

Summary of Nov. 16th city council meeting

Congratulations to Incumbent city councilman Kip Walby, and newly elected councilman Peter Rubino and councilwoman Candice Rusie in the St. Clair Shores Nov. 3rd, 2009 election.

The meeting started at 6:00pm to swear in the elected council members and to name the new Mayors Pro-tem. Congratulations to Dave Rubello as our new Mayor Pro-Tem.

The business owner of Steve's Backroom was on the agenda for improvements and renovations on his existing business and to request one of our new Class C liquor licenses. The council unanimously approved all requests.

There was another attempt at the snow removal ordinance. After countless months of deliberating, it was frankly, a complete failure. It only added language to assist the city in collecting of fees. The authors of the ordinance did not even show up before council to direct any of the matters that were presented. The council almost unanimously rejected the plan with the exception of Mayor Hison who supported it. It will be drafted again but this time by council members.

Our current city managers contract is up in June 2010. Human resource director was instructed to put out a city managers search. Council members will direct the language to seek the qualified candidate and to narrow down and chose the new city manager.

A complete eye opener was the first quarter budget report. Budget amendment 10-01 was tabled to discuss issues relating to the city's finances. There was money still being transferred for the new water meter project council never approved. Council unanimously approved to start Saturday meetings to discuss and move on financial issues. Also the pocket parks that were to be funded completely by a grant suddenly needed \$103,000 to be completed.

Fiscal responsibility was again shown this time by a majority of council members as they rescinded the \$8,400 Cobalt Survey. Council Frederick and Mayor Hison still wanted to spend the money and did not this motion.

Audience participation was filled with congratulatory sentiments with a touch of it is time to get to work. Also very important is the lack of resources and funds that many charities face in St. Clair Shores. Contribution, whether monetary and/or your time, would be greatly appreciated.