

DECEMBER 12, 2008

5:00 P.M.

At 5:00 p.m. a Special Meeting was held by the Sandusky City Commission in the City Building Commission Chambers, 222 Meigs Street, to elect a replacement for the vacant seat of Dennis E. Murray, Jr. with City Commissioners Brett Fuqua, Julie Farrar, Dave Waddington, Dan Kaman, Craig Stahl (Dennis Murray's-empty seat) 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 Economic Development Specialist Scott Schell. The audience and the news media were present.

Vice President Craig Stahl asked that Mrs. Farrar offer 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, and Stahl.

Vice President Stahl said this special meeting was for the purpose of electing a new City Commissioner to replace Dennis E. Murray, Jr., the newly elected 80th District State Representative.

Vice President Stahl said a footnote, they would reconvene on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss further business regarding the Marina District Project.

Vice President Stahl said he knew they had talked about this, but the Chair was open for any and all suggestions regarding their agenda for how they want to do this this evening. The consensus of the Commission was that they would ask three questions: 1.) Why would you like to be a City Commissioner?; 2.) Are you able or is there anything that they would need to know that would not enable you to fulfill the role of Sandusky City Commissioner? Mr. Warner said he would ask a third question. 3.) If they feel they have the time and the energy to donate to the City for what it takes, because this is just not two or three hours every two weeks job?

Vice President Stahl asked was there any preference on order? The consensus was that they would do it separately and ask the questions separately. Mrs. Farrar suggested that they go in reverse order of how they interviewed last time, starting with Mr. Brown, then Mr. Watson and Mr. Koonce. Each candidate entered the Commission Chambers and responded to the three questions and left the Chambers.

Vice President Stahl said gentlemen what was their pleasure, are they prepared to vote on this this evening? Mr. Fuqua and Mrs. Farrar said yes. Vice President Stahl asked the Clerk to pass out a piece of paper and everyone put one name on that piece of paper and pass it back to the Clerk. The votes were passed back to the Clerk. Vice President Stahl asked did they want the Clerk to read the tally to the candidates at the same time? The consensus was yes and the candidates reentered the Commission Chambers. Vice President Stahl said only the Clerk knows the winner of the election, but he would like to say a couple of things before they got to that.

Vice President Stahl said first of all don't lose focus for the reason that they are all here tonight. They were very lucky to have one of Sandusky's own be elected 80th District State Representative and that's an awesome deal. So congratulations on behalf of this side of the table to Dennis E. Murray, Jr. for his election as our immediate District State Representative. But he would also like to point out whoever didn't win this election that there will be a big future involved for all three of the guys. Because he would tell them this is an awesome deal, but term limits allow that they're not here forever. They are only here for a short amount of time and everybody that wants to serve as a City Commissioner, certainly should have the opportunity. And he looked forward at some point or another, campaigning for all three of them. They're all wonderful guys and they're all willing to lay it out there. And he realized this Commission totally appreciates their efforts and it took a lots to go through all of this and he appreciated everything that everyone has gone through.

Vice President Stahl said that being said, would the Clerk read the name of the newest City Commissioner. **The Clerk stated Pervis Brown, Jr. Vice President Stahl said congratulations, be prepared to take the role of the Sandusky City Commissioner this evening.** Please stand and Mr. Icsman would swear him in.

Vice President Stahl asked that Mr. Icsman swear in Mr. Brown. Mr. Icsman asked Mr. Brown to repeat after him as he read the oath; *"I, Pervis D. Brown, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Sandusky; That I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge the duties of my office as a City Commissioner and not be influenced by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment or discharge of employees; That I am currently qualified to hold the office and during my candidacy and election I have not violated any provisions of Section 4 of the City's Charter and I shall continue to maintain all of the qualifications to hold office as a City Commissioner throughout my term in office (City Charter S4); That I will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, job or service with or for the City nor in the profits thereof nor in the expenditure of any money on the part of the City other than the compensation allowed by law (City Charter S43, S6); So help me God."* **Vice President Stahl and the City Commissioners congratulated Mr. Pervis Brown on becoming a Commissioner, filling an unexpired term replacing Dennis E. Murray, Jr.**

Vice President Stahl asked Mr. Brown to come sit up front for right now.

Vice President Stahl asked what was their pleasure on the Mayor and Vice Mayor situation? Would it be if he wanted to serve to be a candidate for Ex-Office Mayor for the City of Sandusky, he believed it would be proper for him to resign as Vice Mayor, was that correct Mr. Icsman? Mr. Icsman said yes sir. **Vice President Stahl said he had a letter of resignation as Vice Mayor.** And then he would turn the meeting over to Mr. Kaman to run or the designee or whoever should run the meeting as he had resigned as Vice Chairman. The consensus was that Vice President Stahl continued to run the meeting.

Vice President Stahl said he would now take nominations for the office of Mayor of the City of Sandusky, Ohio. *Mr. Warner said he nominated Craig Stahl for Ex-Officio Mayor.* Vice President Stahl said he accepted the nomination. He asked were there any other nominations for Mayor? As there were none, he asked for a second to the motion. Mr. Pervis Brown seconded. Vice President Stahl asked that the Clerk pass out the ballots and do it officially. The Clerk passed out the ballots and then recollected them. **The Clerk, B. Joyce Brown, then stated that Mr. Craig Stahl was the new President of the Sandusky City Commission.**

Vice President Stahl said he would now take nominations for the office of Vice President of the Sandusky City Commission. *Mrs. Farrar said she would nominate Brett Fuqua.* Mr. Warner seconded the motion. He asked were there any other nominations for Mayor? As there were none, the Clerk passed out the ballots and then recollected them. **The Clerk, B. Joyce Brown, then stated that Mr. Brett Fuqua was the new Vice President of the Sandusky City Commission.** Vice President Stahl congratulated Mr. Fuqua.

Vice President Stahl then stated that was all of the business before them this evening.

At 5:24 p.m. Vice President Stahl returned to the table and entertained motions for adjournment. Mrs. Farrar moved, Mr. Warner seconded, carried.

ATTEST:

B. JOYCE BROWN
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

CRAIG H. STAHL, VICE PRESIDENT
SANDUSKY CITY COMMISSION