant. The turbine in Massachusetts would be paid for or provide a return on investment in eight years. She said her trip was nine hours in total and it was a nice place to visit. Craig Stahl asked Matt Kline for an update on this project.

Matt Kline said **NexGen is proceeding with the testing and have chosen where to locate the turbines.** He said we were waiting for this report from Julie Farrar and the City Commissioners can decide whether to proceed with one or both turbines as we are only under contract for the study, not the construction. Julie Farrar said she understood we are waiting for the Federal Aviation Administration to rule on the location(s) because of the airport located on Cleveland Road. Matt Kline said the next step would be to have this placed on the Agenda for the Planning Commission's consideration. Don Icsman said ultimately, legislation will be presented to the City Commission for their consideration.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Brett Fuqua, the City Commissioners voted to order in legislation to consider this.

Discussion: Kim Nuesse asked if there would be an opt-out clause in the Agreement if the residents did not like this and asked what level would exceed the city's noise ordinance. Charlie Sams said he believes it would depend upon the time of day as the decibel levels permitted vary during different times of the day. Dave Waddington said there has not been anyone qualified or trained to use the sound meter. Don Icsman confirmed this and said the city will have to recertify an employee(s) to use the meter as violations cannot be used in a court of law without the training or certification.

Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Farrar said she recently met with a concerned city resident, John Hancock, Kathy McKillips, Bob Warner and Matt Kline as a result of an email she received, and she appreciated the timely meeting to solve this issue.

Julie Farrar said an issue was recently sent an email from Skip Oliver **regarding the use of Matrix Engineering for work performed. She said she contacted Jack Runner of the Sandusky Yacht Club and he (Jack) has provided a statement of qualifications and resume from John Matricardi of Matrix Engineering** and he (John) is very qualified to have performed work on the SYC's behalf as required by the city.

Upon motion of Brett Fuqua and second of Dave Waddington, the Commissioners voted to have an Executive Session regarding the purchase and sale of personal property. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed. Craig Stahl said Kim Nuesse and John Hamilton were invited to this Executive Session.

Dave Waddington asked if the budget would be presented at the next meeting. Craig Stahl said the next Audit/Finance Committee is on November 20 at 7:45 a.m. and these meetings are open to the public. Craig Stahl said he would anticipate the budget will then be discussed at the next City Commission meeting.

Upon motion of Brett Fuqua and second of Julie Farrar, the Commissioners voted to have an Executive Session regarding Personnel, Water Department. Roll Call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Julie Farrar, Craig Stahl, Brett Fuqua, Pervis Brown and Bob Warner, 6. Nays: 0. The President declared the motion passed.

Pervis Brown asked if there would be an update on the recent **water meeting**. Don Icsman said this will be handled in the Executive Session.

Under **Audience Participation**, the following offered their comments on Agenda items:

Wesley Poole, 1939 East Oldgate, asked if those who bring in the Tall Ships would be allowed the opportunity to review the application submitted by Matrix Engineering prior to any approvals being made as this is what really matters. He asked what 55 decibels really means and offered to use this device to measure the noise generated by trains near his house so it would make some sense to people. He stated a sustained noise is different and once the turbine is in place, the taxpayers will be the ones to deal with the changes in the noise level.

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, said the mystery of the check has been solved according to emails which were released from earlier this year between John Eymann, Scott Schell, Ed Widman and Matt Kline. She said this should be dealt with. Sharon Johnson said another email referenced John Eymann's "Dream Team" and included John Hancock and asked if this was a conflict. John Hancock stated his firm provided surveying for Meacham and Apel prior to John Hancock taking his position with the city. He said he was paid for this work and there is no further contract or agreement for any pending work.

Willie McCarty, 131 Meigs Street, Chief of the United Indians of Ohio, said a term will begin for new City Commissioners and they have been given a task by the voters to perform certain duties. He said when the current Commissioners were elected, he would provide them a grade card. Willie McCarty said he is a graduate of Sandusky High School and is proud to be a member of the community. He said all elected officials have chosen to be leaders and sometimes are given more than they can handle. He said "job well done" by the current City Commissioners as they have stood up and the city will be okay if we pull together as the great city that we are and quit bickering and worrying about decisions being made. He said there is a chain of command and not to drop the ball, but listen to the voters.

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, Save Our Shoreline Parks, said he has heard the city is considering another person or persons to take over the development for the Marina District project and Matt Kline suggested a new plan be developed for the Surf's Up and Battery Park Marina property at the last meeting. Tim Schwanger said he recently attended a Bayfront Corridor Committee meeting and current plans being considered for Lions Park do not include a public beach which would rival Cedar Point or Huron's beach and shore protection devices are not part of the plan. He said consideration is being given to a wading-type beach at this location, not for swimming. He said a committee should be put in place to decide how to move forward with these properties. Craig Stahl asked Tim Schwanger not to forget both Lakeview Park and the East Harbor beach projects and to always champion the cause. Tim Schwanger said he received a recent email from Damien Schipley of the ODNR who indicated Conservation Funds may be made available to rejuvenate this area and the city should try to get this money. Julie Farrar said she has not heard of anyone taking over the Marina District project after John Eymann and there are ways to get around the issue of public access. Julie Farrar said she was a skateboarder and believes the inside of the pool area at the former Surf's Up would be a great place for a skate park.

Diedre Cole, 807 Hancock Street, said there are many ideas for the Battery Park and Surf's Up properties and she would be able to make a presentation about her recent trip to Louisville, Kentucky before the end of the year to show what another community has done. Kim Nuesse said she wished to reiterate the idea presented by Tim Schwanger to get input from the public about future projects. Craig Stahl said he thought it would be helpful to hear from Diedre Cole and he had also spoken to Bob and Ruth Haag about Sandusky's similarity with Erie, Pennsylvania, as they have an amusement park, a state park and ferry tours of Presque Isle. Craig Stahl said it would be good to do other research and not make a snap decision.

Dennis Timple, 553 Bimini Drive, thanked the officers in the Sandusky Police Department for their recent assistance in securing the former Apex building on First Street. He also thanked Pervis Brown and Bob Warner for looking into his suggestion to raise the assessed value of this property to be more in line with what the owners say it is worth. Dennis Timple suggested the city also look into shoreline communities cities in Michigan such as St. Clair and Port Huron. He stated they have successfully used a Waterways Commission in Michigan and use gas tax money for funding so that a boater is never more than 15 miles from a safe point to get off of the water.

Julie Farrar asked what the length would be for this presentation by Diedre Cole and Diedre said it could be made any length the Commissioners would like. This will be placed on the next City Commission Agenda.

Craig Stahl adjourned the regular session of the Sandusky City Commission meeting at 6:27 p.m. for a ten minute break.

At 6:27 p.m., the Commissioners went into **Executive Session**; at 7:19 p.m., the Commissioners adjourned the Executive Session.

Kelly L. Kresser
Interim Clerk of the City Commission

Craig H. Stahl
President of the City Commission