

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 29, 2012**

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

Present: Mayor Walby, Council Members Caron, Frederick, Rubino, Rusie, Tiseo and Vitale

Also Present: City Manager Hughes, City Clerk Kotowski, Directors Babcock, D'Herde, Rayes, City Planner Koto, City Attorney Ihrle, and Police Chief Walleman

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

Mayor Walby 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 said by all.

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. South Lake School District

Pamela Balint, South Lake School District Superintendent, said that many good things are happening in their district. She introduced the members of the administration team, teachers and Board of Education members who were present at the meeting tonight.

Their presentation will focus on one program in particular which addresses the educational experiences their students will need to compete in the global economy with students all over the world. They developed a global curriculum at the middle school level which includes Mandarin language instruction. This curriculum was expanded to include the high school and the elementary schools. They currently provide Mandarin or Spanish to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. They are required to take two years of a language, but many students go on to take four or five years.

Macomb County ISD started looking into bringing an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBO) high school into Macomb County. During that time, they learned the IBO had a Primary Years Program (PYP) which is an international program geared toward elementary-aged students. This program was appealing because it was a program designed to reach all students not just a select group. The PYP experience includes a rigorous curriculum designed to foster inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving skills in students.

South Lake is the first and only district in Macomb County to receive PYP authorization. St. Clair Shores is the first city in Macomb County to have an IBO officially authorized elementary school.

Candice Merivirta, International Baccalaureate Program Primary Years Program Coordinator, spoke about how she has worked with the South Lake staff for the past four years. The IBO aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help create a better world by understanding diversity and respecting others. It addresses the emotional, social, physical and academic needs of students. The program is offered in 144 countries, 337 are in the United States, 19 of those are in Michigan, and we are the first in Macomb County. Elmwood will receive their authorization in the next few weeks.

Two students each spoke about how the PYP at Avalon benefited them. It has helped them become life-long learners and will allow them to be better prepared for the future.

A parent also spoke and stated that she likes how the students work together as a team and all of the grades work together. She thinks it has developed a sense of community at that school. Also, the children learn about how balance between school and home is important.

Jeanne Poleski, Avalon Elementary Principal, spoke about how exciting this program is as they prepare students for jobs that do not even exist yet. They are creating problem solvers and critical thinkers who are globally minded. St. Clair Shores has young people who will be able to lead us into the future.

Mayor Walby thanked them for sharing this information and congratulated them for their award.

Mayor Walby announced that agenda items #2d and #2e were removed from the agenda and will be rescheduled for the November 19 meeting.

Item 2 Cont'd.:

b. 9 Mack Merchants Association High 5 Event Drawing

Mark O'Brien, Roy O'Brien Ford, and Gloria Kinnie, Circare Gift Shop, were present. Ms. Kinnie spoke about their High 5 Event. This was designed to acquaint residents with the number, quality and variety of services in our area. They invited area residents stop by and say hello to at least 5 and as many as 22 downtown St. Clair Shores businesses, and by doing that, they would receive a sticker. Those participants were then entered into a drawing if they collected at least five stickers. The event was a success. There were almost 100 entries in the drawing. She thanked everyone for participating. They will be doing this again in December.

Mayor Walby then drew tickets for the five \$100 winners.

c. COPS for Kids Red Wing Alumni VS Lakeview Alumni Hockey Game Fundraiser

Chief Walleman spoke about the Cops for Kids Red Wing Alumni versus Lakeview Alumni Hockey Game Fundraiser. It will be held at Civic Arena. Cops for Kids has been around for approximately 37 years in St. Clair Shores. In 2011, they assisted 117 families which equates to 286 children in our area. The game will be Saturday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.

Chris Budzyn, 1981 Lakeview Alumni, spoke about how they developed this fundraiser idea. He announced that the Stanley Cup will be here in St. Clair Shores. Fans can take pictures with the Stanley Cup for \$10, and all proceeds will be going to Cops for Kids.

Chief Walleman thanked the sponsors of this event as well as others who have worked on organizing it.

d. ~~Senior Olympic Winners (Rescheduled to 11/19)~~

e. ~~Goodfellows (Rescheduled to 11/19)~~

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

None.

4. REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A 20 FOOT BY 80 FOOT BUILDING ADDITION CONNECTING TWO BUILDINGS AND A TRUCK WELL AT 33140 FISHER DRIVE, PLANNING CASE PPC120019, PETITIONER, FISHER DYNAMICS

Mr. Robert Nelson, Fisher Dynamics, explained that they were here months ago regarding an expansion, and they outgrew that request before the construction even began. They need the enclosure so that they can move their goods during inclement weather without them getting wet. Their business is growing, and they would like to add one more truck well.

Ms. Rusie inquired whether concerns that were expressed by some citizens on Robeson Street regarding truck traffic have been resolved.

Mr. Nelson stated that those issues have been resolved.

Mr. Vitale pointed out that manufacturing has brought our economy back.

Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to approve the Site Plan PPC120019 for a building addition to connect two buildings and a truck well, at 33140 Fisher Drive, as recommended by the Planning Commission and subject to the conditions of the City Planner's report, including: 1) Engineered drawings, including paving and drainage, will be required for any proposed changes to the parking area, 2) The Planning Commission and City Council understand that Mr. Nelson's presence here tonight constitutes that he is a legal representative of the petitioner for Planning Case PPC120019. Each statement of intent, promise and/or pledge, made by him, the petitioner or agent, either orally or in writing, if permitted by Ordinance, shall be binding upon the petitioner and shall be a condition of said site plan approval.

Ayes: All - 7

5. ADOPTION OF WATER QUALITY RESOLUTION TABLED AT OCTOBER 15 MEETING

The new resolution was reviewed.

Motion by Rubino, seconded by Rusie to adopt the resolution to improve the water discharge of municipalities within the Lake St. Clair water shed which reads as follows:

**City of St. Clair Shores
Resolution**

The following is an excerpt of the City of St. Clair Shores Regular Council Meeting of October 29, 2012, at which the following resolution was moved by Mr. Rubino and seconded by Ms. Rusie and reads as follows:

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores is a community within Macomb County located along Lake St. Clair with approximately six miles of shoreline; and

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores has an active and important waterfront community consisting of seven privately owned marinas and two publicly owned boat marinas; and

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores has collaborated with the business community during the past two decades to market and promote the nationally recognized Nautical Mile; and

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores has invested over \$57 million during the past 15 years to repair and separate storm sewer and sanitary sewer lines to ensure clean water discharge into Lake St. Clair; and

Whereas, Blossom Heath beach needed to be entirely closed in 2012 due to high E.coli counts and Veteran's Memorial Park beach has experienced frequent mandated closings in recent years due to high E.coli counts of human origin; and

Whereas, a water quality study facilitated by State Representative Anthony Forlini and conducted by Michigan State University found that human fecal contamination was present at Veteran's Memorial Park beach at various points in high concentrations in 2011; and

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores has potentially experienced a negative financial impact in waterfront property values and within our retail and nautical economy as a result of these poor water quality conditions; and

Whereas, this study recommended that improving wastewater and storm water infrastructure in other communities will help reduce these water quality problems; and

Whereas, the City of St. Clair Shores has an opportunity to significantly improve tourism and economic development projects along Lake St. Clair, but has a consistent obstacle in achieving this goal due largely to poor water quality;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the St. Clair Shores City Council urges the State of Michigan to take enforcement actions that will require efforts to improve the water discharge of municipalities while also increasing regulations and requirements for discharge infrastructure within the Lake St. Clair watershed, while also taking corrective measures to assist with weed and related aquatic debris.

Ayes: All - 7

Mr. Hughes said this will be sent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the House and our local State Representatives.

6. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS – NONE

7. CONSENT AGENDA *Items shall be considered without debate by motion and vote of Council, unless a member of Council specifically requests action taken separately on said item*

Motion by Caron, seconded by Frederick to approve the Consent Agenda items a – g, which include the following:

Item 7 Cont'd.:

a. Bills

Check Approval List \$2,323,316.42

To approve the release of checks in the amount of \$2,323,316.42 of the report that is 27 pages in length and of the grand total amount of \$2,323,316.42; \$404,925.88 went to other taxing authorities.

b. Fees - None

c. Progress Payments

Florence Cement Company \$449,758.07

d. Approval of Minutes - None

e. Receive and Place on File Boards, Commissions and Committee Minutes

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Beautification Commission	September 12, 2012
Cool City Committee	September 12, 2012
Council Sub Committee	September 25, 2012
Cultural Committee	September 12, 2012
Election Commission	August 22, 2012
Fence Arbitration	September 19, 2012
General Employee Retiree Health Care Board	August 21, 2012
Golf Course Committee	September 18, 2012
Planning Commission	September 25, 2012
Public Library Board	September 19, 2012

f. Recommendations from the Council Sub Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

1. Accept with regret the following resignation (Thank you letter has been sent by City Clerk):
 - Vito Delia – Dog Park Committee

2. Recommendation to Mayor and Council to appoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Mary Greer <i>(Vacant seat of Rhonda West)</i>	Beautification Committee	12/31/2013
Kathy Nixon <i>(Vacant seat of Heidi McInnes)</i>	Waterfront Environmental Committee	09/30/2014

3. Recommendation to the Mayor to appoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Joe St. John <i>(Vacant seat of Michael Peterson - To finish the vacant term ending 12/31/12 and reappoint to regular three year term ending 12/31/15)</i>	Water Resources Advisory Board	12/31/2015
Michael Monaghan <i>(Vacant seat of Ronald Dest)</i>	Water Resources Advisory Board – Alternate	10/29/2014

4. Recommendation to re-appoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term Ending Date</u>
Dennis Krasnicki	SCS Memorial Day Parade Committee	12/31/2014

5. To recommend to Mayor and Council moving Timothy Devine from Alternate to Regular Member of the Cool City Committee to fill the vacant seat of Kathleen Zenisek with a term ending 9/30/2015.

Item 7 Cont'd.:

6. **To recommend creating an alternate position on the Beautification Commission for a two-year term from the date of the Council appointment.**

g. Schedule Organizational Meeting on November 19, 2012 at 7 p.m. for Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem

Ayes: All – 7

8. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING

City-owned Rental on Erben – Mr. Hughes explained that we have nine rental homes, and this one did have some issues which are scheduled for follow up.

Rat issue on Glenwood – Mr. Hughes said that we need access to the former Giglio's Market. Mr. Ihrie stated that he spoke with the sales agent who will make that property totally accessible to the City administration immediately.

Mayor Walby asked for an update on what we have done in the last two weeks to help that neighborhood and those homeowners.

Ms. Koto said that we have attempted to speak to the homeowner. Landscape Services, a third party contractor, went out and baited the alleyway and tried to contact the homeowner. There was some debris outside of the exterior of Giglio's Market which has been removed.

Mayor Walby asked what specifically the problem was. Ms. Koto said there is food on the shelves in the building, and we need access to get that cleaned up. We are actively baiting the alley to see if there is an issue that needs to be acted on. We have spoken to the concerned homeowner.

Grosse Pointe Shores Road Work on South End – Mr. Hughes stated that the contractor did drag blacktop asphalt onto our southern portion of Jefferson Avenue. The City Manager of Grosse Pointe Shores has withheld payment until removal is done. They have cleaned some, but there is still staining that needs attention.

Sidewalk Replacement Program – Mr. Hughes assured the people who are waiting for their aprons to be poured that these will be done before winter. We did not add any sidewalk panels after AEW field inspectors were out there. We are working with the evaluation which was done by them in July and August. The markings on some of the panels had faded away, and those are the only panels that were marked since that evaluation. Mr. Rayes commented that we used orange paint, and we used the inventory from the AEW follow up inspection.

Road Reconstruction Projects – Mr. Rayes summarized the following: The contractor has completed pouring all of the concrete on Brys, they need to still do backfill and sod; the Wood street pavement is complete, sidewalks and driveways are formed but need to be poured on the east side; Cubberness is mostly formed on the east side to be done after Wood street; and Taylor is poured on the east side and residents can park on that street. The roads will be done before construction season ends.

Mayor Walby asked for an update on the pouring of the sidewalks. Mr. Hughes said that conservatively it will be 75 percent done if we have good weather.

Mayor Walby wants a final update on this issue at the November 19 meeting.

Buffalo Wild Wings – Mr. Rayes said that they are not in planning yet but they should have plans in to us before the end of the year.

Butter Run – Mr. Rayes said they are moving along and are close to opening.

Medstar – They are addressing budget ramifications.

9. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS

Council Member Caron notified everyone that there is a new flower bed next to the Library entrance which was redone in honor of Joe Krutell. Volunteers recovered flowers from his backyard before the home was sold and made a nice flower garden. The Beautification Commission will maintain this garden. Thank you to the volunteers who did this.

The Dog Park Halloween event last weekend had a great turnout. There were over 100 dogs, and they had a costume contest. The park has a new fire hydrant water feature. It is the only dog park in Michigan with this feature.

Item 9 Cont'd.:

The Activities Committee had their Halloween event yesterday. Even though the weather was wet and windy, attendance was approximately 3,000. LSI does the hayride which went very well.

He asked for clarification on the sidewalk program. Mr. Rayes said that 75 percent of the squares marked should be done. The section between Harper and Greater Mack will probably be done next year.

Mr. Caron asked how things are going with the Presidential election. Ms. Kotowski said that we have issued 9,528 ballots, and 61 percent have been returned. The City Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The last time you can get a ballot to vote absentee is November 5 at Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Caron thanked the Clerk and her staff and pointed out that because of their hard work St. Clair Shores has not had issues like some of the other communities. Mayor Walby agreed the Clerk does an excellent job.

Council Member Rusie thanked the Activities Committee for putting on the Halloween party at Blossom Heath.

She asked if Mr. Hughes has looked into having a rat consortium with our neighboring cities. Mr. Hughes said this will be part of his City Manager's Update this evening.

Ms. Rusie stated that the notice regarding demolition of the house on Stephens was posted on the door of that house on October 2, and she wanted to know if we had we already filed a lawsuit. Mr. Ihrie said that the lawsuit was filed by mail on October 9 and the summons was issued on October 15.

Ms. Rusie read the notification out loud and asked if demolition was the only option for that homeowner. Mr. Hughes said that demolition would be an option only if repairs have not been made.

Ms. Rusie stressed that a notice like this should be accurate and correct when it is issued because it can give the homeowner a scare. The home was for sale at the time the notice was posted, and this can dissuade purchasers. Mr. Hughes agreed that the notice should have been worded differently.

Council Member Rubino addressed the issue with the home on Stephens. Were we seeking demotion or repair, and what needed to be repaired? Mr. Ihrie stated that our complaint is open for potential repair or demolition.

Mr. Rubino asked if an inspector went into the house. There were weeds, some garbage in the shed and a broken window. Inside it was filthy and dirty, but it looked in good shape. The windows, roof and furnace are all fairly new, and the structure is sound. We had no idea what was wrong other than a broken window, and we made a threat to tear it down. We should not do business this way. We should not use a City-friendly realtor for the City to gain access to homes. If we want access to homes for sale, we need to create an ordinance. We need to develop strict criteria soon because this should not happen again. One elected official should not dictate what we do, it should be a majority.

Last week it was mentioned that we do not treat City or government-owned homes any differently than privately-owned homes. Does this include driveways, grading, grass cutting, snow, etc.? Mr. Hughes said that it does include everything.

Council Member Tiseo said he would like an email once Giglio's Market is cleaned up. Mr. Hughes said Council will receive an update once it has been done.

Mr. Tiseo asked if we have given Peddler Permit badges to Comcast because he ran into one who did not have a permit. Ms. Kotowski stated that we have given badges to Progressive LTD, a Comcast Contractor.

Mr. Tiseo pointed out that AWR is not the business the City has approved for insurance. They are offering insurance on the water feed to a home which is not what we are endorsing.

Council Member Frederick mentioned that "Inside St. Clair Shores" will be in this week's Sentinel. There will also be an Absentee Voter ballot application as well as a salute to the winners of the 2012 Beautification Awards.

He announced the following Community events:

November 13, the Order of Alhambra and St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus are doing a Feather Party. Proceeds will benefit St. Joan of Arc special programs. For tickets call 586-879-7610.

Chili Wars will be held on November 8. Call Joe at 586-435-5458 to enter the contest or to purchase tickets.

The Red Wings Alumni Game has come back to the "Original Hockey Town".

Item 9 Cont'd.:

He thanked Mr. Rubino for pulling together the Ethics Committee. It is a big job coordinating schedules for this.

Make sure you go out and vote next Tuesday. Thanks to Mary and staff of the Clerk's Office for all of their hard work.

Council Member Vitale announced that Brunch with Santa, sponsored by the St. Clair Shores Women's Civic League, will be December 1 at Blossom Heath. For more information, call the Santa Hotline 313-885-5150.

He is the Council Member that went through the house for sale on Stephens east of Harper that had been given the notice of demolition. He said that he began going through houses years ago when he started investing in properties in St. Clair Shores. He was scheduled to view this house with his own agent, but the agent who works for the City took him through it. He showed pictures of the home. There were rat burrows at the front porch, all around the house and under the deck. The shed was filled with dead weeds and garbage. He produced a 10-year history of violations on the house, and the photos he showed were from Code Enforcement records. Another part of the file was tickets and notices. He said that he takes a tough stand on blight issues. Two people on Council pushed on this issue. He wanted to meet with these two and was denied. What he asked staff to do was start the clock on this house, and do not accept any more excuses. The owner, who is a real estate agent, stated on several occasions that the property is vacant and up for sale.

Mr. Vitale had asked for all emails sent to Mr. Rayes and Mr. Hughes regarding that house because he submitted three homes at that time, and all three homes have legal actions pending from the visits he and Mr. Tiseo made that day. The other two houses had no emails asking about what is going on. He thinks that there is favoritism going on.

Mr. Rubino and Ms. Rusie spoke out that Mr. Vitale was out of line. Mayor Walby asked Mr. Ihrle to address that. Mr. Ihrle clarified that all members of Council have the right to speak once given the floor by the Chair.

Mr. Vitale then presented FOIA Requests for code violations etc. on the Stephens property from neighbors. It showed overdue water bills. There have been numerous permit requests and attempts to get inside the property by the City to inspect it. The whole neighborhood is going bad around this house. He could not sit on this knowledge without doing something about it.

He then addressed the resident who sent him a letter on yellow paper stating he will get to those concerns as soon as possible.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Rat/Rodent Update - Over the last several months, many residents have expressed concerns about the perception that we have an increasing rat/rodent problem in our City. Council and administration take this very seriously. Clinton Township, Roseville, Eastpointe, etc. are experiencing similar problems. For the last couple of weeks, he has been leading staff research into proposals on how we can be more innovative in approaching this problem. Each proposal will have an estimated dollar amount attached to it. Some ideas are: 1) Blanket the 12 square miles of our City and offer all residents the opportunity to have us bait their backyards. 2) Use the data we have collected at City Hall such as the map we have targeting high-activity areas. We could go into just those areas and approach just those residents regarding baiting. 3) Rats have been found living in the underground infrastructure. We could bait the manhole covers whether they are storm or sewer.

One dilemma is that we need permission to access a resident's backyard. The rat problem exists because we do have some residents who do not live up to codes. It could be firewood, dog feces, overgrowth of shrubs, etc. We respect individual property rights, and we will not go onto a resident's property without permission being granted. It is not factual or accurate that St. Clair Shores has so many rats we have a public health crisis. We do have a problem, but it is not at a crisis point.

Mayor Walby asked if working with our neighboring communities on a solution will be part of the agenda item on November 19. Mr. Hughes said that it will be.

Mayor Walby said that we need to take the lead on this. We have to be aggressive and better than anybody else. He does not like St. Clair Shores being in the news because of rodent problems. We need to know what kind of action administration is going to provide to assist with resolving this rat problem. Mr. Hughes assured him that this will all be addressed at the November 19 meeting.

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Chuck Hall, St. Clair Shores resident, said thank you to the Mayor and Council for sending a resolution to Lansing. The reason we have discharge into our lake is because they are allowed through a permitting process. MDEQ controlled this for years, and legislature has the ability to change that. All cities need to look at this in the future.

Item 11 Cont'd.:

The last time we had large-scale construction on I-94, he wrote letters to the State Legislature asking why the Department of Transportation did not prebait the area. Can we get assurance the State will prebait the area this time?

James Kelly, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke about the assessing required by the State of Michigan where we have to re-measure 20 percent of our properties per year. Someone rang his doorbell and then knocked on his door. By the time he came up from the basement and got the door opened two women were measuring his house. He asked what they were doing, and then he told them to leave his property. He then watched them ring his neighbor's bell. No one answered the door, and they went into that backyard to measure. You said that people's property rights are not violated, and we do not enter property without permission.

Mayor Walby asked Mr. Hughes to get that procedure and go over it with Mr. Ihrie. He wants a report back at the next meeting.

Derek Mrowczynski, St. Clair Shores resident, said that he lives next door to the Stephens property that has been discussed this evening. He is an environmental health and safety specialist. He has lived in the City for 17 years. When he moved in, the house was in good condition and was well maintained. Over the years, it has gone through several owners, but it was still kept in good shape. When it became a rental, the renters did not take care of it, and neither did the owner. Now this rental property is an accident waiting to happen. It should be torn down.

Philip Cantin, St. Clair Shores resident, stated that he has worked construction on many City projects including the 40th District Court. He helped tear that 80 year old building down to three walls. The reason the air quality is poor now is because they built the entire building on three standing walls that were soaking wet when the new building was built around them. The building is only actually 30 years old. Thank you to the Council Members who voted to maintain prevailing wage. The union workers are drug tested, safety oriented and citizens of the United States which is not what you will get.

Norma Rusie, St. Clair Shores resident, said that she does not work for ReMax, and she is no longer an active realtor. Mr. Vitale should not have brought her into this issue with the Stephens property, and he should not have shown a personal residence. CDI inspected that house one year ago and licensed it. He is not a licensed inspector. Everybody wants this to be a nice community. It is great to look out for the City, but this is a witch hunt and it should not be done this way. This was wrong, and Mr. Vitale owes some people an apology. He is going after the wrong person. The person holding the rental certificate was following the City's requirements.

Jamie Victory, St. Clair Shores resident, said that he has heard a band that he thinks plays awesome music, and the members are St. Clair Shores residents. They should play down at the Memorial Park when they have the Concerts in the Park next year.

Dave Sperry, St. Clair Shores resident, said that what upsets him about the Court House project is that they did not include prevailing wage when the bid went out. When you use a Union, you have skilled, qualified people. You are going to have a lot of problems with this job.

Peter Accica, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke about prevailing wage. Paying the prevailing wage allows workers to earn enough to put their children through school. You could not afford to do that without prevailing wage.

He is glad there is a councilman going after people with rat issues. There was a house on his block that had rat issues. They tore the house down without baiting, and the rats went everywhere. I hope the City is not putting open bait in backyards. If the City is going to bait, they need to tell the residents.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you to the Activities Committee for the terrific Halloween Party. Blossom Heath Park turned out to be a nice location for this event.

The following businesses have opened: Wally's, The Red Olive, Blockbuster, Message Green and Happy's Pizza. We have filled some empty places.

The Tax Foreclosure Committee is still meeting specifically on tax-foreclosed properties. Mr. Hughes said that they had their last meeting six days ago. They identified tax-foreclosed homes that we purchased which are candidates for rehabilitation and resale. The committee is still collectively talking about two homes that are candidates for demolition. They will compare the cost of rehabilitation versus demolition and make the best recommendations.

13. REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY STATE STATUTE MCLA 15.268 SECTION 8 (a)

Motion by Frederick, seconded by Caron to enter Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Caron, Frederick, Rubino, Tiseo, Vitale, Walby
Nay: Rusie

Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to return to Open Session at 10:17 p.m.

Ayes: All – 7

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to adjourn at 10:17 p.m.

Ayes: All – 7

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

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