

Questionnaire response from Kip Walby

To: Kip Walby,

1) What are your motivations and aspirations to run for SCS city council?

Answer: *To keep government honest and to make city hall work for the residents.*

2) What do you like about our beautiful City of St. Clair Shores?

Answer: *It is my home. I am raising the forth generation of my family here. I love the small town feel. I can get anything I want here. SCS has it all.*

3) What do you see as the greatest challenges for our city in the future?

Answer: *Stretching our dollars to cover the services we are accustomed in a shrinking economy.*

4) The treatment of some of our residents has been appalling here in Saint Clair Shores. What can be done to improve government and resident interactions?

Answer: *We need to practice basic courtesy and view it from the residents perspective. All aspects of city government have to put themselves in the residents shoe.*

5) Would you take political donations from individuals and businesses that have contracts with the city? And if so, state your reason.

Answer: *No. In the previous election I took one check from an individual who had a contract with the city (batting cages). I returned the check.*

6) With declining property values and decreased state revenue sharing, what would you do to balance our city's budget?

Answer: *The current city budget is balanced and we have saved a significant amount of money to assist in future years. The city must continue to monitor its workforce as people retire and be very frugal on all capital spending.*

7) Do you believe millages are a way to balance the budget? And if so, state your reason.

Answer: *Not necessarily, it depends on how much revenue we will lose due to declining home values and how much state shared revenue is cut.*

8) Our recent Snow enforcement was a Public Relations nightmare for our city. With what we know now, what direction would you take this ordinance next year?

Answer: *I believe the ordinance should be 48 hrs after the last snow falls and at least 2 inches of snow. The city should investigate the neighborhoods when a complaint is called in.*

9) Would you support and uphold a comprehensive Ethics policy to be put into our SCS charter?

Answer: *Yes. I have requested such a policy on more than one occasion and it has fallen on deaf ears.*

10) Would you change the city's charter to allow a greater number of candidates to maybe prevent another \$40,000 primary election just to eliminate one candidate?

Answer: *No. City Council isn't a exclusive club that we want to keep people out of. It is the cost of maintaining freedom and open government. Finally, this would only benefit incumbents.*

11) Public participation in government has been a fundamental right to every citizen. Do you encourage the current 2 minute public participation at the beginning of each city council meeting and the 5 minute public participation at the end of the agenda, and all online summaries and minutes of all governmental documents?

Answer: *Yes. The more government is open the more honest it will be.*

Kip C. Walby