

Summary of June 21, 2010 St. Clair Shores City Council Meeting

Two very big contracts were on the agenda.

Our bid for Property and Liability Insurance was finally put on the agenda. This time the city hired an advisor for \$3000.00 to decipher which of the two insurance companies were to be bought; Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) and Arthur J. Gallagher Company. Last years insurance bid was absolutely unprofessional on the city's part. MMRMA came in at \$150,000 less when they saw that Gallagher came in less with their bid because the city actually went out to bid. Bids were suppose to be sealed. Again this year the city put us in another compromising position for two reasons: (1) the city's insurance will expire July 1, 2010 and the bid comparison was not judged correctly because of lack of information which again could have cost the city again. Council postpones this agenda item to a special meeting on June 28, 2010.

Approved by council to postpone 5 – 1 – 1. No: Rubello; Abstain: Walby.

The second bid was for the 2010 Local Paving Contract which went to Tiseo, **unanimously approved by council 7 – 0.**

Business

The Council requested to review of the Business/Residential Wall program, the wall that exist behind numerous businesses, to suspend the program for 2 years in order for the businesses that have issues with the wall to be able to improve without the added expense of the wall. Council had a very lengthy discussion, but will look into the program further at a later time with the needed information required to make a decision.

Council unanimously tabled this item 7 – 0.

Council unanimously approved a non taxpayer funded Special Assessment District for the dredging of the Ten Mile/Beach Canal (**7 – 0**).

Shorewood Kiwanis is to hold Classical Concerts in Wahby Park 8 Mondays in a row starting July 5, 2010 through August 23, 2010 (**Unanimously approved by council 7 – 0**).

Bids/Contracts/Purchase Orders

An award for the contract on a NSP home at 20315 Avalon to Jarvis Construction for a rebid was denied when the contractor did not want to decrease the cost; Bid to go out to rebid again was **unanimously approved by council 7 – 0.**

Council's determination for a 5% reduction from all employees continued by the request for approval of a modification to the collective bargaining agreement with the Professional Employees' Association (PEA) UAW Local 412, Unit 44. This item was moved to closed session for discussion and hopefully brought back in the future in an open meeting agenda item. Council voted to go into closed session **6 – 1. No: Rubino.**

Comments by Individual Councilpersons

At the last minute before the city had to send the millage language to Lansing for approval which council originally passed by a 6-1 vote at the June 7th city council meeting, councilpersons Frederick and McFadyen wanted to approve placement of a second ballot proposal. (1) The proposal introduced a tax increase by adding a 2.0 mill instead of the original 1.56 mill Police and Fire millage again for 3 years and included language to hold the city to staffing numbers of 50 firefighters and 90 police. The motion failed: 2 – 5. NO: Rubello, Rubino, Rusie, Walby, Hison.

****Next City Council Meeting will be Tuesday July 6th****