

Dennis Murray **called the meeting to order** at 5 p.m. after **the Invocation**, given Naomi Twine, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith.

**City staff present:** Dave Degnan – Fire Chief, John Orzech – Police Chief, Aaron Klein – Public Works Director, Matt Lasko – Chief Development Officer, Angela Byington – Director of Neighborhood Development & Planning, Brad Link – Public Services Director, Don Rumbutis – IT Manager, Stuart Hamilton – IT Manager, Trevor Hayberger – Acting Law Director, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director, Eric Wobser – City Manager and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

**Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Scott Schell, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015, city commission meeting and suspend the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.**

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked what sidewalks will be torn up during the Fifth Street project (Item #1B) as the sidewalks in this area are in excellent condition.

### PROCLAMATION

Naomi Twine read a **Proclamation regarding the 2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Crackdown Weeks** by the Sandusky Police Department and nationwide.

### PRESENTATION

Abbey Bemis, Executive Director of the Erie County Economic Development Corporation, introduced Teresa Smith, **Business Development Manager with the Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority to present information regarding an Energy Special Improvement District** through the Better Buildings of Northwest Ohio program. Teresa Smith said the Better Buildings of Northwest Ohio (BBNO) program is a resource which provides low-cost financing for projects to conserve energy and generate savings through equipment retrofits to existing facilities and building systems. The program utilizes a financing program called Property Assess Clean Energy (PACE) for the tax assessment process to provide financing to businesses and then pay the bill through their taxes. The benefits to the property owners are they can provide one hundred percent financing for things banks may not typically want to finance including roofing and lighting projects which may be difficult to secure. The benefit to the commercial lender is the program can help them stabilize a businesses they have a primary lending relationship with. They can also provide joint financing to increase the value of the property so it can either be leased, or the owner can realize energy savings to help with cost flow. The benefit to the municipality is it is an add-on to the existing power the municipality has. It is an economic development tool which provides capital to businesses and it is a retention tool to help economic development specialists stabilize and grow businesses within a community. An Energy Special Improvement District is in a larger geographical area and can be a township, a municipality, or a combination. The improved properties do not have to be contiguous and participation is voluntary by the owner. This means, if established, a business only becomes a formal member once they have a project. Energy districts have been established across the region and started in Toledo and can be expanded to add the surrounding municipalities. When not a contiguous region, a municipality must establish its own district which is why Teresa Smith came to speak to Abbey about this region. The role of the leadership is to have a non-profit in the region to administer the program which goes through the legislative process with the municipality or the township because of the assessment. The BBNO uses its bond fund to provide capital for the loans. The management is generally through a non-profit corporation such as Erie County Economic Development Corporation which is already a qualified non-profit and they have the ability to add this as a responsibility under their charter. Over 100 projects have been accomplished and \$20+ million in capital is in the market already and businesses love

this because they can obtain one hundred percent financing for anything that improves energy efficiency of a building. These include soft costs (engineering, design or legal issues to prepare) and can offer long-term fixed rates up to 15 years between 4.5% to 5.5%. These are repaid semi-annually through an Energy Special Improvement assessment which shows up as a special assessment on the tax bill. This is amortized and paid through the tax bill. The improvements transfer with the property when it is sold. This ties the investment to the actual asset. Energy and maintenance savings provide cash flow typically to pay for the improvements and projects can be as low as \$25,000 or as high as \$10 million on any single project. Eligible businesses include industrial/manufacturing, commercial/retail, government/ municipal, educational, health care and commercial/residential (not private/residential). Government buildings in Toledo have included fire stations, community centers and water treatment plants, parking structures to save energy for larger scale projects. The only thing that cannot be done is swimming pools, aquariums, casinos or golf courses. Projects which improve energy efficiency of a building are included and can be for lighting, energy maintenance systems, high efficiency HVAC, control systems, compressed air, a building envelope, steam systems/boilers, refrigeration systems and solar hot water. Energy projects include waste energy recovery, distributed and renewable power generation, electrical distribution upgrades, heating and cooling systems including Geothermal and combined heat and power systems. In order to apply, three years of company financials must be submitted to the Toledo Port Authority along with two years of historical energy data and a budget for the improvements and potential energy savings. Once financing is approved based on the financial statements and the proposed project, an Agreement to be Assessed and a Lender Consent form is signed if there is a mortgage on the property. The Toledo/Lucas County Port Authority takes care of the city assessment process. Teresa Smith introduced Todd Williams who is legal counsel and has prepared all of the boilerplate documents being used to help the municipalities get set up. There are businesses within the Sandusky market which may wish to take advantage of this product. This will bring a resource to the community not available anywhere else; this will not cost the community anything and there already is a non-profit (ECEDC) to handle the administrative end. Customers to BBNO have included car dealerships, a retail strip center, office buildings, airports, schools, non-profit projects and multi-family. Forty Stop-N-Shop gas stations are being done across the region and they can follow whatever a developer wants to do. This provides a solution for the economic development team and is a great tool for Sandusky to look at. Dick Brady said he had the opportunity to sit through this presentation at a recent ECEDC meeting and said this program places no risk on a sponsoring municipality and our community dollars are never at risk. The Port Authority carries the capital for the financing of the project and the financing risk with its bond portfolio. Dick Brady said this is not at all adversarial toward banks, rather, the Port Authority is a partner and the bank is always the first receiver on any type of a foreclosure. Teresa Smith said legally the assessment takes precedence over the bank's mortgage but the reason banks are okay with this is because like any other tax assessment, the next buyer will pick up the assessment or the balance of the debt. The Port Authority will not force a foreclosure and will not precede the bank; the bank still controls the asset. With the low appraised values of properties right now, banks are having a hard time with the loan-to-value requirement for conventional financing. The Port Authority can offer long-term fixed rates for these type of improvements which are not done through conventional lenders. Dick Brady asked how this is put into place and asked if it only benefits the City of Sandusky. Abbey Bemis said it will start with the jurisdiction established, most likely the City of Sandusky, and contiguous geographies can add onto this structure but must first be passed by the governing body of the Energy Special Improvement District. A representative of the legislating body is guaranteed a seat on the governing body of this District. Julie Farrar said there are multi-family residents and asked if they are privately owned. Teresa Smith said these are residential, multi-family properties and are considered commercial if there are more than four units. Julie Farrar asked if the housing authority would be eligible and Todd Williams said any property owner is able to participate if they have more than four units. One of the challenges is they may have lower access to capital than the Port Authority can provide. Dennis Murray asked the length of the program and the amount of bonds being sold to support this. Teresa Smith said she has not been given a cap and \$30 million in capital is currently in the bond portfolio; there are significant reserves to do a lot more. This was started with a grant from the Department of Education and a portion of the grant funds were replaced into the

bond reserve and they have been able to leverage these in order to provide more capital. The bond market loves these and Prudential is buying the bonds in the open market so there is no foreseeable ending date unless something unforeseen happens within the market and they stop buying. Teresa Smith said she has been given the green light to go out to businesses and open this up from Indiana to Sandusky. Dennis Murray asked if this applies only to retrofits and Teresa Smith said legally they can do new construction although they have not as yet. It would have to be a significant project in order to venture into new construction but it is not off the radar and not unforeseeable. Dennis Murray said there is no cost to the sponsoring legislative authority but asked what the day-to-day responsibilities are for them. Teresa Smith said the ECEDC would handle the administrative end; ECEDC and the then-established Energy Special Improvement District Board will bring the assessment to the City Commission for placement on a tax bill and this is the extent of the municipality's responsibility. Todd Williams said the Mayor of the municipality has a seat on the Energy Special Improvement District Board and one appointment. More active participation is encouraged and invited. Abbey Bemis said she sees this working similar to how projects work now as ECEDC comes to the table with knowledge of a variety of resources and creates opportunities for different programs. The paperwork for different programs is handled by different offices and the Toledo Better Building project would be used for financing. Teresa Smith said this board meets quarterly with one annual meeting requirement. Dennis Murray said it seems the materials indicated this could be sponsored by a municipality or a county and asked why they did not start with Erie County. Todd Williams said counties are not eligible; this is purely a municipal or a township level. Contiguous townships can join one board so as not to duplicate multiple awards or underwriting. Teresa Smith said a region can get added with identification of a sponsoring project. There are no negative features to expanding a district. Julie Farrar asked how quickly we can get up and running and Teresa Smith said as fast as the city wants to and draft documents can be provided. Todd Williams said reasonably, this would take approximately 45 -- 60 days depending upon turnaround from the Secretary of State. Eric Wobser said a sponsoring project is in place which is key; it is the hotel Ryan Whaley and Nicole Lloyd are constructing and the Toledo Port was part of their financing package. One of the benefits of this program is their presence actually made it easier for Civista Bank and the city to layer the financing which ultimately makes their project interested to petition to be part of their District.

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to have legislation drafted for the commission to consider creating an Energy Special Improvement District. The President declared the motion passed.**

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

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

#### **ITEM #1 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works**

##### **APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no cost to submit the application. Notification of award would be in December, 2015, giving sufficient time to plan resurfacing dollars by the city's CY 2016 budget process. If awarded, any matching funds required would be incorporated into the 2016 budget. The cost of the Phase II project is estimated to be around \$350,000 and we are requesting a 50/50 split; the cost to the city would be \$175,000. The application will be written to maximize the amount of points received increasing the possibility of award based on grant money requested versus available capital funds.

**A. RESOLUTION NO. 032-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Caldwell Street reconstruction project, Phase II; and declaring that this resolution take effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar 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 this process is very competitive and every point is important. We are attempting to find a way to resurface all of Caldwell Street from Perkins Avenue to the North end and CDBG dollars are available and expire at the end of June, 2016. OPWC dollars are another option for us but will come available in July, 2016, so we are looking at doing this through two separate projects; because Caldwell Street is a major access, we can get a lot more points. Also, because this will potentially be funded fifty percent each, we will get a lot more points and basically we have to tailor our applications so we can get the maximum amount of points. We would do the first project in the Spring of 2016 for the portion of road between Parish Street and Follett Street utilizing CDBG dollars; we would then do the portion from Perkins Avenue to Parish and Follett Street to the North end. Aaron Klein said we have looked at this in as many ways as possible to leverage these dollars along with Issue 8 funds.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**B. RESOLUTION NO. 033-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the submission of an application by the City Manager for financial assistance and to enter into a project agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission in order to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs authorized by Chapter 164 (aid to local government improvements) of the Ohio Revised Code for the Fifth Street reconstruction project;** and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Naomi Twine 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 this is to resurface Fifth Street from Sycamore Line to just east of Hollywood. With any of these projects, if we do not list something, we would be unable to do this work. The curb ramps and ADA ramps are considered sidewalks and are the reason they are listed as such. We are also looking at key locations on Fifth Street and the curb and gutter is in good shape as well, but wants to make sure there is enough quantity to do work as needed throughout the project. This will be a fifty/fifty split and this is a major access road and utilizes as many points as we can possibly get. Dennis Murray told Aaron Klein this was very complicated work and done cleverly on his part. Aaron Klein said we will find out by the first week of December if we will be awarded these monies and this is a good timeframe for the city and still allows time for our capital plan in the Spring. Dennis Murray said these are both very high traffic roads in great need of repair.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the resolution passed under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

**ITEM #2 – Submitted by Aaron Klein, Director of Public Works****AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF JACKSON STREET PARKING LOT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP, LLC**

**Budgetary Information:** The final design cost is \$56,215 and since the electrical evaluation and design cannot be included in the grant funding, the project will be funded accordingly:

Issue 8, Infrastructure	\$15,769.87
SWIF	11,324.64
GLRI	14,606.47
Sewer Fund, Storm Water	14,514.02

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-115:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for professional design services with Environmental Design Group, LLC, of Akron, Ohio, for the Jackson Street parking lot project;** 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 Wesley 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 this is a very complicated project with four different funding sources. With the infrastructure and storm water related grants, money cannot be put toward the electrical portion. This money was taken out and then distribution percentages utilized for storm water funds. We will ease into the electrical component and have an analysis prepared to see how much design is needed prior to going forward. We are looking for the base bid items (design of parking lot including green infrastructure) and then adding the electrical component.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 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 Donald Rumbutis, IT Department****DISPOSAL/DONATION OF USED COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO GOODWILL INDUSTRIES**

**Budgetary Information:** There is no budgetary impact. These items will be donated to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 034-15R:** It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the disposal of used computers and related equipment as being unnecessary and unfit for city use, approving their donation to the Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties, Inc.;** and declaring that this resolution take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith the commission voted to approve this resolution under suspension of the rules and in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.**

*Discussion:* Don Rumbutis said the computers are worthless and do not have hard drives. Goodwill recycles the parts and this is a good opportunity; we also save money as Goodwill picks them up and saves the city from transporting them. The city lost money at the last auction.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 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 Hank Solowiej, Finance Director**

**PAYMENT TO ODNR FOR SUBMERGED LANDS LEASE FOR SANDUSKY SAILING CLUB**

**Budgetary Information:** This submerged lands lease is payable by the City of Sandusky as the lease holder. The Sandusky Sailing Club will reimburse the city for the cost of the lease pursuant to their lease agreement with the city. The ODNR does not allow a sub-lease holder to make a submerged lands lease payment on the city's behalf. Ordinance 14-095 was passed by the City Commission on August 11, 2014; approving payment in the amount of \$18,020.14 for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-116:** It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to make payment to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management for rental payment on submerged lands lease file #SUB-05330-ER for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

**Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Jeff Smith 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 said this is simply a pass-through as the Sailing Club cannot pay the State directly for the lease; rather, the city pays the lease and invoices the club accordingly. Hank Solowiej said the city has already received these monies for reimbursement.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. 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 Kelly Kresser, Commission Clerk****APPROVAL OF NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR OLD PLATT, LLC**

**The City of Sandusky received a request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a new D5J Permit (*Spirituos liquor for on premises consumption only, beer, wine and mixed beverages for on premises, or off premises in original sealed containers, until 2:30 a.m. in a Community Entertainment District*) for Old Platt, LLC, 301 Water Street. It is requested the Commission Clerk be authorized to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.**

**Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted for the Commission Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control the city has no objection to this request.**

*Discussion:* Dennis Murray said this is the last of the fifteen special entertainment district permits and we have begun the process of creating a second entertainment district. There are others who may wish to obtain these permits and the city recently expanded the district to accommodate them, but our authority is limited here. The city must have a legitimate basis to request a hearing limited to public health and safety issues. None of these types of concerns were received and he will vote to indicate there is no objection by the city. Wesley Poole asked if we are in the process of gathering additional information regarding the establishment of another district and Dennis Murray said he had a conversation with Don Icsman prior to going on medical leave and he was directing outside counsel who specializes in this area to begin the process of pulling together whatever is needed to establish this. There has been no discussion about the boundaries as of yet, and Trevor Hayberger said he believes the city can move forward quickly on this.

**Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith, 7. The President declared the motion passed.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Upon motion of Scott Schell and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to accept a donation from the Sandusky Eagles in the amount of \$223.55 for the K-9 Fund, in addition to a donation of \$223.55 for the Sandusky Fire Department. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Naomi Twine and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to accept a donation from the Erie County Fair totaling \$100 (\$50 from Firelands Military Vehicle Group + \$50 in other donations). The President declared the motion passed.

Eric Wobser thanked the **staff in the police and fire departments for volunteering at the Red Wagon** the week of August 10 and said they raised a total of \$976.25 in sales; 80% goes to the United Way, and 20% goes into the endowment created for the Red Wagon. Eric Wobser also **welcomed John Lippus who was named the new Executive Director of the United Way of Erie County.**

Eric Wobser introduced **Stuart Hamilton who is the city's new Director of Information Technology** and said he is an Erie County resident living in Berlin Heights. Stuart hails originally from Scotland and is excited to welcome him to the City of Sandusky. Stuart Hamilton said he is excited to be here and said he took the position because it seems like Sandusky is going in the right direction.

Eric Wobser thanked the **staff at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) for their consistent quality work.** Annually, the WWTP is required to participate in a Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Study administered by Ohio EPA to prove analytical data produced by the facility meets requirements of the NPDES permit. They monitor 11 parameters on the influent and effluent and again this year received the highest result possible on each of the 11 analyses. Eric thanked the lab personnel Dawn, Dan, Rob and Mary as well as Aaron Klein for his role in monitoring this, and noted this is important for EPA compliance but also to ensure environmental management.

Eric Wobser said **Warren Street is now open** and appreciates the comments made since this is the concept for the remainder of Warren Street southerly to Huron Park.

Eric Wobser said **Kallin St. John has been hired as a full-time police officer** beginning August 13 and started the Basic Police Academy on August 18 at Owens Community College. Officer St. John is an Army Veteran and will be in the academy through December 11. Eric Wobser said **Carissa Cruz has been given a conditional job offer and will start her career with the Police Department** on August 27; she is a certified police officer and will begin her field training with Squad #2.

Eric Wobser said the last public meeting for the **Bicentennial visioning process** was held on August 12 with great attendance and thanked everyone who gave feedback. On August 20, our steering committee met and was updated on the public engagement process. Our consultants are moving into the next phase, where they will be taking the input gathered and start creating the plan. There was an incredible amount of community feedback during this process and more than 10,000 people were invited to participate while over 2,000 actually did participate by taking a survey, attending a meeting or a focus group. According to our consultant, 77% of those who responded agree the city is moving in the right direction and this is extremely high. The participation levels were also incredibly high; the challenge is even though we hear we are moving in the right direction, people are not happy with the condition of the housing stock, streets and schools. Our services, particularly our public services, rated rather poorly. Services not provided directly (waste collection and recycling) also scored very low but this gives us an opportunity to know how people feel about what we are doing. We have to continue to go forward and the next step is to dissect the answers and determine what we can do to move forward.

Eric Wobser said a **Planning Commission meeting** is scheduled for August 26, 2015, with a Bicentennial Vision Master Plan working session with our consultants, City Architecture.

Eric Wobser said homes at **712 & 716 West Adams Street were demolished**. The demolition commenced on both fire damaged properties on Monday August 17. The properties are slated to be demolished, the contents removed, and the sites returned to grass no later than September 1, 2015. These were torn down to preserve the safety and wellbeing of the community.

Eric Wobser said **proposals for the scope and cost for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the former Wisteria Farms Property** are due August 28.

Eric Wobser said **the city is accepting proposals for completion of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the former Thakar Aluminum property**.

Eric Wobser said **asbestos abatement is complete and demolition has commenced with 1432 Farwell Street** already demolished. The four remaining properties will commence shortly. These are through the CDBG budget with 2014 demolition funds. As far as 2015 CDBG demolition funds, one request for quotes to remove asbestos has been issued; there are a total of seven residential properties slated for this fiscal year.

Eric Wobser said the **Sandusky Transit System SPARC Safety and Performance Plan** has been designed to put fare boxes, pull cords and SPARC info centers on all city buses and the city has received preliminary approval from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Eric Wobser said **play equipment for Lions and Shoreline Parks** has been received and construction will begin this fall. Our facilities are particularly lacking in relation to ADA compatibility and these will be made more accessible to all residents.

Eric Wobser said the **Sandusky Fire Department is hosting a 5K Run/Walk and Kid's 1K Fun Run** on Saturday, August 29 with proceeds going toward the Sandusky Firefighter's Shoe Fund to help buy school shoes for children in need. We encourage you to come to the open house, run your personal best and be part of this community event.

Eric Wobser said the issue of **parking near the Masonic Temple** (on Washington Street) came up at the last City Commission meeting and he and staff from the Planning Department have looked at this and made the recommendation internally to relocate the seven two-hour parking spaces (with the exception of the handicapped space) as a compromise to those who were looking for all-day parking. Eric Wobser said we also recommend changing the current two-hour parking between this area and Hancock Street to all day parking. This will accommodate approximately nine additional all-day spaces on this street and he is excited about this compromise. Eric Wobser said this is not in place yet as it was determined to be a good idea to notify the residents in this area about the parking change and a letter was sent out today about it. Additionally, Gary Miller, current spokesman for the Masonic Lodge, has asked to speak to the members of the Downtown Parking Committee about why these spaces are to change to all-day parking. This might slow the process down by a week or so.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dick Brady said two solar-powered flashing stop signs have been added on Caldwell Street at the intersection of Columbus Avenue. These will remain in place until such time as the new traffic light is installed. These signs cost \$2,500 and will be utilized at another location when removed from this intersection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to hold an Executive Session regarding Personnel, Employment – Law Director. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Dick Brady and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to hold an Executive Session regarding Personnel, Employment – Finance Director. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Julie Farrar, Dick Brady, Naomi Twine, Dennis Murray, Wesley Poole, Scott Schell and Jeff Smith. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray asked for a motion to be made appointing Matt Lasko as an alternate member of the **Erie County Land Reutilization Board** if Julie Farrar (regular member) is unable to attend a meeting.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted for Matt Lasko to represent the city as an alternate on the **Erie County Land Reutilization Board** with Scott Schell abstaining. The President declared the motion passed.

Dennis Murray said the next meeting of the **Audit/Finance Committee** will be held on September 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the first floor conference room of City Hall.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sharon Johnson, 1139 Fifth Street, asked the status of the street survey and Aaron Klein said he received a draft version about two weeks ago and provided comments back for change. Last Friday, Aaron Klein said he received a link to a website to start downloading information so he can prepare a presentation and expects to have a final version this or next week in order to get ready for a presentation at an upcoming City Commission meeting.

**At 6:15 p.m., the President announced a recess of the regular session. At 6:20 p.m., the commission went into executive session. At 7:05 p.m., the commission returned to open session and the President announced the meeting was adjourned.**

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Kelly L. Kresser, CMC  
Clerk of the City Commission

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