

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
27600 JEFFERSON CIRCLE DRIVE
ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48081**

Monday, February 2, 2009

PRESENT:

Mayor
Council Members

Robert A. Hison
Matthew S. Ahearn
Ronald J. Frederick
Beverly McFadyen
Mark J. Moffitt
David J. Rubello
Kip C. Walby

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager
City Clerk
Community Services Director
Finance Director
City Attorney
Communications Director
Recording Secretary

Kenneth R. Podolski
Mary A. Kotowski
Chris Rayes
Tim Haney
Robert D. Ihrie
Mary Jane D'Herde
Carole Ciamillo

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll with a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Hison acknowledged several students who were in the audience on an assignment for school.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. St. Clair Shores Sail & Power Squadron Presentation of Donation to the St. Clair Shores Special Needs Program

Mr. Michael Boyle, past Commander and present County Commissioner, stated the boating program began 6 years ago. He introduced Mr. Jerry Landis and Lt. Commander Ron Neagos. They presented Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Esler, with a check in the amount of \$1,500 to be used for the Special Needs Program.

Mr. Boyle explained that this year's boating classes are being held on March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3 and September 2. If anyone is interested or has questions, they can contact Michael Boyle at (586) 531-2064.

b. State Representative Sarah Roberts

State Representative Sarah Roberts addressed Council, emphasizing that she takes her job very seriously. She stated that the unemployment rate in Michigan is presently 10.6%, and she is very committed in working with constituents in Lansing for the people in St. Clair Shores. She is planning on holding regular events to give residents an opportunity to voice and share their thoughts and concerns.

On February 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. there will be a coffee hour at Tim Hortons for residents to voice their concerns, and on February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's Church of Scotland, an informal Town Hall Meeting will be held regarding helpful tax tips.

In addition, Ms. Roberts is planning a monthly cable show entitled "Our House to Your House", which will have information on State government. Ms. Roberts advised that she has a District Office on Harper between 12 and 13 Mile Roads, next to Paisano's Pizza, which will be opening soon.

2. PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

At this time, Ms. Roberts introduced her staff: Ms. Lauren Borsen, who is her Chief of Staff, and Mr. Scott Newman, Legislative Aide. She added that she can be reached by calling 1-888-DIST-024, or her email sarahroberts@house.mi.gov

3. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL OF THE WORLD WAR II AND VETERANS WEEKEND FROM MEN'S AUXILIARY VFW 1146 AND PARKS & RECREATION EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 24, 25 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND JULY 26 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Esler, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the Men's Auxiliary VFW conducted a two-day war re-enactment in 2008, and the event was a huge success. The Auxiliary would like to expand the event this year and hold it at Veterans Memorial Park on July 24 – 26. All aspects of this request have been researched by the Finance Director, the City Attorney, Risk Management, and staff. Mr. Van Doran has recommended that the Men's Auxiliary VFW 1146 meet the necessary vendor insurance requirements provided by Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Mr. Paul Palazolo and Mr. Joel Evangelista, VFW Men's Auxiliary members, explained that some attractions of the project includes military vehicles on display, military re-enactors, military battle re-enactments, a D-day type beach assault re-enactment, helicopter rides, military relics, collectible sales, firearm displays and demonstrations, parachute jumpers, and other events.

Mr. Esler stated this organization would be treated just like the carnival and that they would be able to return the park grounds to the status they were at before the event. Parks and Recreation would be receiving \$2.00 per ticket on the admissions. Mr. Esler stated they plan to use these funds to repair and enhance the Veterans Memorial area at the park.

Motion by Ahearn, seconded by Frederick to approve the Special Event of the World War II and Veterans Weekend to be held July 25 and July 26, 2009, at Veterans Memorial Park, subject to the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement, providing the Police and Fire Departments a detailed itinerary by July 1, 2009, providing the City with the necessary vendor insurance requirements, and naming the City as an additional insured on their liability insurance for the event.

Ayes: All (7)

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF NECESSITY FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, MAPLE – BEACH CANAL 2009 DREDGING, AND SET 2ND PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hison explained that the district consists of 33 households and there are twenty-two of 33 signatures in favor of the project, or 66.67%, were secured.

Mr. Ihrie added that 2/3 of abutting property owners of a canal are required to petition the City for a special assessment. The City creates the special assessment, and the funds come from property owners. Each property owner will pay one annual amount toward, and fund, the cost of dredging the canal. The funds are funneled through the City as a conduit only with the City acting as the collection agency.

The approximate total cost of the project will be between \$20,720 to \$22,275.00. The residents have requested the assessment be based on a flat amount per household, as opposed to a "per front frontage" basis. The proposed dredging area will be approximately 700 to 750 cubic yards from the mouth/bay (entrance channel) into Lake St. Clair of the Maple/Beach Canal. The City is not a participating member in the dredging, and will not advance funds for this project.

Mayor Hison opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. No one in the audience wished to speak. Mayor Hison closed the public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Walby, seconded by McFadyen, to adopt a Resolution creating the Special Assessment District for the Maple / Beach Canal 2009 dredging of the mouth/bay (entrance channel) which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it necessary to undertake the following improvements as requested by the Maple / Beach resident petitions; and

WHEREAS, to create a special assessment district Maple / Beach Canal Dredging 2009:

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF NECESSITY FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, MAPLE – BEACH CANAL 2009 DREDGING, AND SET 2ND PUBLIC HEARING (CONT'D)

To dredge approximately 750 cubic yards from the mouth/bay (entrance channel) into Lake St. Clair of the Maple / Beach Canal. The legal description of the Special Assessment District boundaries is as follows:

Lake St. Clair Gardens Annex Subdivision (Liber 9, Page 48), Lots 10 through 15 and Lots 19 through 54

-and-

Lake St. Clair Gardens Subdivision (Liber 8, Page 24), Lots 29 through 46

WHEREAS, plans, specifications and estimates of the cost of the improvements have been placed on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with notice duly pursuant to Section 9.2 of the City Charter for hearing all objections to the proposed improvement and to special assessment district created to defray the cost thereof, and has heard all such objections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of St. Clair Shores determined to make the following described improvement:

To dredge approximately 750 cubic yards from the mouth/bay (entrance channel) into Lake St. Clair of the Maple / Beach Canal. The legal description of the Special Assessment District boundaries is as follows:

Lake St. Clair Gardens Annex Subdivision (Liber 9, Page 48), Lots 10 through 15 and Lots 19 through 54

-and-

Lake St. Clair Gardens Subdivision (Liber 8, Page 24), Lots 29 through 46

2. Their petitions indicated that the costs would be divided per homeowner. The approximate total cost is \$22,275.00 spread over 33 households, or approximately \$675 per household.
3. A Special Assessment District is created by this resolution of the City Council adopted on February 2, 2009 for Maple - Beach Canal Dredging 2009.
4. The City Assessor is hereby directed to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with Section 9.3 of the City Charter and the resident petitions request that the total costs will be divided per household. The special assessment district to be composed of all lots and parcels of lands created into said special assessment district by paragraph (2) of this resolution and paragraph (3) of the resolution of the City Council adopted on Monday, February 2, 2009, pertaining to said improvement; this assessment against each lot or parcel of land to be such relative portion in special assessment district.
5. The City Assessor is directed to report said special assessment to the City Council when the same is completed and the City Assessor shall attach to said roll his certificate as required by Section 9.3 of the City Charter.
6. The City Council hereby sets the public hearing for review and laying of the roll for the Council meeting of March 2, 2009.

and set a second Public Hearing for March 2, 2009 to review the assessment roll and hear objections to the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

Ayes: All (7)

5. ~~REQUEST FROM PEPPER BOTTOM 24301 HARPER, TO HOLD A WEEKLY FAMILY CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY'S FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY THROUGH HALLOWEEN (RESCHEDULED TO 2/17/09 MEETING)~~

This item was removed from the agenda and has been rescheduled to February 17, 2009.

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES AND THE EMERGENCY DISPATCH UNION / POAM

Mr. Smith, Human Resource Director, explained that this item was previously discussed with City Council during Closed Session on January 19, 2009. The agreement covers the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010. He added that the agreement has been approved by the members of the bargaining unit.

Mr. Smith explained that there is a change in the current health care program that should realize a \$32,000 in cost savings per year to the City. In addition, the health benefit plan has been changed to add riders to save on prescription costs. Effective February 1, 2009, retiree health care insurance for all new hires will be eliminated and the City will establish a Retirement Health Savings Plan, a type of 401 K, with a mandatory 2% employer contribution, and a 1% mandatory employee contribution. This will bring an estimated savings per employee of \$11,000 for every new hire. There is also language in place that insurance will change for retirees as current employees' coverage changes. The defined benefit plan is also closed to new hires and the defined contribution plan replaces it.

Mr. Frederick asked if the GASB requirements will change post retirement health care and will overtime decrease our OPEB liability. Mr. Smith replied it would.

Mr. Walby commended Mr. Smith on the great job he is doing with negotiating contracts and that this contract should be the model for all future contracts.

Mr. Podolski thanked the Dispatchers for their courage in plowing new grounds in contract changes.

Motion by McFadyen, seconded by Frederick to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of St. Clair Shores and the Emergency Dispatchers Union/POAM, which will expire on June 30, 2010.

Ayes: All (7)

7. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS

a. Request to Award Bid for the 2009 Veterans Memorial Park Shoreline Improvements (Bid opened 1/20/09)

Mr. Babcock, Engineering Assistant, explained that on January 20, 2009, the City received bids for the 2009 Veterans Memorial Park Shoreline Improvements Project. The low bidder is PMB Excavating, LLC at \$26,673.00. They have done similar work for the St. Clair County Drain Commission who had favorable things to say about the company and the work they completed. Associated costs will be funded from Parks Department Account #101-705-980.710, which has \$55,000.00 budgeted in FY 08/09.

Mr. Esler, Parks & Recreation Director, stated there are two parts to this project. One is to extend the limestone revetment wall by 75 feet shoreward to gradually taper the end of the revetment into the beach area and to eliminate the erosion that is occurring. Also, routine maintenance to the existing 475 foot limestone revetment wall which will include resetting stones that have shifted due to wave and ice forces and remove debris. Mr. Babcock stated that this work was actually recommended by Dr. Meadows at the Ocean Engineering Laboratory of the University of Michigan.

Mayor Hison asked how and when does routine maintenance take place. Mr. Babcock replied that maintenance is a one time project cleaning up shoreline.

Mr. Rubello asked if the City could receive grant money for this. Mr. Esler replied that it cannot because Memorial Park is a resident only park.

Mr. Moffitt stated he has seen some of our parks go down hill and this park had been neglected while others were worked on. This is a request for maintenance of the park and he was in favor of this necessary maintenance.

Mr. Esler added that since 1997, beach closings have gone down considerably because of the reconfiguring of the seawall and this is part of the necessary maintenance to eliminate erosion of the park grounds.

Motion by Moffitt, seconded by McFadyen to approve the request to award the bid for the 2009 Veterans Memorial Park Shoreline Improvements to PMB Excavating, LLC, in the amount of \$26,673.00, the low bidder.

Ayes: Ahearn, Frederick, McFadyen, Moffitt, Rubello, Hison
Nays: Walby

7. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS (CONT'D)

b. Request From the Fire Department to Purchase 15 Ice Rescue Suits, an Ice Rescue craft and 3 Handheld Marine Radios with Grant Award Funds From Assistance to Firefighter (AFG)

Fire Chief Kovalcik, stated the St. Clair Shores Fire Department has been awarded a grant for the purpose of acquiring a rapid deployment craft and replacing their outdated ice rescue suits that are over 15 years old. To update the marine radios and GPS systems, they are requesting new radios that are compatible with those used by surrounding communities, as well as the US Coast Guard and the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division. He added that the City of St. Clair Shores has been awarded 80% of the cost up to \$13,400 with a 20% match up by the City to \$3,350 for a total of \$16,750.00.

Mr. Walby asked why he wanted to purchase 15 ice rescue suits when there are only 12 fire personnel on a shift. Mr. Kovalcik responded to allow for additional suits for training. The suits only come in one size because they are form fitting. Mr. Kovalcik stated that this was not budgeted for and he would be preparing a budget amendment.

Council asked about the rescue boat the Fire Department presently has, and how often their services are required to do an ice rescue. Mr. Kovalcik replied that the boat the department has is a small metal craft which does not slide on the ice well to perform a rescue. The Fire Department usually has a handful of ice rescues each year.

Motion by McFadyen, seconded by Frederick to approve the purchase of 15 Ice Rescue Suits, a Rapid Deployment Craft, and three Handheld Marine Radios with AFG grant money and the City committing their matching amount.

Ayes: All (7)

8. APPROVAL OF WATER MAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mr. Babcock, Mr. Houtekier and Mr. Dumas, Department of Public Works, and Mr. Chown from Anderson, Eickstein and Westrick, addressed Council.

Mr. Dumas, DPW Director, explained that there are seven capital projects budgeted for the Water Department in the Utility Fund. The project total is \$10,535,000. It is the intent to fund the majority of the projects with a capital improvement bond of \$10,000,000. Bonding these projects together allows the City to obtain a better rate given at the \$10 million threshold.

Following is a list of the projects:

1. 10 Mile (I-94 to Harper) Water Main Replacement March 2009 Repaving June 2009
2. 9 Mile (Harper to Jefferson) Water Main Replacement May 2009 Repaving 2010
3. Harper (13 Mile to North City Limits) Water Main Replacement May 2010 Road Paving June 2011
4. 11 Mile (I-94 to Little Mack) Water Main Replacement August 2009
5. Residential Streets Water Main Replacement to begin August 2009
6. 10 Mile Pump House Facility Replacement
7. Radio Read Meter Replacement

10 MILE

This is a pressing project to start as the water main needs to be completed prior to the repaving that would start in June 2009. Otherwise the new pavement would have to be removed and replaced for the water main project.

Mr. Babcock responded that all these projects are the main transportation of water to all the subdivisions throughout the City.

Mr. Podolski stated that Council needs to understand that we were looking for the volume of projects knowing that the federal stimulus packet was a possible mechanism to help fund these projects. We needed to be "shovel ready" to qualify for these funds.

Mr. Podolski continued that previous administration did not over look these necessary replacements, but were under court order to do the clean water action sewer projects first.

8. APPROVAL OF WATER MAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS (CONT'D)

9 MILE – HARPER TO JEFFERSON

This area continues to encounter many water main breaks.

HARPER – 13 MILE TO NORTH CITY LIMITS

The need to do the water main replacement and relocation prior to the repaving is a necessity with the status of this road's condition.

11 MILE (I-94 TO LITTLE MACK)

Mr. Podolski stated the water mains on the Mile roads also feed into the subdivisions. They just don't feed the Mile roads.

Mr. Walby stated he would rather wait a year and find more money so the City doesn't have to use bonds. Mr. Houtekier stated the cost of replacement pieces have doubled over the last two years, and if these projects are put off any longer, the cost for repair will double.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS

Mayor Hison explained that some residential streets have already been done. Two miles does not seem like a lot. He added that many of the water mains have already outlived their life.

Mr. Houtekier stated Parkside and Euclid would be the first two projects to be done, and then they would continue to work on 2 miles of residential streets per year, working through the City. By squeezing down water losses and billing for actual use we will save on cost of water charged by Detroit and be able to fund future streets.

Mr. Haney stated that if the City bonded out these projects it would cost the average household \$32 annually to pay the bond off.

10 MILE PUMP HOUSE FACILITY

Mr. Houtekier stated that the station was built to supply water to the north end, and uses six million gallons of water a day. They have been working on consideration of refurbishing this facility, which they have found is cost prohibitive and the better option is to replace this pump house.

Mr. Ahearn stated that things aren't easy today for anyone. Voting no would be easy but it is not the right decision. Every one of these projects will save us money in the long run. He added he is in support of these projects because they will save the City money. The problems will not fix themselves.

RADIO READ METER REPLACEMENT

Some of the funding will be used to install meters in 1/3 of the City. Providing the project has a favorable return on investment, the other 2/3 of the City may be able to be funded out of operational savings. The current meters are all past their expected life and are running between 4% and 9% slow, and some have stopped altogether in some cases. The City is buying more water from the Detroit Water and Sewage Department than we are selling. The purchase of the new meters has many benefits and much savings.

Mr. Dumas added that failure to act on this purchase will only make the problem worse and more expensive to correct down the road. Replacing the aging water mains and making the necessary improvements to the 10 Mile storage facility is vital to maintaining a safe, dependable, affordable water system. The meters are the funding mechanism that makes those repairs possible. By replacing these meters, this is where the City will save money.

Mr. Houtekier stated that with the meter replacements, leak problems can be found in days instead of months. This would also allow the City the option to bill monthly which Council has heard residents would like.

Mr. Moffitt asked what the cost would be for bonding this project over 20 years. Mr. Haney replied \$17 million.

Mayor Hison asked if we were to charge the residents for the meter replacement, what would be the cost. Mr. Houtekier replied between \$170 and \$185 per household.

Mayor Hison reminded Council that they were only to approve the projects tonight, not the financing. The financing portion will be brought back to Council, and there is also the Stimulus Package to consider.

8. APPROVAL OF WATER MAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS (CONT'D)

Mr. Rubello stated there are a lot of questions on how do we pay for these projects. Mr. Dumas responded that it is not the goal that these meters pay for themselves but they are part of the system's parts and they will save us money on the water usage charge from Detroit. These pipes and meter replacements help get the rates closer to our costs.

Motion by Ahearn, seconded by Frederick to approve the seven (7) Water Capital Projects as outlined for the Water Department in the Utility Fund.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Ahearn, Frederick, McFadyen, Moffitt, Hison
Nays: Rubello, Walby

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Frederick, seconded by Ahearn to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented, which includes the following:

a. Bills

January 23, 2009 \$2,920,986.65

To approve the release of checks in the amount of \$2,920,986.65, of the report that is 25 pages in length and of the grand total amount, \$1,044,878.04 went to other taxing authorities.

b. Fees - None

c. Progress Payments

TR Pieprzak Company	\$26,708.10
Galui Construction Company, Inc.	\$22,475.97
Galui Construction Company, Inc.	\$88,187.52

d. Approval of Minutes

To approve the following minutes:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
City Council Meeting	January 19, 2009

e. Receive and File Boards, Commissions and Committee Minutes

To receive and file the following minutes:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Cool Cities Committee Meeting	October 29, 2008
Cool Cities Committee Meeting	December 10, 2008
Cool Cities Committee Meeting	January 7, 2009
Election Coordinating Committee	January 25, 2005
Election Coordinating Committee	January 12, 2007
Election Coordinating Committee	January 15, 2007
General Employee Pension Board	December 16, 2008
General Employee Retiree Health Care	November 18, 2008
Library Board Meeting	December 17, 2008
Older Person's Advisory Committee	October 16, 2008

9. CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

f. Request to set a Public Hearing on March 2, 2009 for the Consideration of the Creation of a Special Assessment District for the 2009/2010 Dredging of the Maple-Benjamin Canal

Set a Public Hearing on March 2, 2009 for the consideration of the creation of a Special Assessment District for the 2009/2010 dredging of the Maple – Benjamin Canal.

Ayes: Ahearn, Frederick, McFadyen, Moffitt, Rubello, Hison

Absent: Walby

10. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING

- PCB's – Mr. Podolski stated there are no new updates, but residents can review the City website for the latest status of the project.
- PEG Access – Ms. D'Herde stated there is a lot of activity. On the issue of the PEG channels, the FCC issued a letter to Meridian Township that supported their suit against Comcast, and stated in effect that local government PEG channels should not be treated any differently than regular broadcast channels. Video providers cannot discriminate against PEG channels.

On the issue of the DTV Transition, the Senate unanimously passed a bill delaying the DTV transition date from February 17 to June 12. However, the bill fell short of the 2/3 majority vote required in the House, and at this time, the February 17 date stands. On February 3rd, a modified bill will be introduced in the House that gives broadcasters the option of turning off the analog signal whenever they choose between February 17 to June 12.

Two cities in Michigan have taken legal action against AT&T regarding the way in which they delivered the PEG channels. The City of Lansing filed a lawsuit last week in Ingham Circuit Court, as well as a complaint with the FCC about the inferior quality and accessibility of the PEG on AT&T. The City of Clawson followed suit and issued a resolution to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

- Firework Cancellation – Mr. Moffitt stated he would like to make a motion to see the fireworks display bid out.

Mr. Podolski stated that the vendor the City uses has a multiple year contract. The City does have the right to cancel the original contract by a certain date. Mr. Ihrle added that the City does not have an obligation to have the fireworks even though there is a contract with a vendor, but if they hold the event the contracted vendor must be used until the contract expires.

Mr. Frederick, Activities Committee Member, explained they do not have enough money in their fund to have the fireworks this year. If City Council wanted to fund the fireworks, the Activities Committee would help with the event. There will be an event in place of the fireworks that the Activities Committee is working on. They looked at their budget for this year and with funds available they plan to hold the maximum amount of events - concerts in the park, Halloween, and the tree lighting. They are planning to fundraise this year to try to bring back the fireworks next year.

Mr. Moffitt stated he would still like to see the fireworks display. The cost is only \$25,000 and he feels that it is important to the residents to have this event and the City pay for it.

11. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS

Council Member Moffitt stated he is disappointed that the City will not have fireworks this year. He feels that when the City does not have fireworks, the responsibility falls back on the residents. He does not like to punish the residents by not putting on the fireworks, then come back to them later and ask them for money. That is what has happened in the past.

Mr. Moffitt stated the Macomb County Road Commission notified the City about increasing the speed limit on Harper to 40 mph. This is a direct conflict with the Harper Study which was to slow traffic down so people could see the businesses on Harper. He asked the Community Development Department to contact the Road Commission to reconsider this change.

11. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS (CONT'D)

Council Member Ahearn stated there will be an event of some kind on the 4th of July, and added he also thought it was not fair to go to the residents for money for the fireworks.

Council Member Walby stated he had asked previously that the trade in ambulance be sold on-line and questioned if this had been done. Mr. Podolski will check with the DPW and advise Council.

Council Member Frederick stated he is upset about the fireworks also, and advised that the Activities Committee will be fundraising this year so we can have them next year.

Council Member Rubello asked what kind of warnings are given to residents who do not cut their grass in the summer. Mr. Podolski replied that a City newsletter reminds residents when the grass is 6 inches or taller, the City will cut it and bill the homeowner.

Mr. Rubello asked if the City is planning on getting the ability to do electronic checks. Mr. Haney replied that there isn't any demand for electronic checks now, but credit cards are accepted over the phone.

Council Member McFadyen met with Ms. Fickau, Senior Center Director, regarding the Helping Hands Program. If anyone is interested call 445-0996 to volunteer, and leave your name and phone number. There will be an interview process.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's report.

13. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Reed, 20013 Mauer, stated there are 482 foreclosures in the City.

Bryan Murphy, 23400 Recreation, stated that in regard to the water main project financing should be the first thing considered.

14. REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY STATE STATUTE MCLA 15.268, SECTION 8 (c)

Motion by Moffitt, seconded by McFadyen to enter into Closed Session as permitted by State Statute MCLA 15.268, Section 8 (c) at 10:16 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Ahearn, Frederick, McFadyen, Moffitt, Rubello, Hison

Nays: Walby

Motion by Moffitt, seconded by Ahearn to return to Open Session at 10:43 p.m.

Ayes: All (7)

Motion by Ahearn, seconded by McFadyen to proceed as discussed by City Attorney regarding Marianne McLeod vs. City of St. Clair Shores Tribunal Case.

Ayes: All (7)

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Frederick, seconded by McFadyen to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Ayes: All (7)

(THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.)

ROBERT A HISON, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK