

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. after the **Invocation** given by Wesley Poole, and the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The clerk called **the roll** and the following Commissioners responded: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to excuse Diedre Cole. The President declared the motion passed.

City staff present: Jim Lang – Interim Police Chief, Paul Ricci – Fire Chief, Don Icsman – Law Director, Nicole Ard - City Manager, Hank Solowiej – Finance Director and Kelly Kresser – Commission Clerk.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting and dispensed with the oral reading. The President declared the motion passed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (*agenda items only*)

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Paul Ricci presented **2012 Life Safety Awards to Logan Farrar and Marquis Winston for a house fire incident at 1033 Camp Street as well as to Brad Gerold, Jordan Bender and Joseph Wright for a house fire incident at 2010 Columbus Avenue.**

CURRENT BUSINESS

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to accept all communications. The President declared the motion passed.

ITEM #1 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: This action will cover anticipated expenditures through December 31, 2012. The last payroll occurs on December 28, 2012, with the final city commission meeting on December 26, 2012. The agenda deadline occurs before the final payroll costs can be determined. The amendment needs to cover final payroll and other projected costs through December 31, 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-135: It is requested an ordinance be passed **adopting amendment #1 to ordinance No. 12-017 passed by this city commission on March 26, 2012, making general appropriations for the fiscal year 2012;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #2 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: The agenda deadline occurs before the amount can be determined. **The resolution along with the amount will be available at the meeting.**

RESOLUTION NO. 038-12R: It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the transfer of funds from the general fund to the payroll stabilization fund;** and declaring that this resolution shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to approve this resolution according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the resolution passed.

ITEM #3 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: This action will establish a budget for operations until the annual appropriations can be approved after the second Monday in January, 2013. The city charter prohibits the city from enacting the 2013 budget before January 14, 2013.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-136: It is requested an ordinance be passed **making temporary appropriations for the months of January, February and March, 2013;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #4 – Submitted by Hank S. Solowiej, CPA, Finance Director

Budgetary Information: The total cost will be an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for each year. The cost will be distributed to the general fund (\$14,000), water fund (\$7,000) and sewer fund (\$7,000).

ORDINANCE NO. 12-137: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio, Office of the Auditor, for preparation of the December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013, comprehensive annual financial reports;** 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 Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #5 – Submitted by Donald Rumbutis, IT Tech

Budgetary Information: The total cost for installation and implementation of this system is \$21,885. Costs will be proportionately divided between the departments receiving the panic buttons.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-138: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with Status Solutions of Charlottesville, Virginia, for the purchase of equipment and implementation of a panic alarm system for the city building and central fire station;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter.

Discussion: Keith Grohe asked if consideration could be given to relocating the metal detector closer to the entrances of the city building to enhance the security we already have already with this system. Egress can be channeled to our building and will make the security better. Jim Lang said the metal detector belongs to the municipal court and Nicole Ard said she understands the Judge made this offer in the past. Wesley Poole said \$21,000 is a significant amount of money and asked what risks, problems and issues exist and Nicole Ard said this is to replace existing panic buttons and to update the system. John Hamilton said he recalls this being a federal mandate. Wesley Poole asked if the panic buttons are at static locations and Nicole Ard said this is for a wireless system and it will help staff at different locations in the city. The city had panic buttons before and these will be updated to ensure they are functioning in the most modern form. Wesley Poole asked if these are individual buttons to be carried by each employee and said a person who carries a gun is on the list and this does not seem to be well thought through. It seems like an unnecessary expense to provide panic buttons to people who sit in offices side by side unless they carry them in their pocket while walking through the building. Hank Solowiej said he believes these are fixtures and are not carried around by individual employees. If there were an irate or belligerent customer, these would work similar to banks and would automatically notify dispatch to send a police officer to a particular office. Wesley Poole asked if there is someone who actually can answer this question as there are names on the list he received as opposed to static locations; 44 locations in the city building makes the city pretty dangerous. Don Icsman said Don Rumbutis put together a departmental breakdown regarding the needs and locations and these are included in the attachment to the contract. John Hamilton said the person associated with each department or office is listed and these are for the room/office, not each individual person. Wesley

Poole said it appears no one actually knows what this is and Nicole Ard suggested this could be done in a closed session since it involves a security matter. Julie Farrar said she has no questions and Pervis Brown called for the vote. Wesley Poole said the commission can vote and someone can explain this to him later. Pervis Brown said in today's society, with things happening around the country, the safety of our people should be a priority. Spending \$21,000 does not matter; people need to work in a place they feel safe, will have better productivity, and make them better employees.

Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #6 – Submitted by Carrie R. Handy, Chief Planner

Budgetary Information: There will be no impact on the city's general fund for the dedication of this right-of-way.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-139: It is requested an ordinance be passed **accepting the final plat and confirming the dedication to the public use as public right-of-way a portion of land on the west end of the city's Amtrak Station, with a total area of 0.128 acres, as Camp Street right-of-way, as set forth on the dedication plat, a copy of which is marked Exhibit "A", attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect under suspension of the rules as contained in and in accordance with Section 13 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 13 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #7 – Submitted by Todd J. Roth, P.E., P.S.

Budgetary Information: The change order #3 will increase the contract with Schirmer Construction by \$13,360.49. The current contract amount with Schirmer Construction is \$2,133,653.55. The revised contract amount including change order #3 is \$2,147,014.04. Change order #3 will be paid with city capital funds. The breakdown of the construction contract is as follows: sewer fund will fund \$449,751.47, federal funds through the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization will fund \$1,600,000 and the city's capital fund will fund \$97,262.57.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-140: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to approve the third change order for work performed for the Hayes Avenue underpass rehabilitation project in the amount of \$13,360.49 to be paid to Schirmer Construction of North Olmsted, Ohio;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #8 – Submitted by Paul E. Ricci, Fire Chief

Budgetary Information: The city agrees to reimburse the Erie County Sheriff's Department for the actual cost of wages and benefits for the employment of five (5) dispatchers at a cost not to exceed \$319,219.45 of which \$35,114.13 (11%) will be taken from the 2013 fire department proposed budget (110 1310) and \$284,105.32 (89%) will be taken from the 2013 police department proposed budget (110 1020).

ORDINANCE NO. 12-141: It is requested an ordinance be passed **authorizing and directing the city manager to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Sheriff for the provision of dispatching services for the City of Sandusky police, fire and service departments commencing on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013;** and declaring that this ordinance shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the city charter.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to approve this ordinance according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the ordinance: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the ordinance passed.

ITEM #9 – Submitted by Paul E. Ricci, Fire Chief

Budgetary Information: The total cost for the dual sensor smoke alarms is \$2,000. The federal share covers \$1,800 (90%) of the proposed expenditures. The matching \$200 (10%) funds for this purchase will be provided from the proposed 2013 fire department operating budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 039-12R: It is requested a resolution be passed **authorizing the filing of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Grant Programs Directorate for the FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and, if awarded, authorizing the city manager to execute any required agreements;** and declaring that this resolution shall 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 according to Section 14 of the city charter. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. Roll call on the resolution: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the resolution passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Nicole Ard outlined several board appointments to be made by the city manager, with the consent of the city commission.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to consent to the reappointment of Janice Warner, Dana Gamblin and Frank Valli to the Housing Appeals Board for terms ending December 31, 2015. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to consent to the reappointment of Mark Dunn, John Luipold, John Zoellner and Dave Swander to the Plumber Examining Board for terms ending December 31, 2013. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to consent to the reappointment of John Feick to the Residential Building Code Board of Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Nicole Ard said the recent www.GovDeals.com sales went very well and included the sale of confiscated vehicles.

Nicole Ard said **Kyle Dumond was recently sworn in as a new police officer.**

Nicole Ard said there were **two recent promotions for city employees: Dave Schafer - Water Distribution Superintendent and Dawn Meyers – Sewer Division Compliance Officer.**

Nicole Ard **thanked the street crews and employees from other divisions who are cleaning, clearing and salting the streets.**

OLD BUSINESS

Jeff Smith said the city commission recently authorized the **formation of a council to help prevent crime in the city.** This group has met four times and is building a platform to work on a strategic plan which will then be given to Don Icsman for review. The committee is looking at: 1) drugs and alcohol; 2) schools; 3) neighborhoods and housing; and 4) parenting and families. This committee meets the third Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the city building and anyone can join them.

Pervis Brown said the field of candidates for the **Police Chief Selection Committee** has been narrowed to four based upon applications and essays received: John Orzech, Craig Stone, Bryan Jarrell and Terence Calloway. Interviews are being scheduled after the first of the year and these candidates will be taken through the assessment process similar to the first round. Pervis Brown asked for approval to spend money for the assessment team (\$5,000) and accommodations for two of the out-of-state candidates (\$1,500).

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to expend up to \$6,500 for the assessment team to move forward with the police chief search. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to reappoint Robert Egger, Martha Thompson and Eddie Brown to the ADA Advisory Board for terms ending December 31, 2014. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed. John Hamilton said there is one additional seat, currently held by Don Roesch, which will expire December 31, 2013.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to reappoint Dan Moncher, Brian Allen and Jim Ruthsatz to the Audit/Finance Committee for terms ending December 31, 2014. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to reappoint John Feick to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to reappoint Harrison Smith to the Oakland Cemetery Board for a term ending January 31, 2016. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

John Hamilton said there are vacancies on the CRA Housing Council and two of these appointments are made by the President of the City Commission. John Hamilton said his two appointments will be George Steinemann and Rick Jeffrey for terms ending December 31, 2015. Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to affirm these appointments. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Wesley Poole and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to appoint Kevin Robertson and Hank Solowiej to the CRA Housing Council for terms ending December 31, 2015. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly Kresser said there is still one vacancy (each) on the Oakland Cemetery Board and the ADA Advisory Board, and up to six vacancies on the Downtown Design Review Committee and the city is accepting applications for these positions.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Jeff Smith, the commission voted to appoint Dan Fresch, Dan Hartleib, Kenneth Tunnell and Rudy Ruiz to the Electrician Examining Board for terms ending December 31, 2013. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to reappoint George Mylander to the Erie County Board of Health for at term expiring December 31, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to reappoint David Miller (regular member) and John Panzer (alternate member) to the Erie Regional Planning Commission for terms expiring December 31, 2013. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Keith Grohe and second of Wesley Poole, the commission voted to reappoint Barry Vermeeren to the Fair Housing Board for at term expiring December 31, 2017. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

John Hamilton announced there is **one vacant seat on the Human Relations Commission** due to the death of Lacy Davis. Those being considered are Jennifer Washington, John Poole, Patricia Howard, Richard Johnson, Shelia Gillespie and Daniel Leavell, Sr. Julie Farrar said she recommends Jennifer Washington for this seat; Pervis Brown and Wesley Poole both said they recommend Daniel Leavell, Sr. for this seat.

Discussion: Jeff Smith asked for more research to be done so this can be voted upon at the next commission meeting. Don Icsman said the commission needs a motion and second for the nominations, and clarified the commission is not voting to appoint either person tonight.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to nominate Jennifer Washington and Daniel Leavell, Sr. for the vacancy on the Human Relations Commission. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Jeff Smith and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to reappoint Mike Zuilhof to the Planning Commission for a term expiring January 18, 2019. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Julie Farrar, the commission voted to appoint Larry Wren, Tom Sharrah, Tom McKenna and Shawn Coakley (new appointment) to the Recreation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2015. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Upon motion of Julie Farrar and second of Pervis Brown, the commission voted to reappoint Jim Arthur to the Sandusky Tree Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2015. Roll call on the motion: Yeas: Wesley Poole, Keith Grohe, Jeff Smith, Julie Farrar, Pervis Brown and John Hamilton, 6. The President declared the motion passed.

Jeff Smith asked if the **Downtown Parking Committee** meets regularly and Wesley Poole said he is the commission liaison to this committee and it meets as needed, but has not met since long before he (Wesley) was on the commission. There is a functioning committee and it can meet if necessary, but there have not been issues. The only parking issue addressed this year dealt with dumpsters on Shoreline Drive and this was handled by the city manager and the city engineer as opposed to the members of the Downtown Parking Committee.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Fred Farris, 1114 C Street, said there is a serious problem in the Sandusky Police Department and they are not doing the job like they are supposed to. He is concerned for safety in the city and in February the city will have a new police chief. The search committee may never be able to get it right if they choose John Orzech. The top cop should be someone who can handle the power and the city does not need someone who terrorizes people, it needs someone with people skills and who is not racist. The city does not need one of the bad boys, John Orzech, it needs a person who is fair and just, and will protect and serve the people and uphold the U.S. Constitution for all. The city does not need a police chief who abuses his power as a public official; the city has had quite a few corrupt officers and John Orzech is part of the old system. If John Orzech is placed in the position, local racism will continue. Fred Farris said he went to the police department to file a complaint and what he said was not what was written. Fred Farris said (previous) Officer Jody Showalter was busted after a fight while on duty downtown and resigned in March and he (Fred) has heard the tape of the incident and Officer Showalter's speech was slurred. Fred Farris said Assistant Chief John Orzech said Jody Showalter was not drunk nor was he ever punished for his actions. The city commission and city manager should not appoint John Orzech as the new chief as it would not be fair to the department or the citizens.

Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, said he went through the paperwork for the panic alarms (Item #5) and asked if every employee will have a panic alarm. John Hamilton said his understanding is there will be buttons in offices and whoever works in that particular office will have access to them. Andy Ouriel said there are 44 buttons and asked if there will be one on every employee's desk and John Hamilton said answering this may be compromising security for the people who work at the city. Andy Ouriel said he would like a better understanding how this is to work so it is clear when he writes about it. John Hamilton said maybe when it has been installed he (Andy) can come down and have a look. Don Icsman said he does not know what "new" may be going on, but there have been panic buttons around since he worked in the prosecutor's office for safety and emergency purposes and he does not believe these are

personally assigned to employees. The people who interact with the public would have access. Previously, when a panic alarm was used, dispatch was notified and an officer sent to the office making a call to 9-1-1 unnecessary. Andy Ouriel asked if this is an enhancement and Don Icsman said he did not know, but there are existing permanent buttons which will be replaced. Jeff Smith said these are wall panic buttons and require a 110 volt power outlet so he does not believe these will be personal panic buttons. Andy Ouriel asked Keith Grohe to elaborate more about his concerns for making city hall more secure. Keith Grohe said in light of the things that have happened recently in the United States, he feels, as a commissioner, that it is his sworn duty to make everyone who works in the city building as safe as he possibly can. He is trying to make this a better work environment and helping people come in and do their jobs without worrying about someone crashing through a door or being irate without the ability to directly contact the police. Andy Ouriel asked if the buttons currently in place go to the police department as there are no dispatchers at this location. Keith Grohe said the panic buttons, along with possibly relocating the metal detector, will help with security. Pervis Brown said while giving out this information, we could go to the bank or grocery store and tell criminals where each employee has a button. Pervis Brown said it is ridiculous to be having this discussion and Andy Ouriel said this information is in the public document/contract. Keith Grohe asked what the outcome would be if this system were not updated. It is the job of the commissioners to make it a safer working environment and \$21,000 is a lot less of a payout than someone getting seriously injured and having to go through litigation without any security in place. Don Icsman said he believes this was necessitated by the change in the dispatching personnel location. Wesley Poole said there were 49 pages of materials to absorb during the past four days and ten dealt with this issue and it was not clear; he is not opposed to safety, but after listening, there are a lot of guesses being made about being safe and \$21,000 spent on safety equipment should have a specific purpose and address a specific need which can be articulated so he can understand what is being purchased. Wesley Poole said he is not against anything to make security better but there is a list of names which led him to the conclusion employees will carry individual panic buttons. No one can actually tell him what this system is designed to do, how it will work, or how the city got \$21,000 worth of safety equipment. The city could have installed buzzers to let people through doors to enhance individual security and it is not unreasonable to ask questions about it. Julie Farrar said Don Rumbutis is not here to answer these questions, but this is a system that needed updating and she recommends Andy Ouriel contact Don Rumbutis when he returns to the office to get clarification. Nicole Ard said if the commission would like to have a closed session to answer these questions, she can provide more information. Having worked in an organization that had a domestic violence situation involving a murder, she does not feel comfortable telling the public what we are specifically going to do as the public is saved when panic buttons are available to protect them. Nicole Ard said she was in D.C. during the sniper incident and does not feel comfortable having this discussion publicly.

Matt Morgan, 1219 East Perkins Avenue, said in discussing involvement with people who come to his store (The Hero Zone), he can pass along various ideas and solutions. Matt Morgan asked if he would be confined to one committee if he expressed interest in volunteering and John Hamilton said he can apply for as many as he would like. Matt Morgan said he understands a city feedback site is being developed and he would like to co-create a mobile device app with this. This may help to increase feedback and responsiveness. Some rates are reasonable for a platform developer and would be a great tie-in. The topic of gun violence in schools has been talked about recently in the store and he has quite a few things he can share with the crime prevention committee that are community focused and in line with a tight budget. Matt Morgan said he would like to help improve the identity of Sandusky, perhaps through a committee.

Upon motion of Pervis Brown and second of Keith Grohe, the commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The President declared the motion passed.

Kelly L. Kresser
Clerk of the City Commission

John F. Hamilton
President of the City Commission