

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2011**

Special Meeting of the City Council, held in the Geer Conference Room, located at 27600 Jefferson Circle Dr., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Hison, Council Members Frederick, Rubino, and Rubello (arrived 9:43 am)

Absent: Council Member McFadyen, Rusie, and Walby

Also Present: City Manager Hughes, City Clerk Kotowski, State Representative District 24 Anthony Forlini, and Sue Sikkelee

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and there was not a quorum of City Council at that time.

Mr. Smith stated Ms. Rusie had called to be excused due to a work conflict. As there was not a quorum present, no formal action on this request could be taken.

2. Discussion with State Representative Tony Forlini on the upcoming State of Michigan Legislative Session and City Council priorities

Mr. Forlini gave an overview of his first weeks in Lansing. He has been appointed to the Appropriations, Agriculture, Judiciary, Human Services and General Government Committees. He was encouraged by the Governor Snyder's State of the State address on goals, the budget deficit and planning a two year budget. Unfunded mandates to local government without funding, review of State Departments and their necessities, and making government work smarter are some of his key areas.

Discussion continued on City's items of concerns as follows:

- PCB – remediation and the identification of the source
- DWSB – creation of a regional water board authority
- Formula modifications to the HEADLEE and Proposal A
- Economic Development Issues
- Lack of Transportation System and Light Rail grant funding
- Modification to PA 312
- Asian Carp
- Beach Closing and the need for a viable clean Lake St. Clair
- To review the method of awarding grants to Municipalities and the need to value higher those who have been fiscally responsible

There was no longer a quorum of City Council by this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Forlini looks forward to working with the City and will be holding a resident hour at the Dockside café tentatively prior to the second Council Meeting each month.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Residents Jim Goodfellow and Chuck Hall gave suggestions and asked questions of Mr. Forlini.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

ROBERT A HISON, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK