

**MINUTES  
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

Regular Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, located at 27600 Jefferson Circle Dr., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Hison, Council Members Frederick, Rubello, Rubino, Rusie and Walby

Absent & Excused: Council Member McFadyen

Also Present: City Manager Hughes, City Clerk Kotowski, Directors D'Herde, Haney, Koto, Rayes, Assistant City Manager Smith and City Attorney Ihrie

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

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll with a quorum present and noted that Ms. McFadyen asked to be excused. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Frederick to excuse McFadyen from tonight's meeting.**

Ayes: All – 6  
Absent: McFadyen

**2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Rusie to nominate and appoint Council Member Walby as Mayor Pro-tem.**

Ayes: All – 6  
Absent: McFadyen

Mayor Hison thanked Mr. Rubello for serving this past year as Mayor Pro-tem.

**3. PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION**

**a. Proclamation – Marchiori Catering**

Mayor Hison presented Bill Marchiori Sr. the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION  
for  
MARCHIORI CATERING**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize those citizens and businesses who unselfishly dedicate their time and effort to the betterment of others; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Marchiori Sr. and Tony Marchiori, owners of **MARCHIORI CATERING**, located at 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, with the assistance of their staff, demonstrated extraordinary generosity by donating and serving all breakfast food and drinks for the first two annual Overnight Movie Campout and Pancake Breakfast events held at the Veterans Memorial Park; and

**WHEREAS**, **MARCHIORI CATERING** has been serving St. Clair Shores and the surrounding communities since 1951 and has since served the City well as a thriving part of the business community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores hereby recognize and honor the Marchiori Family and **MARCHIORI CATERING** for their dedication in servicing this community and their generous donations.

Mr. Marchiori thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and talked about his 52 years in the Shores. He added that he enjoys giving back to the community and being a part of the Overnight Campout event.

**b. Presentation by the Cultural Committee on Holiday Art Mart**

Ms. Carla LaGodna, member of the Cultural Committee, announced a Christmas version of their summer Art Fair called the Art Mart at Lakeshore Plaza. The fair will start on Black Friday, November 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After that, they will be open every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas; Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Local artists will present paintings, dolls, pottery, jewelry, etc. The Art Mart is co-sponsored by C&G Newspapers.

Mr. Rubello commended the Cultural Committee on all their events and accomplishments.

**4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS (2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

Jim Goodfellow, St. Clair Shores resident, agenda items 7h and 6b. Mr. Goodfellow questioned the change order for 20009 Rosedale and hopes the investments made in these homes will come back from the sale. He encouraged using a local company for the real estate services contract.

Frank Maiorano, St. Clair Shores resident, agenda item 6b. Mr. Maiorano requested copies of lead inspection reports and lead certifications of inspectors for the NSP homes. He noted that inspector Kevin McNeill lead inspector license expired on March 31, 2009 and that Swany Construction doesn't have any lead certification either. Mr. Maiorano suggested postponing the sales of these homes until they are properly re-inspected for the safety of the residents.

Dave Fury, St. Clair Shores resident, agenda item 6b. Mr. Fury raised his concerns regarding lead issues in the NSP homes. He doesn't know what kind of testing was done but he is concerned with all the contaminated dust from construction. He would have liked more information on the program and to make the affected neighbors aware of the program. He is concerned how the people eligible to purchase these homes would be able to afford the home and maintain it.

Mario Como, St. Clair Shores resident, agenda item 6b. Mr. Como, owner of Realty Executives Select, talked about his history in the Shores as a business owner and the efforts he made to become familiar with the NSP program. He offered to provide an educational video at his expense and noted that he meets all core requirements of the service contract. Mr. Como commented that he shops the Shores and the City should do so too.

**5. DISCUSSION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME**

Mr. Hughes indicated that the Fire Department's overtime was increased on September 7, 2010 to \$225,000. It has been monitored week by week. As of October 31, 2010, \$205,000 has been used. There are a couple options which need Council's guidance. Council can approve another budget amendment to restore more funds for overtime or to reduce the minimum manpower from 13 to 11 people. The minimum manpower can be reduced without the collective bargaining involvement, but it can cause an increase in response time and we might need to rely more on mutual aid during times when two or more service calls occur simultaneously.

Mr. Hughes added that the Fire Department had several retirements which caused the hike in overtime usage. The four vacancies have been filled and we should see a substantial reduction in overtime. There has been no change in the operation of the department, in regards to equipment and the number of personnel operating them. The City applied for a Safer Grant to pay for three additional firefighters for three years; the grant is very competitive and results won't be known until March or April of next year.

Mr. Smith stated that right now the department is operating with three ambulances. Historically, two were in service and the third was kept as a backup. The third was put in service to pick up some revenue and to not lose runs to other communities; we are now picking up some runs from neighboring communities. Mr. Smith noted that administration only has one month of monitored data for the overtime issue. At the end of the calendar year, there will be more significant data to analyze and come up with a solution. Overtime will be at a low within the next couple of months because vacation days are not used as much during the winter.

Mr. Rubino asked if the overtime has been justified. Mr. Smith replied that the only unforeseen days off are sick days or job injuries. The sick days equate to 11% of total amount of overtime.

Mr. Smith explained that firefighters work an average of 54 hours per week. Because they work more hours than a typical hourly employee, they get four extra days off, one each quarter, called Kelly Days. He added that historically, the Fire Union began negotiations in February or March. Given the financial concerns, they have offered to begin negotiations in early December.

**5. DISCUSSION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME cont'd.**

Mr. Rubello inquired what the plan is for fixing the overtime issue. Mr. Smith responded that at the beginning of the fiscal year it was requested by Council to not take the third engine out of service, which meant more overtime. If we want to keep all engines in services and 13 personnel for minimum manpower, there would be additional overtime costs. However, the amount used will decrease because the four vacancies from retirements have been filled.

Mr. Rubello asked how reducing the manpower from 13 to 11 would affect the services provided. Mr. Smith responded that administration is talking with the collective bargaining to be able to use a crew on multiple pieces of equipment. This type of accommodation would take modification of the collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Rubello noted that a lot of communities have the same problem with Fire overtime and have closed engines. Mr. Smith added that the City has taken great steps to reduce overtime. In 2005, the Fire Department overtime was over \$700,000. The following year it was brought down to \$457,000.

Mr. Rubello stated that Harper Woods offered to pay Grosse Pointe Woods for fire runs. He suggested looking into similar opportunities.

Mr. Hughes noted that between October 8, 2010 and November 5, 2010, the third ambulance responded to 26 service calls which equated to \$8,800 in additional revenue.

Mr. Hughes summarized the steps taken since the September 7, 2010 meeting when overtime was restored: worked with the Fire Union to get the third ambulance in service, discussed with the union to start negotiations in December, actively discussing the issue with Mayor and Council and applied for the Safer Grant.

Mayor Hison clarified that the Fire Department is fully staffed and that some overtime was due to four vacancies. The department is taking steps to increase revenue, but there is no guarantee on that because of the amount actually collected and the fact that accidents are not foreseen. He explained that there is no way to eliminate overtime, but we can work to reduce the costs. Right now, there's approximately \$20,000 remaining to go forward until the end of the fiscal year. At this point, this amount would be used up by early December.

Mr. Walby emphasized on succeeding negotiations and keeping the third ambulance in service. He added that we can't have a contract two years into negotiations. We need answers and to act quickly. Mr. Walby suggested an additional \$75,000 for their overtime account and to revisit the issue in January.

Mr. Frederick questioned if the union would want to backdate the new contract if they're not willing to open the current contract. Mr. Smith stated that they will focus on new hires, since a third of the department is eligible for retirement in 2013.

Mr. Frederick disagreed to take engine one out of service, because it can be used for paramedic runs. He inquired about last year's overtime figure - \$494,000.

Mr. Frederick asked what the City will do for a back up ambulance. Mr. Smith replied they are working on a cost analysis to see what is most feasible in the long run.

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Walby to add \$75,000 to the Fire Department overtime budget to cover the period through January 31, 2011, and to review this item in January 2011.**

Ayes: All – 6  
Absent: McFadyen

**6. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS**

**a. Request to award contract for Renewable Energy Ordinance as part of the EECBG grant (bids opened 11/9/10)**

Ms. Koto explained that as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, the City will be creating an amendment to the existing Zoning Ordinance as well as creating a guidebook and mini-educational series regarding energy efficiency on a residential and commercial scale.

The first time bids were solicited, the City received only one proposal which was twice as our budget. Therefore, the City re-bid the contract and four bids were submitted on time. The fifth bidder was submitted after the deadline and it was the same company that initially bid on the contract. They re-submitted their first proposal.

**6a. Request to award contract for Renewable Energy Ordinance as part of the EECBG grant cont'd.**

As part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, \$15,000 was budgeted to write a Renewable Energy Ordinance and create a guidebook for residents and business owners that wish to install energy efficient solutions. The ordinance would go through the same approval process – publication, Planning Department and Council's approval. The ordinance will give the City the ability to allow commercial and residential owners to install energy efficient components and have parameters in place for such improvements. The guidebook will get the word out and inform residents on how to promote energy the safe way. The consultant will work together with the Community Development Department.

Ms. Koto recommended Hamilton Anderson because the difference between the lowest bidder and the second lowest is \$30, however the second lowest would finish the project in two months, compared to six months. She also noted Hamilton Anderson included mileage in their base bid but bills on use.

Ms. Rusie inquired about the timeframe to have the ordinance completed. Ms. Koto responded that it just needs to be under contract by the end of the year. She added that both firms are capable of doing the work. Carla from Worthman Associates has worked with Hamilton Anderson & Associates in the past.

Mr. Frederick noted that the ability to split the bid was not included in the specifications. That could have been a good idea to combine between the two firms to save some money.

Mr. Ihrle clarified that our ordinance states the City can only negotiate with the low bidder. To include the split language, we would have to rebid.

Mr. Frederick requested that all bids include the ability to split.

Mayor Hison asked if two months is sufficient for the entire process to be completed.

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Rubello to award the contract for Renewable Energy Ordinance as part of the EECBG grant to Hamilton Anderson Associates in the amount of \$15,000, noting the reason for choosing the second low bidders it the two month completion deadline.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: All – 6

Absent: McFadyen

Mr. Rubello suggested looking into the Michigan Rebuild Program for energy audits to residential customers.

**b. Request to award contract for Real Estate Services to sell NSP properties (bids opened 11/9/10)**

Ms. Koto stated the NSP properties are in the final stages of renovations which will allow a real estate agent to list and show them as necessary. Bids were posted on MITN, where 59 agents were notified, 27 accessed the specs and 5 responses were received on time. Ms. Koto noted the lowest bidder is McNeal O'Brien Team, charging a total of 4.5%, or \$2,000 flat fee for sales under \$50,001. Two local real estate agencies turned in bids, Realty Executives at 4.8% with a \$250 additional fee on sales under \$75,000 and Real Estate One with 5.0%.

Ms. Rusie was disappointed that more local real estate agents were not notified about this opportunity. The City established a list of local realtors and that would have been a great list to use. She added that a lot of realtors don't use MITN as it is geared towards construction projects. Ms. Rusie stated that one of the NSP goals is to benefit local businesses. McNeal O'Brien is from Southfield. She pointed out that the lowest bidder gives the buyer less percentage than the second lowest bidder. Giving a higher percentage back to the buyer can be favorable in trying to sell a home. Also, being located in the Shores and being familiar with our community and schools is a plus.

Mr. Ihrle stated the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Guidelines requires awards to be made to the most advantageous bidder, considering price and other factors; if the award is not made to the lowest price, the City must document its reasons for not selecting the lowest bidder. Reasons must be material, common sense and basically good reasons. The City's ordinance does not require to bid out a professional service contract, however, the NSP program required bidding this project.

Ms. Rusie visited the website of the lowest bidder and all their listings are located in Oakland and Wayne County, and questioned their experience in Macomb County. The bid specifications required agents to market on both Realcomp II Ltd. and MIRealsource MLS. Ms. Rusie wasn't clear if the lowest bidder is a member of these two systems.

**6b. Request to award contract for Real Estate Services to sell NSP properties cont'd.**

Mr. Ihrle added that if the bid specs required agents to be members of Realcomp II Ltd. and MIRealsource MLS, and the lowest bidder is not a member, that would be considered a good reason to go with the next bidder.

Mayor Hison stated that if a bidder doesn't meet all the requirements, Council should be advised ahead of time. When bids are posted on MITN, they are not only targeting local businesses; it goes out to different communities. Mr. Hison suggested looking into their qualifications and coming back to vote on this contract.

Mr. Rubello noted he would be abstaining from voting due to business relationships.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Frederick to postpone awarding the contract for real estate services, to sell NSP properties to the December 6, 2010 meeting.**

Ayes: All – 5  
 Absent: McFadyen  
 Abstain: Rubello

Ms. Koto stated the City was required to do a lead report for every one of the NSP homes. The NSP lead inspector had expired lead certification, because he is now an EBL investigator. In order to become an EBL investigator, one has to be a certified lead inspector. The lead was part of the review for each home and every contractor must operate under a licensed lead abatement as well.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA – All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless the Mayor and or a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered under the last item of the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion by Rubello, seconded by Rubino to approve the Consent Agenda items a – g, separating h and i, as follows:**

**a. Bills**

<b>November 15, 2010</b>	<b>\$2,891,532.69</b>
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To approve the release of checks in the amount of \$2,891,532.69, of the report that is 24 pages in length and of the grand total amount of \$2,891,532.69, \$294,340.61 went to other taxing authorities.

**b. Fees**

Roumell & Lange	\$ 2,166.18
Ihrle & O'Brien	\$ 11,477.00

To approve the above attorney payments to Roumell & Lange and Ihrle & O'Brien subject to audit.

**c. Progress Payments**

Florence Cement Company	\$ 17,991.80
Galui Construction	\$146,484.98
Posen Construction	\$131,659.31
RS Contracting, Inc.	\$ 11,732.86
Tiseo Brothers, Inc.	\$ 6,021.33
Tiseo Brothers, Inc.	\$ 21,712.40
Tiseo Brothers, Inc.	\$287,364.23

To approve the above progress payments, subject to audit.

**d. Approval of Minutes**

To approve the following minutes:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
City Council	October 18, 2010
City Council	November 1, 2010

7. **CONSENT AGENDA cont'd.**

e. **Receive & File Boards, Commissions & Committee Minutes**

To receive and file the following minutes:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Activities Committee	September 22, 2010
Activities Committee	October 6, 2010
Activities Committee	October 14, 2010
Board of Canvassers	November 4, 2009
Corridor Improvement Authority	August 4, 2010
Corridor Improvement Authority	October 6, 2010
Ethics Ordinance Committee	June 3, 2010
Ethics Ordinance Committee	August 27, 2010
Older Persons Advisory Committee	May 20, 2010
Older Persons Advisory Committee	June 17, 2010
Parks and Recreation Commission	October 14, 2010
Police & Fire Pension Board	September 30, 2010
Police & Fire Retiree Health Care Trust Board	September 30, 2010
Sign Arbitration Committee	August 26, 2010
Water Resources & Advisory Board	September 7, 2010
Waterfront Environmental Committee	October 19, 2010
Zoning Board of Appeals	October 7, 2010

f. To approve the following amendment to Ordinance 25.260(g) Water Rates for readiness to serve charge:

**AMENDMENTS TO CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES' PERTINENT TO WATER**

25.260 Water rates; discounts, penalties.  
Sec. 34-10.

(g) There shall be a readiness to serve charge of \$3.00 per quarter for each bill. Said service shall be imposed on the homeowner regardless of whether any water is used. It is a flat fee with no quarterly minimum.

**Shall be amended to read as follows:**

(g) There shall be a readiness to serve charge of **\$5.00** per quarter for each bill. Said service shall be imposed on the homeowner regardless of whether any water is used. It is a flat fee with no quarterly minimum. (*amend. eff. November 17, 2010*)

Any ordinance or parts of any ordinance in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

The ordinance shall become effective upon publication by the City Clerk.

This ordinance shall be published by posting the same in three (3) public places within the City of St. Clair Shores and the Clerk is hereby ordered to post the same upon the bulletin boards in the Police Station, 27665 Jefferson Avenue, the Fire Hall, 26700 Harper Avenue, and the City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive.

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF MACOMB    )

We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true copy of an ordinance as enacted by the City Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010, and that the necessary Charter provisions have been observed.

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ROBERT A. HISON, MAYOR

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MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

7. **CONSENT AGENDA cont'd.**

I, Mary A. Kotowski, Clerk of the City of St. Clair Shores, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published by posting true copies of the same in each of the following places: Police Station, 27665 Jefferson Avenue, Fire Hall, 26700 Harper Avenue, and City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

*(ord. amendment eff. November 17, 2010)*

- g. **To receive and file Board of Canvassers certified results and minutes from the November 2, 2010 City Charter amendment proposals.**

Ayes: All – 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Walby

- h. **Change Order for 2009 Rosedale NSP home**

Ms. Rusie noted that some of the issues could have been known at the time this was bid out.

Mr. Rayes stated the architect did not go in the garage when they prepared the specs. The change order is needed to complete the work and if a claim is appropriate, the City will seek reimbursement from the architect.

Mr. Rubello noted this is the third change order for this house. He asked if with all these changes, the contractor is still the lowest bidder. Mr. Rayes explained that these unforeseen changes would have been done with any other contractor. The current detached garage floor is in very poor condition and the newly poured concrete driveway is higher than the garage floor, which will cause flooding. The water will pond and freeze during winter months creating a hazard, and standing water during warmer months may create additional structural deficiencies in the wood frames.

**Motion by Rubello, seconded by Frederick to DENY the change order for 2009 Rosedale NSP home.**

Ayes: All – 6  
Absent: McFadyen

- i. **St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade Committee**

Mr. Frederick stated he does not want to rush into things establishing the new Parade Committee. When the old Parade Council was dismissed, the money was an issue and they were told these are not times to pay for community events out of the General Fund. The \$9,600 is now allocated to the new committee.

Mayor Hison noted that these funds were budgeted for this fiscal year to three committees: the Activities Committee, Cool City Committee and the Parade Committee.

Ms. Rusie was against the \$9,600 but she discussed borrowing the money, using it as seed money and then returning the funds to the City.

Mayor Hison highlighted that the new committee will be made up of 11 members and 2 alternate appointed by Mayor and Council; 2 non-voting Council Liaisons appointed by the Mayor (Mr. Rubello and Ms. Rusie); 1 non-voting Staff Liaison appointed by the City Manager; meetings to meet as needed; meetings must be scheduled, have an agenda, minutes recorded and held at the St. Clair Shores City Hall; a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer to be voted each year by the voting members; the Parade Committee can create a large volunteer group made up of (non-voting) residents and business owners/employees in St. Clair Shores; all finances, revenues and expenses channeled through the St. Clair Shores finance department; and allocate \$9,600 to this committee (same as the previous Parade Council) for operating.

Mr. Frederick stated he wasn't around this weekend to discuss the new committee. He suggested adding in the motion that the \$9,600 is a loan to them.

**7i. St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade Committee cont'd.**

Mr. Walby responded that it is unfair to take the \$9,600 away. He supported maintaining the funds. He wanted meetings posted, meeting minutes, financial accountability and wants the committee to raise the money so the parade is self sufficient.

Mr. Rubello noted that the City asked for help from the Parade Council, they are free to join and they were never fired. He stated the goal is to bring as many residents and business owners together to make a bigger and better parade each year.

Ms. Rusie commented that she feels more comfortable giving public funds to a City committee rather than a private committee under Michigan Law.

Mr. Rubino stated that at the budget hearings he had to be convinced to keep this money in the budget. This may be the last year until the economy turns around.

Mr. Frederick noted he wants a successful committee with new ideas to honor the veterans.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Rubino to create the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade Committee, as follows: 11 members (3 year staggered terms), 2 alternates appointed by Mayor and City Council (committee can be expanded if required); 2 non-voting Council Liaisons appointed by the Mayor; 1 non-voting Staff Liaison appointed by the City Manager; meetings to meet as needed; meetings must be scheduled, have an agenda, minutes recorded and held at the St. Clair Shores City Hall; a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer to be voted each year by the voting members; the Parade Committee can create a large volunteer group made up of (non-voting) residents and business owners/employees in St. Clair Shores; all finances, revenues and expenses channeled through the St. Clair Shores finance department; allocate \$9,600 to this committee (same as the previous Parade Council) for operating; and to approve the Mayor's appointments of two Council Liaisons, David Rubello and Candice Rusie, who will call the first meeting, post it and create their first agenda. They will handle the business until the officers are voted in.**

Ayes: All – 5  
Nay: Rusie  
Absent: McFadyen

**8. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING**

- **PCB's** – Mr. Hughes stated the Chicago field office continues to look at the next steps of the process.
- **9 Mile Street Replacement Project** – The project is complete and 9 Mile Road is now open. The street looks and drives better.
- **Harper Water Main** – Harper between 13 Mile and Masonic is open; the contractor restored the right of way and driveways. For the other portion north of Masonic, utilities are off the poles except AT&T. Once they are off the poles, the contractor will come out and complete the project.

**9. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS**

**Council Member Walby** thanked his colleagues for naming him the Mayor Pro-tem. He congratulated Roland Fraschetti and Anthony Forlini for winning the election. He thanked Sarah Roberts for her service as the State Representative and Bill Crouchman for his service as County Commissioner.

**Council Member Frederick** congratulated Ronald Fraschetti, Anthony Forlini and the new State Senator Steven Bieda. He thanked the St. Clair Shores electorate for voting and choosing not to cut the Police and Fire services. Mr. Frederick announced upcoming events and suggested posting the Waste Management Holiday Schedule in as many places as possible.

**Council Member Rubello** announced community events and requested an update on the Shores Movie Theater. Mr. Rayes responded that power was restored to keep the building dry and to open for leasing.

Mr. Rubello asked if the City qualifies for Construction Zone Tax Breaks for businesses. He suggested looking into bringing die companies into the Shores.

**9. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS cont'd.**

Mr. Rubello stated he is the Council Liaison for Older Persons Advisory Committee and asked senior citizens to contact him with new ideas, topics or any other problems they might be facing.

**Council Member Rusie** asked if there would be a chance for dialogue between Waste Management and the residents at the next Council meeting. She announced the Women's Expo on November 16, 2010 at the Bruce Post.

**Council Member Rubino** announced the Historic Boston-Edison Annual Holiday Home Tour on December 12, 2010 and the Lincoln String Quartet to take place November 28, 2010.

Mr. Rubino asked that the City Attorney review the Ethics Committee's findings and provide a report in December. He suggested asking City employees for suggestions on saving money.

**Mayor Hison** noted that the property at Ridgeway and Jefferson is in the same stage. Mr. Ihrie stated the City is continuing litigation against the property owner. The owner regrets that the matter was not resolved due to the contractor completing other jobs first.

Mayor Hison announced the upcoming Belgian-American Association concert at St. Gertrude Church on December 8, 2010.

There will be a Study Session on November 29, 2010 discussing privacy fences in the Lakefront District and recommendations from the Sign Committee.

Mayor Hison wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – NONE**

Mr. Hughes reminded residents that City Offices will be closed on November 25 and 26, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. Hughes thanked Mayor and Council for attending the ribbon cutting for Fisher Dynamics' new equipment on November 10.

**11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

Duane Michno, Dennis Karwoski, Larry Casler, Activities Committee members, invited residents and children at the December 3, 2010 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year, the committee is proud to present two of Santa's reindeer from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., generosity of Shore Pointe Nursing and the Sign Man. Winners of the Light the Avenue Contest will be announced, and Little Miss St. Clair Shores and local students will sing Christmas songs. At the end of the program, residents are welcome to join Santa for donuts and hot chocolate.

Randy Pullin, Goodfellows, announced their annual newspaper sale on December 4, 2010. Volunteers are needed for as many intersections as possible.

Mario Como, St. Clair Shores resident, thanked Council for giving additional consideration to the NSP real estate service contract by postponing the item. He is a member of both Realcomp II Ltd. and MIRealsource MLS and has supportive qualifications for the contract. He emphasized the core concept of real estate service being a local service.

Sandy Romero, St. Clair Shores vacant lot owner, talked about her purchase of a vacant lot on 13 Mile in December 2006 and building a spec home that was eventually sold on a short sale. The remaining of the lot was billed for code enforcement numerous times and now the bills incurred over \$3,000. Mayor Hison suggested making an appointment with the City Manager.

Jack Doerr, St. Clair Shores resident, asked if the additional revenue from Proposal 2 can be used to pay for Fire Department's overtime.

Matthew Ahearn, St. Clair Shores resident, congratulated the residents for voting this past election. Mr. Ahearn commented on the decision made to give the new Parade Committee \$9,600, which was refused to the group of volunteers that have been organizing the parade for twenty years.

Patricia Check, St. Clair Shores resident, talked about an assault against her on the boulevard and the police report submitted by Detective Brown. She claims she is innocent.

**11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT) cont'd.**

Edward Cardenas, St. Clair Shores resident, introduced himself as the editor of St. Clair Shores Patch, a community journalism page. He looks forward working with everyone in the City.

Patrick Biange, St. Clair Shores resident, talked about balancing residential and governmental needs and working together to meet both needs even in tough economic times.

Frank Maiorano, St. Clair Shores resident, was concerned about going forward with the NSP project without asking input from the residents. Mr. Maiorano demanded more transparency.

Kathy Joerin, St. Clair Shores resident, announced the third annual Candle Light Memorial for bereaved parents to take place on December 12, 2010 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. For more information or to add a name, kjmac21@aol.com or 586-293-6176. Ms. Joerin added that as of March 23, 2010, a chapter of Compassionate Friends was started in St. Clair Shores. They meet every second Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center.

Jamie Victory, St. Clair Shores resident, stated there was an accident this past Saturday and the Police and Fire response was excellent. He advised drivers to turn on their fog lights when there's a fog advisory. Mr. Victory wished everyone a safe holiday.

Earl Hawkins, St. Clair Shores resident, asked if the assessed values of the NSP homes would be public. He has a lot of anxiety about the nature of the NSP program. Mr. Hawkins stated the program was not explained to the neighborhood and suggested creating a summary of important points of the NSP program and making it available to the residents affected by it.

James Kelly, St. Clair Shores resident, stated he played with the numbers before voting on Proposal 1 or 2, and finally chose Proposal 2 for safety. He commented on the use of City equipment to deliver Mayor and Council mail.

Mayor Hison responded the Police Department is not delivering anymore because there was a request to have them patrolling. The Community Development Department delivers some packets and some Council members elected to pick up their packets. The City never gave mail to be delivered by the Fire Department.

**12. REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY STATE STATUE MCLA 15.268 SECTION 8(c)**

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Frederick to enter Closed Session as permitted by State Statute MCLA 15.268 Section 8(c) at 10:40 p.m.**

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: All – 6

Absent: McFadyen

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to return to Open Session at 11:06 p.m.**

Ayes: All – 6

Absent: McFadyen

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Frederick, seconded by Walby to adjourn at 11:06 p.m.**

Ayes: All – 6

Absent: McFadyen

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ROBERT A HISON, MAYOR

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MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK