

Dennis Murray called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the Invocation, given by Wes Poole, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners responded: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine.

City staff present: Mario D’Amico – Interim Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Planning Director, Brad Link – Public Service Director, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Don Rumbutis – IT, Justin Harris – Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 8 meeting and suspend the formal reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

PROCLAMATION

Naomi Twine read a **Proclamation for the kickoff weeks of “Click It or Ticket”**.

PRESENTATION

Tara Toft, SCS Coordinator of the Regional Center for Advanced Academics & Learning Support, said new operating standards for gifted students were recently adopted by the State of Ohio and will go into effect on July 1. These new guidelines should be helpful for persons in the community looking for gifted services for area students. Students are required to be tested for superior cognitive ability once in Grades K-2, once in Grades 3 - 6 and for a specific academic area (i.e. math, science). This will mean slightly increased costs to school districts, but SCS has been doing this for quite some time. Parents must be notified within 30 days of the results. If gifted services are provided, they must be differentiated from the standard curriculum and the time needs to correspond to a full grade period during normal school hours. Gifted services come in many different sizes, shapes and forms; one way is a self-contained, all-day gifted class which is offered at the Regional Center and is the only area school currently offering this. Parents of gifted students are being told they are entitled to these services within 30 days of having a score which qualifies them as gifted. They also need to be notified every year if their student qualifies but is not being offered gifted services and it is important for parents to know what their students could be getting. At SCS, there has been a longstanding commitment to gifted education and this year Grades K-2 will be adding cluster grouping in the general education setting with trained teachers so these students will not be without gifted services. SCS also has extended services in Grades 7 – 12 with honors courses offered at every level and in every subject area. The Dorn Foundation has provided funding for college professors who take state standards to a much deeper level with students including field trips to college campuses as early as in Grade 3. They offer a weeklong summer program and this summer are doing a survival series at Gibraltar Island, BGSU main campus and at Firelands BGSU; 60 students will travel to NYC this summer studying immigration, terrorism and peacekeeping as a way to wrap up and kick off next year’s involvement with Model United Nations.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Naomi Twine, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**ITEM #1 - Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works****EMERGENCY REPAIR TO CENTRIFUGE AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Budgetary Information: The cost of \$19,832.60 for the repairs will be paid from the sewer fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-096: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the emergency repair work to be performed to the centrifuge at the Waste Water Treatment Plant by Andritz Separation of Arlington, Texas, in the amount of \$19,832.60; 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 Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the sludge dewatering system will be sent to Texas within the next month for repairs as this is the only location available. In the meantime, this equipment is being utilized, but if it goes down, we will have to implement our backup system and find other places to take our sludge.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**AMENDMENT #2 TO 2017 BUDGET**

Budgetary Information: Appropriation amendments are required to update the budget for previous actions of the city. Examples include, but are not limited to: vehicle purchase for Code Enforcement, parts and materials for water meters, BIWW PAC system improvements and the storm water utility program.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-097: It is requested an ordinance be passed adopting amendment #2 to Ordinance 17-064 passed by this City Commission on March 27, 2017, making general appropriations for the FY 2017; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Naomi Twine, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Hank Solowiej said with our new accounting software implemented this year, these appropriation adjustments will be made either monthly or bi-monthly in order to be more transparent. Things constantly change with budgets and one example would be if there are excess funds budgeted for personnel, these could be shifted for equipment. Another example would be the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which initially was to be for purchases of supplies and materials, but after learning staff time could be covered, an adjustment was made for wages and payroll. The last one is money which had been appropriated but placed in the wrong line item to account accurately for the expenditures. Operating/budget adjustments will be approved by the Department Head, City Manager and Finance Director and ultimately by the City Commission.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Jane Cullen, Project Engineer**AUTHORIZATION TO BID VENICE ROAD SANITARY SEWER CLEANING PROJECT**

Budgetary Information: The estimated cost of the project, including engineering, inspection, advertising and miscellaneous costs is \$30,000 and will be paid with sewer funds from the operating and maintenance budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 029-17R: It is requested a resolution be passed declaring the necessity for the city to proceed with the proposed Venice Road 30” sanitary sewer cleaning project; approving the specifications and engineer’s estimate of cost thereof; and directing the City Manager to advertise for and receive bids in relation thereto; and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Wes Poole, the Commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Aaron Klein said the amount of buildup in this system exceeds our city equipment. If done in-house, it would start in one to two months and would take approximately two months to complete. If the contractor were to perform this work, it would take approximately one week which will significantly reduce the amount of traffic control needed. We also want to make sure this project is completed quickly so we can accommodate the Venice Road utility and connectivity project which is currently out for Requests for Qualifications. Wes Poole said when this is completed, he would like to know how much material was removed.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Maria Muratori, Development Specialist**GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR BAIT HOUSE BREWERY, LLC**

Budgetary Information: The city will be responsible for providing a total of \$31,852.50 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

A. ORDINANCE NO. 17-098: It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a small business assistance grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Bait House Brewery, LLC in relation to the property located at 223 Meigs Street; 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 Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Maria Muratori said Dan McGookey purchased 223 Meigs Street which is adjacent to his law practice. The building had dilapidated apartments but is now being converted into a small brewery/taproom; photos were shown displaying the interior and exterior. The brewery is expected to open in 2017 and the exterior will be completed by mid-2018. This project will involve a complete interior renovation of the space including an upstairs laboratory. There will be a façade overhaul, signage, a new copper roof and a wraparound covered deck. Initially this will create approximately three jobs. The total project cost is \$264,000 including interior and exterior repair and all equipment. The recommendation is for city assistance totaling \$31,852.50 which was approved at the May 9 Economic Development Incentive Committee meeting. This grant is approximately 12.1% of the total project cost. Dave Waddington thanked Dan McGookey for making this investment. Wes Poole said this is a nice facelift and addition to Meigs Street and with the upcoming road improvements and other improvements being made in the Cove area, there will soon be customers.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

- B. [ORDINANCE NO. 17-099](#):** It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a façade and signage grant in the amount of \$16,852.50 to the Bait House Brewery, LLC in relation to the property located at 223 Meigs Street; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Dennis Murray thanked Dan McGookey for making this investment in our community and said it is a very timely investment with a lot of other things going on in this area of the city. Dan McGookey thanked all of the city staff and officials and said he could not be more pleased with the cooperation he received.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Maria Muratori, Development Specialist

GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ZELLER GAMING

Budgetary Information: The city will be responsible for providing \$21,993.75 in grant proceeds from the Economic Development capital projects fund on a reimbursable basis at the completion of the project.

[ORDINANCE NO. 17-100](#): It is requested an ordinance be passed authorizing and approving a grant in the amount of \$21,993.75 to Zeller Gaming Enterprises, LLC, in relation to the property located at 142 Columbus Avenue; and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Maria Muratori said Greg Winnestaffer and Gabe Zeller are partners in Zeller Gaming Enterprises, LLC and own this property. At the time of purchase, the property was vacant. Both Greg and Gabe have restaurant experience and are renovating this space into a modern Mexican restaurant. The building needs quite a bit of work and the project includes a complete renovation and buildout of the first floor including equipment installation, signage, the purchase of furniture and fixtures, and a projected estimate of at least four new full-time employees. The project is expected to be completed in 2017. The total project cost is \$437,000 including the acquisition price of the building, or \$297,000, excluding the acquisition costs. The Economic Development Incentive Committee approved grants totaling \$21,993.75 for signage and small business assistance on April 11. The grants equal 7.4% of the total project cost (excluding acquisition). Dennis Murray thanked the owners for their investment and for taking a risk with their own capital. Dick Brady said he will abstain from voting on this legislation.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray,

Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Maria Muratori, Development Specialist

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ZELLER GAMING

Budgetary Information: The project will have an ongoing positive impact on the general fund as 25% of the increase in value will be subject to real estate taxes during the abatement period. The project will also help sustain construction jobs in the local economy and will create an estimated four full-time equivalent employment positions that will be subject to city income tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-101: It is requested an ordinance be passed approving the Community Reinvestment Area agreement with Zeller Gaming Enterprises, LLC; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Community Reinvestment Area agreement; 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 Nikki Lloyd, the Commission voted to approve this ordinance under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

Discussion: Maria Muratori said Zeller Gaming Enterprises has requested a tax abatement for a period of five years at 75% on the increased and assessed value of the property. The SCS Board of Education approved the tax exemption at its May 8 Board meeting. There will be approximately eight construction workers completing this project as well.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the motion passed. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 6. Abstain: Dick Brady, 1. The President declared the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation from Kenneth Fultz (\$17) and from John & Diane McNutt (\$110) for the K9 fund. The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Nikki Lloyd and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation from the Sam S. and Rose Stein Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of a LUCAS 2 Chest Compression System.**

Discussion: Mario D'Amico said the Wightman Wieber Foundation donated a portion of monies for the first chest compression system. This is a mechanical CPR machine which allows uninterrupted CPR from the time the patient is reached until the time they are delivered to the hospital. This can be difficult when moving patients from residences, to a cot or to another floor of a home, as CPR must be done the entire time. This new one will be placed at Station #3 while the first one is at Station #1.

The President declared the motion passed.

- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to accept a donation from Foster Chevrolet of new landscaping at the Police and Fire Memorials (including plants and labor). The President declared the motion passed.**
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to accept a donation from LEWCO of two (2) twenty-three foot steel I-beams for the installation of the**

new scoreboard for Erie Blacktop Field at AMVETS Park. The President declared the motion passed.

- In the upcoming weeks, the **Sandusky Bicentennial's Community Involvement Committee** will begin its outreach to area organizations and groups. Initiatives involve the youth, arts and culture, health and wellness as well as the faith-based community and Sandusky's neighborhoods.
- The **Bicentennial website will go live in early June: www.Sandusky2018.com**. This is a key project from the Marketing Committee.
- **City offices will be closed on Memorial Day: Monday, May 29.**
- A special thank you to Lt. Dahlgren, Sgt. Susana, Sgt. Snyder and Officers Rankins, Costante and Parsons for attending the **Peace Officer Memorial Services in Washington D.C. on May 15**. As part of the FOP Honor Guard, they participated in standing guard for the Memorial Wreath, which is an honor and privilege. Thank you for representing the agency by honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.
- **Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Wes Poole, the commission voted to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 26, regarding the 2018 Tax Budget as required per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.30. The President declared the motion passed.**
- The next scheduled **Audit/Finance Committee meeting** is June 23, 2017 at 7:45 a.m.
- **Street crews have completed most of the alley and pothole work around** the city. They are starting to work on **trench repairs from water main and sewer breaks** from the winter. Striping crews are also painting roadways.
- Friendly reminder: **routine sewer cleaning** has ramped back up for the summer months and crews are currently in Zone 1.
- The **delineators will be placed on the US Rt. 250 overpass** prior to Memorial Day to direct Cedar Point traffic onto Butler Street.
- As has been evident over the past few weeks, **construction season is upon us** so please respect the lives of construction workers trying to improve the infrastructure in our community. Please respect all signs and drive with caution through work zones. Refer to the city's website for all road closures and detours. Thanks to the [Sandusky Register](#) for continuing to be a good partner in quickly notifying the residents.
- Work on the **basketball courts at Orlando Pace Park** should begin tomorrow.
- There will be a **Columbus Avenue revitalization project subcontractor Meet & Greet** on May 25, beginning at 9 a.m. SandCity, LLC will be hosting the event to discuss the upcoming rehabilitation of the Whitworth, Kingsbury and Commercial Banking & Trust buildings. Contractors will have an opportunity to meet the developer the general contractor and other project team members while also getting to view the space, better understand the project and scope of work, and be briefed on the historical standards for rehabilitation required as part of the project. All local registered contractors, across various trades, have been invited. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Lease Agreement entered into between the City of Sandusky and SandCity, LLC, both parties have mutually agreed to **extend the period in which floor plans and scope of finishes are to be finalized** (originally set to expire on May 15, 2017) for an additional thirty-one days or until June 15, 2017. The period upon which the Lessor has to finalize financing has been extended until July 31, 2017 (previously was June 30, 2017).

- The regular **Planning Commission meeting** is scheduled for May 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The regular **Board of Zoning Appeals meeting** is scheduled for June 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room.
- The new **scoreboard at Erie Blacktop Field has been installed**. Thanks to the Property Maintenance and Forestry crews for all their hard work as well as those who donated to purchase this scoreboard.
- **Street closures for Ohio Bike Week** will begin on Wednesday, May 31 starting at 5 p.m. until Sunday, June 4 at 12 p.m. Signs will be posted on Tuesday, May 30 throughout the approved street closure areas.
- **Congratulations to local attorney Mel Stauffer who was recently inducted into the 2017 Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame**. Dennis Murray said Mr. Stauffer is his father-in-law and attended the inaugural ceremony and appreciates the recognition tonight as he (Mel) has done much work behind the scenes to advance the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Waddington thanked all of the city staff members who helped make the **Kidsfest event successful this weekend**.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Dave Waddington, the commission voted to Take from the Table a motion regarding signage for fishing at the Paper District Marina. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted for the city to provide signage eliminating fishing in the marina and include the south sidewalk area.

Discussion: Dick Brady said his motion is to install signage prohibiting fishing within the Paper District Marina area on both the docks and sidewalks. The amendment was to limit the signage to the sidewalks running north and south. Wes Poole said the amount of foot traffic on the sidewalk leading to where people eat justifies limiting fishing in this area, but there is nothing different with the other sidewalk areas from any other place in town where people fish. We should not deny people access to things they enjoy without good reason; we cannot simply label it “unsafe” without evidence that it is indeed unsafe and nothing has been presented. The area between where people park their vehicles to the docks is a reasonable area to limit fishing. The distance from the boats to where people would be fishing on the east side is minimal.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Wes Poole, 3. Nays: Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 3. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the motion failed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Nikki Lloyd, the commission voted to permit fishing on the outer wall into Sandusky Bay, but not inside of the Paper District Marina itself.

Discussion: Dick Brady said he does not have evidence that fishing and boating cannot coexist or that they are inherently dangerous, but noted Justin Harris, at the last meeting, mentioned liability and said he (Justin) would feel more comfortable not allowing fishing anywhere inside of the Paper District Marina. Dick Brady asked if there is empirical evidence this is a hazard and said as legislators, we need to be cautious when mixing two different activities. Since the inception of the transient marina, fishing and swimming have not been allowed and believes we should stay the course. Justin Harris said he cannot point to any empirical data, but traditionally in representing marina owners or operators from Toledo to Lorain, the likelihood of accidents is higher with additional activity or traffic inside a marina such as fishing on boat docks. Closing off

fishing would be better if done outside of the marina, not within the marina where boats are traveling. When property is leased, there is a certain expectation; this property is under a management agreement and for cleanliness in our relationship, we do not want to put any added pressure on the operator. As a city we have immunity, but this would not stop someone from suing us if an accident occurs. There should be fishing “at your own risk” outside of the marina but with an outside operator, this would create scenarios where what might happen cannot be controlled. Justin Harris said his recommendation is to not allow fishing inside the marina and this is the more rational and reasonable recommendation. Wes Poole asked what additional accidents we may be talking about that are more risky than on a sidewalk in any other area of the city. Justin Harris said if someone is a temporary tenant, such as a boater renting a slip or an individual who does not lease in this area and they are permitted to fish, the city would be invading into this tenant’s area as well as creating exposure. Greg Lockhart asked what the area defined will be for “no fishing” and Dick Brady said he is defining the docks and sidewalks which adjoin them both East to West and North to South; the signage would state “Fishing on Outer Wall Only in Sandusky Bay”. Greg Lockhart said he agrees there should not be fishing on the docks as this does create a problem, but the sidewalks do have access points to get to the outer edge to fish and asked how people would get to them with their fishing apparatus. Dick Brady said this motion is not intended to deny anyone any type of access; people can walk down sidewalks with their poles and fishing buckets but they cannot fish in the transient marina, nor can they swim in it. Getting to the outer wall where fishing is permitted will be accessible. Dennis Murray said the rules provide for the ability to speak to a motion or legislation two times; this is not supposed to be a question and answer across the table according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Greg Lockhart said he wants to be clear where people can or cannot fish to properly vote on this issue. Looking at the marina which is in a square shape, it will be a problem for people walking out to the pier to fish on the outer walls as it is not an easily traversed place to get to without people stopping along the way. The eastern walkway (close to Chesapeake) seems to be okay for fishing, but understands the concerns about boats coming in and out and wants to make sure they are doing the right thing. Dennis Murray said the motion on the table is to permit fishing on the outer wall into Sandusky Bay, but not inside of the Paper District Marina itself.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 4. Nays: Greg Lockhart and Wes Poole, 2. Abstain: Dennis Murray, 1. The President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted to name the new Police Department after former, fallen Police Officer Andy Dunn, when constructed.

Discussion: Dave Waddington said he does not want to attend another police memorial without taking action and thinks it is the right time to do this. Dick Brady said he was on the commission when the death of Officer Dunn occurred in 2011 and viewed this moment in Sandusky’s history as probably the darkest of hours. The commissions’ ability to name a building after a fallen officer is taken very seriously and this will not only be a memorial for Andy Dunn, it will be a memorial for the Dunn family: his parents, his wife and his children. This is one opportunity we are blessed with to make one small good thing come out of something very tragic and hopes it will not be a political football. It is hoped people will see and realize this as a tribute to Officer Dunn and to his family and that it will last for 100 years. Greg Lockhart said he cannot think of a better name for this building and supports this motion wholeheartedly. Dennis Murray said he has a lot of feelings about this and had hoped to do this, but it is for a much broader reason. There are over 25,000 people in Sandusky with approximately 50 Police Officers (or 1/5 of one percent) are Police Officers. These people keep us safe, protect us and are willing to take on the burden of enforcing laws and putting themselves at risk and this is also a sign of his respect and thanks for what Police Officers do in Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio and throughout the United States every single day. It is getting tougher to recruit Police Officers and this is a well-known fact. These are dangerous times to be a Police Officer and the thin blue line is at risk of getting thinner if all of us in the community do not rally around and support them. Dennis Murray said for some time, one

of his daughters has been dating a criminal justice major who plans to become a Police Officer and understands the risk to her if this relationship progresses and this also has a personal element for him. Dennis Murray thanked the Officers who do this work every day and said he supports this motion for those reasons. Naomi Twine said she supports this measure and has attended the Law Enforcement memorial services for the past few years which are very moving and also has a liaison relationship with the Police Department. No one fully understands what safety force personnel go through when a family member is killed in the line of duty and it is a very difficult thing. If we can memorialize Officer Dunn by renaming the Police Department, this is the least the Commission can do. Dave Waddington said in 2011, there was discussion about naming the new west end overpass for Andy Dunn but this did not happen. Since that time, there has been talk about doing something else for Officer Dunn, but does not want to continue talking without acting.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Greg Lockhart, Dave Waddington, Dick Brady, Dennis Murray, Wes Poole, Nikki Lloyd and Naomi Twine, 7. The President declared the motion passed.

Greg Lockhart said there will be a **neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Hancock Street corridor at St. Stephens Church, 312 Neil Street.**

Dennis Murray said there will be a **Memorial Day parade** on Monday beginning at the Ohio Veteran's Home. The parade ends at Oakland Cemetery & Memorial Park with local bands and choirs.

Naomi Twine said the Veterans Service Commission will host a **service on Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and at Veteran's Park for Memorial Day.**

Wes Poole said the commissioners attended a **ribbon cutting this afternoon at the grand reopening of the McDonald's** on River Avenue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tim Schwanger, 362 Sheffield Way, said he has noticed the joints on the Washington Street Pier have been deteriorating and contacted Home Depot to assist in making these repairs during the first part of June; this work was approved by the City Engineer. Tim Schwanger said with regard to fishing at the Paper District Marina, this is the same excuse he has heard for thirty years. It sounds like the main liability concern is with fishing from the individual docks, but this was expanded to the entire marina including the outside walls. There are local marinas where the general public is permitted to fish and does not understand why this marina should be any different. Tim Schwanger asked if there will be a guard placed on the new fence at Amvets Park to prevent injury from baseballs and Brad Link said this will be installed.

At 6:13 p.m., upon motion of Dave Waddington and second of Dick Brady, the commission voted to adjourn. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser, CMC
Commission Clerk

Dennis E. Murray, Jr.
President of the City Commission