

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Regular Meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chambers, located at 27600 Jefferson Avenue., St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Kip C. Walby, Council Members Peter Accica, John Caron, Ron Frederick, David Rubello, Candice Rusie and Chris Vitale

Also Present: City Manager Matthew Coppler, Assistant City Manager William Gambill, City Clerk Mary Kotowski, Directors Bryan Babcock, Chris Rayes, Police Chief Todd Woodcox and City Attorney Robert Ihrie

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll, and a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Brian Baker, Chief Deputy, Macomb County Public Works - 8-1/2 Mile Relief In-System Storage Project

Candice S. Miller, Public Works Commissioner, Macomb County, spoke via Zoom about the scope of this project. We have a lot of room to improve regarding our water quality and our environment. Chapaton is our largest pump station and the majority of what it services is Eastpointe and St. Clair Shores. This will reduce sewage overflows to the lake by 30%.

Vince Astorino, Operations Manager, Macomb County Public Works, gave a presentation via Zoom. This included the objectives of this project and the locations they would like to use. They have identified Welch Family Park and the intersection of Beaconsfield and Oak for the placement of in-system storage units. Most of the work will be underground, and it will provide approximately 7 million gallons of storage. The County will be redesigning Welch Family Park. The entire project will take about 24 months.

Brian Baker, Chief Deputy, Macomb County Public Works, spoke about the financing of this project which will cost approximately \$16.7 million. They have raised \$8 million so far which would leave a debt payment of just of \$550,000 per year with St. Clair Shores covering 25% or \$130,000 annually. Because there are bonds expiring in 2022 there will be no rate increase to residents.

Ms. Miller said they will work closely with the residents around the park so that it is designed exactly how they would like it. They will work with the City's Playground Equipment Committee for the park.

Mr. Caron asked that they provide the detailed project cost to Council for this project. He would also like the history on the bonds such as the Lake St. Clair Clean Initiative bond.

Ms. Rusie asked that they set up meetings with the residents regarding the design as soon as possible. She would like the park to have two areas, one for older children and one for younger children.

Mayor Walby said that the resolution to file the petition with the County Public Works Commission for this project will be placed on an upcoming Council agenda.

b. Police Chief Todd Woodcox - Discussion on Department of Justice Use of Force Policy Certification Letter

Chief Woodcox spoke about the Department of Justice Use of Force Policy Certification Letter. Our Police Department has certification through the Department of Justice and we are in compliance. Our policies have been in place and in compliance for at least six years. This is not new to us.

He spoke about a recent apartment fire in St. Clair Shores and commended four police officers who helped save two residents that were trapped in their apartment.

Mayor Walby read a letter from a resident commending our Fire Department personnel who helped during an emergency with a family member.

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Mr. Coppler spoke about the next phase of distributing COVID vaccinations. There is still nothing available for cities to participate in yet. When plans are in place, we will make sure everyone is notified. Chief Piper is the contact for St. Clair Shores.

He also noted that salting of intersections will be discussed at the upcoming Budget Workshop meeting on Saturday.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS (2 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Mayor Walby read the following rules of procedure: For those wishing to participate by Phone due to COVID Dial 1-312-626-6799; Enter Meeting ID: 832 9027 1881 then #; enter *9 and you will be recognized by the Mayor and unmuted to address City Council.

Ms. Kotowski noted that no one requested to speak under audience.

4. ADOPTION OF BOTTOMLANDS CONVEYANCE RESOLUTION FOR TRADER TODD'S MARINA, 24030 JEFFERSON

Background: It was recommended to adopt a Conveyance Resolution for Trader Todd's Marina for Great Lakes bottomlands.

The State of Michigan Bottomland lease agreements are 30-year lease agreements. Over the last 5 years Council has adopted Conveyance of Bottomlands resolutions of support.

Trader Todd's Marina has submitted their application to renew their Bottomland lease with the State of Michigan on their property located at 24030 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. They do not plan on building anything on the property or in any way changing the use of the parcel from its existing use of over 50 years as docking facilities for the marina.

This is the same request that Council adopted for other marina businesses, and the resolution language is drafted by the requestor with them supplying the legal description. The document was sent to Mr. Ihrie for review. The City Assessor noted the land is unplatted state land so there is no legal description for her review.

Mr. Ihrie spoke on behalf of Todd Hyatt who joined the meeting via Zoom but was unable to get a connection to speak.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, and supported by Council Member Frederick to adopt the following resolution:

CONVEYANCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Trader Todd's Marina and Storage, LLC, which is the owner and operator of Trader Todd's Marina and Storage ("Marina"), is filing an application for a conveyance of the Great Lakes Bottomlands surrounding the Marina docks located at 24030 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; and

WHEREAS, under Section 32504 of part 325 of Public Acts 451 of 1994 requires a resolution of approval by the local unit of government;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of St. Clair Shores does hereby approve the conveyance of the Great Lakes Bottomlands by the State of Michigan to Trader Todd's Marina and Storage, LLC. The Great Lakes Bottomlands to be conveyed are fully described as follows:

A PARCEL OF UNPATENTED LAKE ST. CLAIR BOTTOMLAND ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TO PRIVATE CLAIM 599, AND EASTERLY OF LOTS 46 AND 47 OF ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 11, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 14, PAGE 42 OF PLATS, MACOMB COUNTY RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING IN THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND SAID BOTTOMLAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 46; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 2975.24 FEET ALONG THE LINE COMMON TO SAID LOTS 46 AND 47 AND ITS EXTENSION EASTERLY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS PARCEL, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EASTERLY PATENT LINE OF PRIVATE CLAIM 599 AS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN;

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THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE EXTENSION OF SAID LINE COMMON TO LOTS 46 AND 47 SOUTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 335.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 48.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 223.45 FEET; THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 49.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 114.08 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXTENSION, EASTERLY, OF THE LINE COMMON TO LOTS 46 AND 45 OF SAID ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 11; THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 306.48 FEET ALONG SAID EXTENSION OF THE LINE COMMON TO LOTS 46 AND 45 TO SAID EASTERY PATENT LINE OF PRIVATE CLAIM 599; THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY PATENT LINE OF PRIVATE CLAIM 599, NORTH 21 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 104.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS PARCEL. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 0.790 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Ayes: All – 7

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO PLACE A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MIDDLESEX AND WESTBURY

Background: It was recommended to amend the City Ordinance 21.451 - Through streets; schedule; stop signs required by adding the following:

(209) Middlesex at Westbury, a STOP sign shall be placed at the southwest corner to stop eastbound Middlesex traffic before entering Westbury.

City Ordinance mandates that the Police Department Traffic Division designate “through streets” at intersections and install stop signs at the intersecting streets. That portion reads as follows:

“21.414 - Duties of traffic division.

Sec. 15A-4. The traffic division shall:

- (a) **Designate through streets, and place and maintain stop signs on each street intersecting such through street.”**

The Police Department reviewed our local streets and identified several intersections that needed attention. On September 21, 2020 council approved 13 new stop signs at 13 intersections. None of them had any traffic control signs in place. All of the referenced intersections were three-way intersections where one street terminated at the intersection of a cross street. After the September meeting it was brought to our attention that we had missed the Westbury/Middlesex intersection during our review. This is also a three-way intersection with Middlesex terminating at Westbury. The police department recommends placing a stop sign at this intersection as directed by ordinance. This will help to control traffic flow and improve safety. This will not impact the Police Department budget. The signs are already in DPW inventory and can be installed by City employees.

Chief Woodcox said there will be flags to bring attention to the new sign.

Moved by Council Member Rusie, and supported by Council Member Caron to approve the City Manager’s recommendation that City Ordinance Section 21.451 - Through streets; schedule; stop signs required be amended to add ordinance (209) as follows:

THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES ORDAINS THAT CHAPTER 21.451 (SECTION 15B-21) ENTITLED “THROUGH STREETS; SCHEDULE; STOP SIGNS REQUIRED” SHALL BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE O-2021-01:

(209) Middlesex at Westbury, a STOP sign shall be placed at the southwest corner to stop eastbound Middlesex traffic before entering Westbury” as recommended by the City Manager. (ord. eff. Feb. 8, 2021).

Any ordinance or parts of any ordinance in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication by the City Clerk.

We hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true copy of an ordinance as enacted by the St. Clair Shores City Council on the 1st day of February 2021, and that the necessary Charter provisions have been observed.

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

Item 5 (Cont'd):

I, Mary A. Kotowski, City Clerk of the City of St. Clair Shores, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published by posting true copies of the same in each of the following places on February 8, 2021: Police Station, 27665 Jefferson Avenue, Fire Hall, 26700 Harper Avenue, and City Hall, 27600 Jefferson Avenue.

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

Ayes: All - 7

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR A CLASS C ON-PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DETROIT'S FINEST, 25801 JEFFERSON

Background: It was recommended to approve the request from Detroit's Finest for the transfer of the City's/Shores Concession Company escrowed Class C Liquor License to be located at 25801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Macomb County, Michigan 48081.

Local legislative approval is required for the issuance of a new license.

City Ordinance requires the City Clerk to place on a Council Agenda the request for approval of an On-Premise Class C Liquor license within 60 days of filing the documents in her office. Their application was filed on January 6, 2021.

City Departments have reviewed this location and find no items of concern. The Fire Marshall inspection confirmed they meet the 100-seating capacity ordinance requirement for a new license.

They have completed the City's application, provided necessary documents and included the \$2500 application fee under the City's Class C Ordinance which provides City Council background information to form a recommendation for this resolution approval request.

The City has two Class C licenses and one City owned escrowed license (City/Shores Concession Company) available. The LCC allows a license to remain in escrow for 5 years with payment of the annual escrow renewal fee. After this 5-year period the license, if not reactivated, goes back to the LCC and is not reallocated back to the City.

City Council can approve the transfer of this City owned escrowed license as the agreement with Shores Concession noted they have no proprietary or reversionary interest in the license and only the City could transfer the license.

Mr. Robert Vicari, Attorney, spoke on behalf of the owners who were also present.

Mayor Walby noted that the City has three liquor licenses, and one of those is in escrow. We are allocating the escrowed license to this request. When the request came before Council in the past, he was a no vote. He supports their request this time based on the improvements they have made.

Mr. Vitale said he was also a no vote the last time, but he has heard about all the good things they have done and will be supporting the request.

Mr. Caron stated he was a no vote, but he will be voting in favor of this request in order to not lose the license that is in escrow. He is looking forward to the improvements in their outdoor dining.

Ms. Rusie said she is fine with awarding this request. She thinks it makes sense to include the outdoor seating. We need to help our restaurants any way we can.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Accica to approve the request as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City's/Shores Concession Company Class C Liquor License currently in escrow be transferred to Detroit's Finest, 25801 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores MI 48081, Macomb County, be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and cancelling out the existing Class C license for the City of St. Clair Shores and Shores Concession Company currently in escrow;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Detroit's Finest meets compliance with the City's liquor license ordinance.

Ayes: All - 7

7. REQUEST APPROVAL OF EMAIL MIGRATION TO 365

Background: It was recommended to approve the statement of work from All Covered to migrate the City's 295 mailboxes from an on-premise server to Office 365 for a price not to exceed \$16,800 and to authorize the purchase of licenses from Microsoft for G-Exchange Online Plan 2 at \$8 per month, Government Plan 3 for Microsoft Office at \$20 per month, and G-ATP (Advanced Threat Protection) Plan 1 at \$2 per month.

Due to the age of our email Exchange server (2008) and the Exchange software (2010) we are experiencing periodic instability of the environment resulting in emails not getting through and loss of service. This problem has caused business disruptions and important emails not reaching the intended recipient. After reviewing the options (replacement of the Server and associated costs or moving to the cloud-based Office 365 email) it was determined that the Office 365 cloud-based solution was the preferred option.

To move our email to Office 365, the city will incur two different costs: (1) licensing for each user; and (2) the migration of the mailboxes from the on-premise server to the cloud program. The license cost for each user will be \$10 per month. This cost includes the basic email, the necessary spam and threat protections, as well assures we are in compliance with FOIA requirements. We have approximately 257 users that will need a license. All Covered, the City's vendor for network and server maintenance, will provide the migration services necessary for this change over (see attached Statement of Work) for a not to exceed price of \$16,800.

For this project, the projected cost breakdown is as follows:

<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>Users</u>	<u>Per License Fee</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
G-Exchange Online Plan	257	\$8.00	\$2,056.00	\$24,672.00
G-ATP Plan 1	257	\$2.00	\$514.00	\$6,168.00
One-time Costs	All Covered			
Migration Work	\$16,800.00			
Total Costs				\$47,640.00

In comparison, it is estimated that a new email server, with up-to-date Exchange software will cost \$35,000. The cost to migrate the mailboxes from the old server to the new server would be approximately the same as the migration proposed by All Covered (\$16,800). In total we would be spending about \$51,000 to replace what we have now.

The annual costs for the two solutions are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Annualized replacement Cost (1/3 of cost to replace)	\$17,000.00
Barracuda Archiver	\$5,390.00
Barracuda Spam Firewall	\$3,509.76
Server Maintenance, patching, and monitoring	\$2,196.00
Total Annual cost for on-premise Exchange Server	\$28,095*
Microsoft O365 Cloud-based solution	\$30,840

*There are additional costs associated with a POP Exchange Server, Prohosting software, and Experts-Exchange software that the annual costs have not been ascertainable.

A couple additional benefits of the Microsoft O365 solution: (1) we will always be on the latest version of the software; and (2) this solution provides for disaster recovery without having to purchase a second server for redundancy.

At the same time, we are going to begin changing the way we license the Microsoft Office Suite of programs. Currently we purchase the Office Suite license at the same time that we purchase either the desktop or laptop. Under the Microsoft O365, we will be purchasing the license based upon the user. In the long run this will reduce the overall cost of Office Suite licensing. For instance, if a user has a license for their desktop as well as a license for their laptop. Each license costs approximately \$250, so the total cost of licensing is \$500. Under the O365 solution, that cost of licensing will be an additional \$12 per user per month (this is in addition to the \$10 we are paying for the email solution). Or \$144 per year per user. With the O365 license we will be able to utilize up to five devices per user. We will be purchasing the complete Microsoft Office Suite right now for the Department Directors. Then as we do the annual refresh for desktop devices, we will convert over to the O365 Office Suite for those. Within three years we should be totally converted to the cloud-based system.

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Mr. Coppler explained the migration. Everyone will be keeping their current email addresses. The pricing is higher because we are adding security features. There is another piece we are looking at in the future that will create archiving that is better than what we have currently.

Ms. Rusie asked for the FOIA archiving requirements on emails.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Caron to authorize All Covered to migrate the City's email from an on-premise server to the O365 email service for a price not to exceed \$16,800 and for the City to purchase the necessary number of licenses from Microsoft for email as well as for the Office Suite of programs with a total cost of \$47,640.00.

Ayes: All – 7

8. SECOND QUARTER COUNCIL REPORT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

9. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS - REQUEST TO AWARD WATER DEPT CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM (BIDS OPENED 01/19/21)

Background: It was recommended that City Council award the 2021-2025 Cross Connection Control Program to Hydro Designs, Inc. 5700 Crooks Road, Suite 100, Troy, MI 48098, in the amount of \$168,516.50.

The City of St. Clair Shores Department of Public Works (DPW) opened proposals for the 2021-2025 Cross Connection Control (CCC) Program Contract on January 19, 2021. The contract consists of providing complete CCC inspections, re-inspections, and data management for the next 5 years for the Water Department.

The project was advertised in the Macomb Daily Newspaper as well as the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) website. The notice was sent through the MITN website to 347 companies and 2 bids were submitted.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requires the DPW to submit an annual (calendar year) CCC report that is due after the first of the year. The report requires an estimated 400 inspections (initial inspections, re-inspections, compliance inspections) of commercial, industrial, institutional facilities and miscellaneous water customers per year. There are an estimated 1,510 total commercial/industrial accounts in the City: 85 accounts are high hazard and 1,425 accounts are low hazard.

EGLE also requires all backflow prevention devices, (i.e. testable & non-testable) to be inspected, inventoried and documented. There are currently 959 testable backflow prevention devices in the cross connection program that are required to be tested annually. The contractor manages the testing of all testable backflow prevention devices including testing notification, requirements, receipt of executed test report, and maintenance of all testing data.

Costs associated with this contract are budgeted in the Water Department account no. 590-860-810.000 in the annual amount of \$35,000.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, and supported by Council Member Accica to award the 2021-2025 Cross Connection Control Program to Hydro Designs, Inc. 5700 Crooks Road, Suite 100, Troy, MI 48098, in the amount of \$168,516.50, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All - 7

9a. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT OFFER FOR SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY 22925 MAXINE (2019)

Background: It was recommended that Mayor and City Council accept the offer for the sale of tax foreclosed property at 22925 Maxine (offers opened 01/29/21).

This house was acquired from Macomb County via Tax Foreclosure in July 2019. The property was listed on Monday, January 25, 2021, with an asking pricing of \$169,900. The City was notified on Thursday, January 28th that several offers had come in. Our broker (Keller Williams) called for highest and best to be submitted to the City by Friday morning, January 29, 2021. Three offers were submitted. Staff recommends accepting the offer of \$176,500.

Mr. Rayes noted that the house was full of fire hazards. There is a potential profit of \$54,500 on this sale.

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Mr. Vitale asked for the number of tax foreclosed homes we have rehabilitated with this program.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, supported by Council Member Accica to approve the sale of 22925 Maxine of \$176,500 but no less than list price if the appraisal is less than offered, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All - 7

10. CONSENT AGENDA – All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless the Mayor and or a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered under the last item of the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Council Member Caron supported by Council Member Frederick to approve the Consent Agenda items a – f, separating 10g, as follows:

a. Bills

January 21, 2021 \$5,585,966.88

Resolved to approve the release of checks in the amount of \$5,585,966.88 for services rendered, of the report that is 24 pages in length, and of the grand total amount of \$5,585,966.88, \$202,949.83 went to other taxing authorities.

b. Fees - None

c. Progress Payments

Resolved that the following Progress Payments be approved as presented:

Granite Inliner, LLC	\$ 21,254.40
Mark Anthony Contracting, Inc.	\$ 19,574.71
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 56,341.19
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 76,354.06
Fontana Construction, Inc.	\$391,237.67
Fontana Construction, Inc.	\$547,337.17

d. Approval of Minutes

Resolved that the following Minutes be approved as presented:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
City Council	January 4, 2021
City Council	January 19, 2021

e. Receive & File Boards, Commissions & Committee Minutes

Resolved that the following minutes be received and filed:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	November 19, 2020
Building/Property Maintenance Board of Appeals	October 13, 2020
Cool City Committee	November 10, 2020
General Employees Pension Board	November 17, 2020
General Employee Retiree Health Care Board	October 20, 2020
Senior Advisory Committee	November 19, 2020
Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)	July 16, 2020
Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)	December 17, 2020
Waterfront Environmental Committee	December 15, 2020

f. Recommendations from the Council Sub Committee on Boards, Commissions and Committees

Resolved that the following recommendations be approved as presented:

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1. Accept with Regret the following Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>
Elizabeth Nicosia (deceased)	Animal Care & Welfare Committee
Lee Bertolo	Beautification Commission
Ken Koch (deceased)	Building/Property Maintenance Board of Appeals and Fence Arbitration Committee
Erik Anderson	Communications Commissions
Christine Harris	Community Garden Committee
Charles Hall	SCS Memorial Day Parade Committee

2. Recommendations to Mayor and Council to appoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term-End Date</u>
Karl Schwarzwaldler	Cool City Committee (Alternate)	02/01/2023
Cori Champagne	Waterfront Environmental Committee (Alternate)	02/01/2023

3. Recommendations to Mayor with Council to appoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term-End Date</u>
Robert Michielutti, Jr.	Water Resources Development & Advisory Board (Alternate)	02/01/2023
Kelly Pratt (Vacant seat of Elizabeth Nicosia)	Animal Care & Welfare Committee	12/31/2022
Stephanie Bushey (Vacant seat of Diana Rascano)	Animal Care & Welfare Committee	12/31/2022

4. Recommendation to Mayor and Council to reappoint the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term-End Date</u>
Lillian Claycomb	Beautification Commission	12/31/2023
Christine DenBaas	Beautification Commission	12/31/2023
John Lange	Beautification Commission	12/31/2023
Lee Bertolo	Board of Review	01/01/2023

Ayes: All – 7

Separated item:

g. Request to Approve the 2021 Poverty Guidelines

Mr. Caron noted that the City Assessor has added items to this program to help identify fraudulent claims.

Moved by Council Member Caron, supported by Council Member Frederick to approve the 2021 poverty guidelines as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All - 7

11. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING

- **Jefferson Property Committee/Vacant Seat** - This is being considered.
- **Lakeview School District/Creating a Road** - We have been in communication with the consultant and the school district in this regard.
- **Traffic Study/Jefferson between 9 Mile and 10 Mile** - The Police Department will do a mini review of this area and provide a recommendation whether we should do a full traffic study.
- **Blossom Heath Beach House/Congestion During Events** - We are having a meeting soon to discuss how to improve events held at the beach house.
- **Email System Issue Update** - An update was provided.

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- **CDI Monthly Report/Lead Lines** - This has been added to the reports.
- **Placing Zoom Meetings on the Web** - The Communications Department is working through some issues related to doing this.

Mr. Vitale would like a copy of the email sent to staff regarding putting these meetings on the web.

12. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Rubello noted that his email is wrong in the City calendar and announced his correct email.

He asked when the Board of Review meets. Mr. Coppler said it meets in March.

Mr. Rubello made several Senior Center and Waterfront Environmental announcements.

He asked how late peddlers are allowed to knock on doors.

Ms. Kotowski noted that the ordinance allows them to knock on doors until 8 p.m., and they are required to have their permit visible.

Mr. Rubello spoke about Mr. Ihrle being recognized by DBusiness Magazine. He presented his own award which he called the Muskrat Award.

Mayor Walby said that the flag at the pump station has been fixed.

Council Member Rusie explained that there was a great deal of discussion and research involved in creating the peddler's ordinance. We could not put a "dusk" prohibition in the ordinance. The court cases that were researched used the time of 8 p.m. as a cut off for knocking on doors.

She announced that restaurants are open with limited capacity. Please support our local business community.

Council Member Caron asked if the City can make the repairs at the Little Mack and Harper intersection in conjunction with the work the County is doing.

He noted that the last time there was work done on the fiber optic lines the contractor did not do any restoration on the grass. We need to make sure that they come back and properly restore those properties.

He asked why the light on Jefferson at Lakeland has been blinking yellow for two months.

Mr. Rayes explained that the County wants to remove that light. We requested that they leave it blinking to see if we get any complaints or have any issues. The Police Chief said they have not seen any traffic issues caused by it blinking.

Mr. Caron said that in response to the complaints we have been getting, he is going to start drafting something on storage criteria to add to the Zoning Ordinance for the Central Lakefront District as there is currently nothing listed.

Mr. Caron asked for follow-up on his question regarding the \$4.7 million the City has paid to the drainage districts that has not been spent yet and what it can be used for or what it is set aside for.

Mr. Coppler is still working on this request.

Council Member Frederick reminded everyone to shop the Shores and visit our restaurants.

He would like Council to be provided with an outline of the bus routes and fire routes that are salted after a snowfall.

He made several Library announcements.

Council Member Vitale would like us to ask the contractors working on the fiber optic lines between 10 Mile and 11 Mile to store their equipment and materials on the easement so they are not causing line of sight issues for drivers.

Council Member Accica asked that staff address a safety hazard raised by a resident regarding a house on Kaul Street with railroad ties with spikes sticking out.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - None

14. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Barb Zinner, County Commissioner, spoke regarding the 8-1/2 Mile Relief In-System Storage Project, tax help for Senior Citizens and COVID vaccines.

Jamie Victory, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke about issues that arose during the Aqua Freeze Festival.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Walby spoke again about Mr. Ihrle's award from DBusiness Magazine and the great work done by our City employees.

He thanked Ms. Rusie for the masks with the City logo.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Rusie, supported by Council Member Caron to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.

Ayes: All – 7

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

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