

City Council Meeting Summary June 7, 2010

The hot topic for the night was a charter amendment for a new millage proposed for the November 2, 2010 ballot. All council members voted yes on it except councilperson Ron Frederick (6-1) the reason being because it did not include guaranteed language of how many police and fire personnel were to be on the ballot. This millage for the past 6 years has been going into the general fund.

The millage will read:

“Shall the Charter of the City of St. Clair Shores be amended to authorize, for a period of three years, the levy and collection of up to 1.5656 mills per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation (1.5656) of state taxable value which is estimated to produce \$2,668,262.00 of tax collections in the first year to be expended only for police and fire operations and capital improvements.”

All council members **approved unanimously (7-0)** the Fire Fighters Local 1744 Agreement for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 and the Administrative Regulations which is for all city administrators (postponed from 5/17/10). The Fire Fighters were in arbitration with the State of Michigan and came back to the table with the city of St. Clair Shores.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget and Millage Rates were voted on **unanimously by council (7-0)** and ordinance amendments to Sewer Use and Rate Ordinance 25.060 Sec. 31-6 (A) (b, e); Water Rates Ordinance 25.260 Sec. 34-10 (d); and Storm Water Utility Ordinance 25.113 Sec. 3 and 25.114 Sec. 4.

****Very important note**:**

Another \$640,000 was taken out of the rainy day fund to balance the budget for fiscal year 2010/2011. Now the rainy day fund is now down to approximately \$6,000,000 and the year ahead is going to be much worse financially for St. Clair Shores.

Council again was very business friendly. Unanimous votes by all council members (7-0) on the following:

- 1- The first of its kind tax abatement for a new facility project for Fisher Dynamics 33200 Fisher Drive.
- 2- Planning Commission Cases PC 10-06 and 10-06A at 24935 Jefferson, Pegasus Taverna (formerly known as Tom's Oyster Bar).
- 3- Approval of new signage for Pat O' Brien's on 22385 10 Mile Road.
- 4- Approval Planning Commission Case PC 10-07 at 21920 Greater Mack for exterior building renovations, Happy's Pizza Holdings, LLC.

Bids/Contracts/Purchase Orders

Finally the request to award bids for the Renovation and Rehabilitation of Single Family Homes Funded through the NSP (bids opened 5/7/10) postponed from 5/17/10. This program was terribly administered from the beginning.

20011 Avalon \$85,155. Approved 6 – 1. Nay: Rusie.

20315 Avalon POSTPONE TO June 21, 2010 approved 7 – 0.

20319 Avalon \$115,650. Approved 4 – 2. Nays: McFadyen, Rusie. Abstain: Rubino.

22655 Carolina \$112,300. Approved 5 – 2. Nay: McFadyen, Rusie.

21907 Colony \$88,850. Approved 6 – 1. Nay: Rusie.

22326 Rosedale \$104,960. Approved 4 – 2. Nays: McFadyen, Rusie.

Abstain:Rubino.

And lastly there will be a Council Liaison to help in the process of searching for bidders on Engineering Services.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY JUNE 21, 2010.