

Summary of the July 6, 2010 St. Clair Shores City Council Meeting

The updates and follow-ups were as follows:

- There will be a community meeting regarding PCB's sometime in late July or early August. The determination of our application to the Super Fund will be in September.
- City Employee Contracts that are still being negotiated are: Police Commanders, Police, AFCME, and the PEA. The negotiations have reached an impasse between the Police and the City - A Mediator was requested.
- The Consolidation of dispatch is moving forward to be finalized by late December 2010. Details were requested by Council.
- FEMA, discussion was brought about concerning the flood plains in St. Clair Shores and how important it is to have the correct information at City Hall because residents have to afford flood insurance in order to attain a mortgage.

City Business

Two of the main topics of the night were items 8 and 9.

8. The proposal to terminate the existing Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Harper Woods Fire Department. This Aid is nothing new it has been going on in years past. What caused this action was Harper Woods fire department staffing concerns. This started the process to not be obligated to help in the near future. All contract language and determinations will be known as the city and mutual aid agreement participants move forward. **Unanimously Approved 7 – 0.**

9. Approval of consent agreement for St. Clair Shores v. Waltco Land Company and Walter R. Oltersdorf Revocable Trust otherwise known as the property where the empty Gourmet House stands on Jefferson. We brought legal suit to this matter about a year ago to move on to clear the property of a dilapidated building. The decision was to have the company apply for Brownfield Funds, our tax dollars, to cover the costs of the private business to clear the property and to transfer their liquor license. Determinations of the Brownfield funds are not guaranteed because the Brownfield Fund Committee must first approve the request from the representatives of the Gourmet House. This issue is still outstanding. **Approved 5 – 2. Nays: Rubino, Rusie.**

Overall the council was very business friendly **unanimously approving all requests 7-0.**

23201 Jefferson - Property at the corner of Jefferson and Doremus were approved for:

- a. Rezoning PC 10-12 from RA-Single Family Residential to B-1 Local Business District, at 23157 Doremus.
- b. Site Plan Approval PC 10-12A for an addition to the existing building and parking area.

Request for approval for revisions to Chapter 15, Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV, Section 15.350 Central Lakefront Development District, to allow greater flexibility in the types of uses and developments in the Nautical Mile area. **Tabled for TIFA input.**

Request from William F. Betz, Wild Bill and Associates, on behalf of Re-Max Associates at 25814 Jefferson to Appeal the Decision of Sign Arbitration to grant a variance for a double face freestanding ground sign that does not meet minimum setback and Sections 4 and 7 of the Sign Ordinance. **Referred item back to Administration and adjourned the appeal hearing to the next meeting.**

Discussion on masonry wall between residential and commercial areas. **Referred item back to Administration for language to be reviewed and adopted by Council.**

Bids, Contracts, Purchase Orders

The approval for the sale of property on 23424 Grove and 21020 Bon Heur were **unanimously approved 7 – 0.**

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS MONDAY, JULY 19, 2010