

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2023**

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, and Chris Vitale

Also Present: City Manager Dustin Lent, Assistant City Manager Michael Greene, City Clerk Abrial Barrett, Interim Finance Director Renea Warnke, Director Rosemary Orlando, Director Bryan Babcock, Director Denise Pike, Director Henry Bowman, Fire Chief Piper, Deputy Police Chief Plaza, and City Attorney Robert Ihrle

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

Mayor Walby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Barrett, City Clerk, called the roll, and a quorum was present.

Moved by Council Member Caron, seconded by Council Member Frederick to excuse Council Member Rusie.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

Mayor Walby requested thoughts, prayers, and a moment of silence on the passing of Shawn Goldie, retired St. Clair Shores Fire Department Battalion Chief.

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

a. USPS Food Drive May 13, 2023

Ron Zalewski, St. Clair Shores letter carrier announced the USPS Food Drive on May 13, 2023. He discussed the ways to volunteer and donate.

b. EPA 10 Mile Drain Superfund Update

Colleen Moynihan from the EPA presented an update on the 10 Mile drain system including the history, clean up, and next steps.

Mr. Frederick mentioned the car cruise on Harper in late August and asked them to coordinate with that group.

Mr. Vitale asked what happens if a resident opts out of the clean-up.

Ms. Moynihan said they will have to continue monitoring that property and funds may not be available later.

Mr. Vitale asked if that opt-out would ever be noted on the deed.

Ms. Moynihan said that they have not had that type of scenario yet. She said they have not had a refusal.

Mr. Vitale noted that the current building and owners are not the cause of the contamination.

Ms. Moynihan confirmed that this was a historical release that goes back to the 1960s.

Maybe Walby asked for confirmation that fifty properties are being targeted for clean-up.

Ms. Moynihan confirmed it is fifty residential properties and one commercial property.

Mr. Rubello asked about the previous work and what the accomplishments were.

Ms. Moynihan said the work that was done before has reduced the concentration of contaminants in that area.

Mr. Rubello asked if the new plan will be a major project.

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Ms. Moynihan said yes it will be a major project involving excavation.

Mr. Rubello asked if an opt-out will indirectly affect the whole project.

Ms. Moynihan said no the clean-up is on a property-by-property basis.

Mr. Accica asked if the term grouting means sealing the walls.

Ms. Moynihan said the term grouting is just one form of technology used in mitigating the contamination, but that determination will come later.

Mr. Caron said we talked previously about grouting being a sealing process. He asked how deep they need to go on the residential properties.

Ms. Moynihan said that based on how they have sampled the properties, generally six inches to two feet depending on the contamination.

Mr. Caron asked where the staging area would be.

Ms. Moynihan said it is actually in Roseville in an industrial property where there are no residents where they could limit exposure.

Mr. Caron asked if any materials that are being pulled out of the area are sealed so nothing is leaking during transport.

Ms. Moynihan said yes.

Mr. Frederick said there were a couple of businesses that were affected last time and to make sure they have good ingress and egress during the construction.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS (2-MINUTE TIME LIMIT) - None

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LAND SALE AT 32215 JEFFERSON AVE

Background Brief: Over the past few years, the City has attempted to sell certain real estate located at 32215 Jefferson Ave (Parcel # 09-37-53-221-501). After a previously approved purchase agreement fell through, City Council directed staff to re-list the property and determine if there is development interest.

During the February 24, 2023, Work Session, staff presented the Council with a Letter of Intent to Purchase from Triangle Land for \$850,000. After discussion, it was determined that the staff and our City Attorney should move forward with negotiating and drafting an Agreement for the Purchase and Sale.

Previous Action: February 24, 2023, Council Work Session, Letter of Intent discussion.

Economic Impact: Upon closing, the City will receive a one-time \$850,000 deposit, less the Earnest Money Deposit (\$50,000), plus or minus the proration and adjustments identified in Paragraph 5 of the agreement. Closing will take place no later than thirty (30) days after full and complete project approval as proposed by the Purchaser.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the Agreement for Purchase and Sale as presented.

Mr. Ihrie discussed the history of the property sale and the purchase agreement terms. He noted the agreement in the packet is the prior agreement and not the final negotiated agreement. The difference is regarding the effective date, address, and earnest money.

Mayor Walby asked if the final payment is due 30 days after they get a plan approved.

Mr. Ihrie said yes.

Mr. Caron asked for clarification on section 9.1.

Mr. Ihrie said it is the exact opposite of what this document says and that is the section that has already been changed and agreed to by the purchaser. Mr. Ihrie paraphrased what the new language should be.

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Mr. Caron said he would be more comfortable tabling this item. He discussed the differences in the contract presented and said he would like a correct contract to vote on. He also noted that project approval is not defined and should be stipulated in the contract.

Mr. Vitale said part of the problem with the contract is that it is assuming that a lot of the things we have seen are going to carry on. He said that because it came through the prior architect it is substantially the same project but there is nothing in here that says that. He asked if the assumption that it is essentially the same project is correct.

Mr. Lent said that is correct.

Mr. Vitale said he has talked with the president of the neighboring condo association at Lac Ste Clair and was told they have not voiced an issue with the project as it has been seen by Council. He said they would like to rebuild their seawall and improve the property where it meets that lake and asked that we work with them to make sure they can get concrete back there.

Mr. Lent clarified the information in 9.1 about the earnest money. He said we met with this purchaser and the purchaser wants to move fast and wants to get through all the requirements so the project can start as soon as possible.

Mr. Rubello asked Mr. Ihrie if this is a valid contract as long as the changes have been made.

Mr. Ihrie said the changes have already been made but this was not the final draft in the packet.

Mr. Frederick asked Mr. Ihrie if he could craft that language for the last sentence in 9.1 right now. He asked if EGLE is involved during the contingency period.

Mayor Walby said he understands the point of trying to move it forward but to make a substantial change right now is probably not prudent. He said that motion can be made but he will not vote for it. He said we have waited a long time and he knows we want to move forward but thinks we should wait two more weeks to make sure everything is done.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, seconded by Council Member Caron to TABLE the Agreement for Purchase and Sale for certain real estate located at 32215 Jefferson Avenue (Parcel # 09-37-53-221-501) between Triangle Land LLC, and the City of St. Clair Shores, in the amount of \$850,000.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

5. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS**a. REQUEST TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE LIBRARY RENOVATION**

Background Brief: In FYE 22, the Library budgeted \$15,000.00 to hire a consultant who would develop a plan for renovating its Youth Services Room. A committee consisting of Councilpersons Candice Rusie and Ron Frederick, Hennessey Engineering Consultant Chris Rayes, and Library Director Rosemary Orlando was formed to facilitate this process. Three architectural firms were considered, Partners in Architecture, Thompson and Phelan Group, and Daniels and Zermack Architects, and by April 1, 2022, they had submitted proposals.

After reviewing the proposals and visiting local libraries to view each candidate's construction and renovation projects, the Committee unanimously selected Daniels and Zermack Architects to develop an architectural plan for the Library's renovation project. This firm was selected based on their experience working with libraries and their award-winning designs, as well as their provision of a needs assessment and feasibility study to determine the needs of the entire library. Community forums were held on April 2 and 16, 2022 to receive community input regarding the renovations.

Upon retaining the services of Daniels and Zermack, the Committee- which now includes City Manager Dustin Lent- met numerous times with the team to discuss the needs assessment and create the architectural design. A synopsis of committee meetings and award information is provided below:

- On January 16, 2022, a donation in the amount of \$181,844.00 from The Joyce A Robinson Trust was received and designated for a new Genealogy Room.

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- In May 2022, the City of St. Clair Shores was informed that their \$1,500,000.00 request for CPF as part of HR 8294 FY 2023- to be utilized for renovations to the Library's Youth Services Room - was being supported by Senator Andy Levin's office and moving to the House Appropriations Committee for consideration.
- In July 2022, the City of St. Clair Shores was informed that their \$1,500,000.00 request for CPF for the Library's Youth Services renovations had passed approval in the House and was moving to the Senate for approval.
- In January 2023, a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 in memory of Theresa Ziske was received and designated for a new Circulation Desk.
- In February 2023, the final draft architectural drawings were completed.
- In March 2023, the City of St. Clair Shores received the CPF Grant Award Letter to execute the Grant Agreement, and the RFP for architectural services was posted on MITN and published in the newspaper.
- Upon review of the CPF Grant to verify compliance with the grant guidelines, an Architectural Services Request For Proposal went out for bid, after March 28, 2023.
- On April 3, 2023, a mandatory walk-through of the Library was held.
- On April 18, 2023, Request for Proposal submissions were due at 10:30 a.m. in the City Clerk's office. Two proposals were received and opened:
 1. Daniels and Zermack Architects
2080 State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-761-2090
 2. PLY Plus Inc.219
North Main Street
Ann Arbor, Mi 48104
734-827-2238
- On April 21, 2023, Daniels and Zermack Architects and PLY Plus Inc. presented their proposals to Committee members Ron Frederick, Candice Rusie, Chris Rayes, Dustin Lent, Rosemary Orlando, and Assistant Library Director Stephanie Fair.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact:	\$1,500,000.00	271000-506000	Community Funding Project Award
	\$ 181,844.00	271000-674000	Joyce A. Robinson Genealogy Donation
	\$ 10,000.00	271000-674000	Theresa Ziske Memorial Donation for Circulation Desk

Recommendation: I recommend approval to award the contract for Architectural Services for Library Renovations to PLY Plus Inc. The Committee interviewed the two firms that submitted proposals and discussed each firm afterward. The Committee unanimously decided that PLY Plus Inc. can provide the best service for this project to bring it to the next level and meet the timeframe needed to get the project out to bid.

Mr. Lent gave an overview of the project.

Mr. Frederick said it was a lengthy process and there was a mandatory walk-through required with the bid.

Mr. Rubello asked what the new action will be for the area.

Ms. Orlando discussed the new areas and the plans for those areas. She said the footprint is fine for what they need to do, and they will be moving areas around.

Mr. Caron discussed the layout of the youth and adult areas. He said this is being funded through a grant administered by HUD and asked if there are any limitations on architectural design.

Mr. Lent said the only requirement of the grant is that it be bid out. He said one goal is that the lighting be switched to LED lighting.

Mr. Vitale asked about getting rid of an old structure.

Mr. Frederick said there will be a lot of changes including some unique textures and glass.

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Mayor Walby asked if the chairs will be replaced.

Ms. Orlando said there is new furniture in the project proposal.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, seconded by Council Member Caron to award the contract for the Library Renovation for Architectural Services to PLY Plus Inc. in the amount of \$185,941.30

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

b. REQUEST APPROVAL TO AWARD SHOREWOOD DRIVE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Background Brief: The scope of this work includes the replacement of the northern bridge wingwalls, head wall section repairs, removal and replacement of the pedestrian railing, sidewalk removal and replacement as well as other related items. On April 11, we received three bids for the project with Z Contractors being the low bidder at \$424,670. This project is slated for construction in July.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: The cost of this project is \$424,670 with an estimated cost of \$28,700 for engineering, design, and observation.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Shorewood Drive Bridge Improvement Project be awarded to Z Contractors for the amount of \$424,670.

Mr. Vitale said Z Contracting seems very qualified.

Mr. Frederick asked if the gas line that lies across the top of the bridge on the south wing will be moved.

Ms. Pike said the plan does not call for the relocation of the gas line.

Mr. Frederick requested that it be looked at in the engineering of the project.

Mr. Caron asked about traffic flow.

Ms. Pike said one lane will be open at all times.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, seconded by Council Member Accica to award the Shorewood Drive Bridge Improvement project to Z Contractors in the amount of \$424,670 (\$467,140 with 10% contingency).

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

c. REQUEST TO ADD ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS TO THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS PARKS & RIGHT OF WAYS CONTRACT

Background Brief: The Department of Public Works (DPW) currently needs additional assistance in maintaining the various grass-cutting sites throughout the 2023 summer season. This seems to be from the lack of applicants for DPW Laborer positions. We believe the competitive job market, specifically in the landscape industry, has made it difficult for the City to recruit temporary, part-time, and full-time positions.

The DPW is proposing to utilize Landscape Services, Inc. (LSI) to add additional grass-cutting locations to their current grass-cutting contract with the City. The scope of their work can be found in Section 1 of the enclosed specification.

Additionally, section B.15 under specifications states:

“City may without invalidation of the original contract, order changes as deemed desirable or necessary. If the changes are not covered by the contract, the Contractor will provide the City with a detailed cost estimate of the proposed change. If necessary, the proposed change will be presented for City Council approval.”

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If the DPW received qualified applications for the Laborer or Seasonal positions, the DPW will consider reducing the added scope to LSI.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: Please see the enclosed detailed cost breakdown on the following sheet. In summary, this additional scope would increase LSI expenses for the remainder of FY 2023 by \$43,000 and FY 2024 by \$70,000.

The FY 2023 Budget will require a budget amendment to increase: Streets (Local) by \$10,496; Streets (Major) by \$17,160; Storm Sewer by \$11,250; and Water by \$4,094.

Recommendation: We recommend that City Council Approve the additional scope of the Landscape Maintenance agreement for the 2023 season.

Mayor Walby noted that the upcoming budget already has this included.

Mr. Rubello asked about the shortage of personnel.

Mr. Babcock said we are down eight full-time employees and normally hire five seasonal staff and at this time we do not have any.

Mr. Caron said this will go out for bid for the new contract and there will need to be a discussion and determination about permanently adding these to the agreement.

Mr. Lent said they are working to put something together this fall so potential companies can see the scope of work and it will go out to bid in late fall.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, seconded by Council Member Accica to approve the budget amendment and the additional scope to the Landscape Maintenance agreement not to exceed an additional \$10,000 for mulch cleanup in residential areas.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

6. 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 – h separating items c and f as follows:

a. Bills

April 20, 2023 \$4,159,172.42

Resolved to approve the release of checks in the amount of \$4,159,172.42 for services rendered, of the report that is 25 pages in length, and of the grand total amount of \$4,159,172.42, \$0 went to other taxing authorities

b. Fees – None

d. Approval of Minutes

Resolved that the following minutes be approved as presented:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Council	April 3, 2023

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- e. **Receive & File Boards, Commissions & Committee Minutes**
Resolved that the following minutes be received and filed:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Historical Commission	March 7, 2023
Building Property Maintenance Board	February 14, 2023
Communications Commission	March 8, 2023
Cool City Committee	March 14, 2023
Cultural Committee	March 8, 2023
General Employee's Pension Board	March 21, 2023
Mechanical Equipment Arbitration	March 20, 2023
SCS Memorial Day Parade Committee	April 5, 2023
Waterfront Environmental Committee	March 21, 2023

- g. **Request Resolution allowing the City to accelerate the 2023 Winter Tac bills under \$100 to the 2023 Summer Tax bill**

Background Brief: As a cost-saving measure, the City began utilizing the section of MCL 211.44 that allows a community to reduce its costs by eliminating certain winter bills. The provision allows the City to move the winter tax millages to the summer installment whenever the winter tax bill will be less than \$100. We implemented this change in 2015 and received positive feedback from residents while saving on printing, postage, and processing of over 24,200 parcels. The taxable value this year would need to be under \$66,124 in order for the tax to be accelerated. I expect to accelerate 16,928 parcels which is down considerably from last year due to the 5% inflation rate used for the 2023 taxable value increase. The City would still issue winter bills for parcels with taxable values over the threshold. If the resolution is approved, the City would expect to save approximately \$10,150 in printing and postage.

If a millage increase or a new millage is approved after the summer bills have been issued, a winter bill may be issued or the City may pay the taxing authority. This resolution must come before City Council annually. If Council approves this resolution, the City must still obtain permission from the County Board of Commissioners.

Previous Action: Council approved the same resolution for tax years 2015-2022.

Economic Impact: The City is expected to save \$10,150.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a resolution allowing the City to accelerate winter tax fills under \$100 to the summer installment which reads as follows:

R-2023-15

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has approved Public Act 184 and 185 of 2012 providing local tax collecting units the option of accelerating certain millages from the winter tax collection levy to the summer tax collection levy if the tax and other amounts billed total \$100 or less; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair Shores levied 1.5123 mills as part of the 2022 winter tax collection levy and will have approximately 16,298 tax bills that could be collected as part of the 2023 summer tax collection levy and save the City expenses for preparing, mailing, and collecting the taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to save its resources and take advantage of the option to accelerate the winter tax levy to the summer tax levy for small tax bills of \$100 or less; and

WHEREAS, the City will forward this Resolution to seek approval from the Macomb County Board of Commissioners

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to MCL 211.44a (2)(b) the City Council authorizes the summer collection in July 2023 for the property tax bill amounts that will total \$100.00 or less per individual tax bill and that otherwise would be collected as part of the 2023 winter tax levy.

Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk

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h. Approval to Publish Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget

Background Brief: This notice is required under State law and must be published at least one week prior to the meeting. At this time it establishes a maximum tax rate for FY 2023-24. City Council can set a lower rate at the time of the hearing but it cannot be increased.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the Notice of Public Hearing for the upcoming budget hearing to be held on June 5, 2023.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

Separated Items

c. Progress Payments

Resolved that the following Progress Payments be approved as presented:

EC Korneffel Company	\$109,245.70
Advanced Pool Services, Inc.	\$134,580.00

Moved by Council Member Caron, seconded by Council Member Frederick to approve Progress Payments as presented.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

f. Master Plan City Council Approval Resolution

Background Brief: The Planning Enabling Act of 2008 indicates the final approving body of a Master Plan is the Planning Commission unless a resolution is passed by the legislative body asserting their right to final approval or denial of the Master Plan.

Previous Action: Historically, the Planning Commission has been the final approving body of the Master Plan.

Economic Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the resolution which reads as follows:

R-2023-16

WHEREAS, the city of St. Clair Shores is undertaking an update to its Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the general purpose of a master plan is to guide and accomplish, in the planning jurisdiction and its environs, development that satisfies all of the following criteria:

- (a) Is coordinated, adjusted, harmonious, efficient, and economical.**
- (b) Considers the character of the planning jurisdiction and its suitability for particular uses, judged in terms of such factors as trends in land and population development.**
- (c) Will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare.**
- (d) Includes, among other things, promotion of or adequate provision for 1 or more of the following:**
 - (i) A system of transportation to lessen congestion on streets and provide for safe and efficient movement of people and goods by motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and other legal users.**
 - (ii) Safety from fire and other dangers.**
 - (iii) Light and air.**
 - (iv) Healthful and convenient distribution of population.**

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- (v) Good civic design and arrangement and wise and efficient expenditure of public funds.
- (vi) Public utilities such as sewage disposal and water supply and other public improvements.
- (vii) Recreation.
- (viii) The use of resources in accordance with their character and adaptability; and

WHEREAS, MCL Act 33 of 2008 Section 125.3843 deems the final step of the Master Plan process is approval by the Planning Commission unless a resolution is passed by the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, MCL Act 33 of 2008 Section 125.3843 also indicates the legislative body may assert the right to make the final approval of the Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council asserts the right to approve or reject any proposed master plan after the master plan has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk

Moved by Council Member Caron, seconded by Council Member Frederick to approve the Master Plan Resolution.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

7. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING

- Ms. Rusie asked why public postings are only posted at City Hall, Fire Station, and Police Station. Can Civic Arena and the Library be included? **The City Clerk's office has always posted at those three locations to comply with the Open Meetings Act, we can also post at Civic Arena and the Library at Council discretion.**
- Mr. Frederick requested a follow-up with information for the stormwater catch basin at 23415 Jefferson. **The developer is working with private property owners to repair the lot and catch basin.**
- Mr. Frederick requested South Lake School Administration be alerted of the road construction project for Pleasant & Ursuline Street. **Both Parks & Recreation and CDI have been communicating with the Southlake Facility Manager.**
- Mr. Vitale requested the addresses of the 7 businesses located along the canal that could be included in Special Assessment Districts. **The Assessing Department responded by email on 5/1/2023.**
- Mr. Vitale requested a follow-up on the streetlights being out between 12 Mile and 13 Mile along Harper. **We are working with DTE on those.**
- Mr. Rubello requested detailed information on groups that are receiving funding from CDBG in SCS and other communities. **Emailed to Council on 5/1/2023.**
- Mr. Rubello requested the City apply for the Community Excellent Award. **The application will be submitted.**
- Mr. Rubello requested the installation of cameras, an emergency exit ladder, and an easily accessible life ring to be added to the pier. **We are working with a company for the installation of cameras and live feed. The life ring will not be placed because it is not a swimming location. Mayor Walby requested the date for the cameras.**
- Mr. Rubello requested the City look into implementing Historic Zoning Districts. **We will explore and review areas of the City to determine what will be eligible.**
- Mr. Caron requested an update on Brys Park: walking path repairs, weed control around the path, large leaf/garbage pile in the northeast corner needing to be cleaned up, restoration plan for old playground area, and low spot from the parking lot to the new playground. **The walking path repairs on the track are scheduled for mid-May, the park will be treated for weed control sometime in May, large leaf/garbage pile will be cleaned up this week. The restoration of the old play area is planned, the low spot from the parking lot to the new play area is going to be an ADA sidewalk and we are working with CDI for an install date.**
- Mr. Caron requested an update on Disc Golf marker/pad relocation and a new map for the course be created and added to the website. **We are currently working with DPW as a backhoe will be needed to complete the removal and relocation, the map will be created once the marker is relocated.**
- Mr. Caron requested a follow-up on the timeline for the fence at Blossom Heath Park and the path replacement estimate. **The fence and gate are being installed now. The path paving is scheduled for the second or third week of May, weather permitting.**
- Mr. Caron requested that the owner of the cable/optic line be identified and contacted about their downed wire near Beverly. **AT&T has handled this.**

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- Mr. Caron requested a follow-up on the timeline for the electrical work out front of the pump station near Benjamin. **The materials are scheduled for May 19 delivery with the work done in early June.**
- Mr. Caron requested invitations be extended to dignitaries to the pier opening ceremony. **Email confirmations were sent on April 28. Mayor Walby asked if the gate will be up, and landscaping complete on Friday.**
- Mr. Caron requested an update on plaques that are to be installed at the pier. **The price is approximately \$1500 and once we have the final design, we will place the order.**

8. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Members spoke on issues in the City and thanked committees, participants, and sponsors for successful events, along with reminders for upcoming meetings, events, and charitable causes.

Mr. Caron thanked First State Bank on behalf of the Beautification Commission for the tulips they donated. He said the Beautification Commission reached out to Monarch Watch, which tracks Monarch butterflies, and submitted several of the beautification beds. They did get official notice that they will be listed on their website. He asked when the dog breeding ordinance will be placed on the agenda.

Mayor Walby said it can be on the agenda for May 15.

Mr. Caron noted he does not like that the agenda is not being posted 10 days before the meeting. He said he has drafted an ordinance putting in criteria for agendas being required to be posted 10 days before regular meetings and 5 days before a special meeting.

Mr. Frederick said the recycling carts should be put on the grass area and GFL needs to be notified that they need to be put back on the grass area. He said Amazon Fresh has been delayed by the inability to get steel onsite.

Mr. Vitale asked if Mancuso Florist is working on anything for their facade.

Ms. Pike said we have received nothing from them, and we have a pending complaint and warrant. We are preparing their notice to defend for court.

Mr. Vitale asked if there has been any more progress on Shores Theater.

Ms. Pike said they have poured the threshold for the doors and the doors should be here before May 13.

Mr. Vitale said the former bakery at the corner of Statler and Harper is putting a new roof on and asked if they got a permit for that.

Ms. Pike said she will check on it.

Mr. Accica commented on the Kyte Monroe parking lot, and that people need to be careful going through it. He asked if there is enough handicapped parking there.

Ms. Pike said it is compliant with the law, but they will take a look at it.

Mr. Rubello noted that Hour Magazine listed St. Clair Shores as second in 31 top towns. He asked staff to look into additional cleanup at Kyte Monroe Park. He asked what the turnaround time is on Permits and Certificates of Occupancy. He gave an update on the Social District.

Mayor Walby asked how the parade is coming along.

Mr. Rubello discussed the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. He said the Parade Committee is looking for people with vehicles for special guests.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lent said they are scheduling interviews of the top five candidates for Finance Director next week and the Code Enforcement Supervisor position is going into a second round of interviews with three candidates.

10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Droogleever spoke about the Waterfront Environmental Nautical Coast Cleanup on May 21, 2023, and discussed ways to help and volunteer.

Lindsey LaPonse spoke about the Autism Society of Greater Detroit.

Deni Metivier spoke about the Veterans Gallery show at Trader Todd's Marina. She requested permission to put a flyer up in the Library.

11. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Walby said the Blossom Heath Pier ribbon cutting is Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 pm. He said there is a big brew fest from noon-10:00 pm featuring local brewers, music by the Orbitsuns and Reckless Revival, food trucks, and local vendors.

Mayor Walby said we received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing St. Clair Shores as a 2022 Tree City USA.

He thanked the SCS Memorial Day Parade Committee for their successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Caron supported by Council Member Frederick to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Ayes: All-6
Absent: Rusie

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

ABRIAL J. BARRETT, CITY CLERK

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