

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 25, 2020**

Special 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, Candice Rusie and Chris Vitale

Also Present: City Manager Matthew Coppler, Assistant City Manager William Gambill and City Clerk Mary Kotowski

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

Mayor Walby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll, and a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Earlier this year, Council Member Peter Rubino passed away; and, because of this, Council was required to start the process to fill his unexpired term. The deadline to submit an application for the vacancy was June 23, 2020. We received 16 applications from residents interested in filling this term.

Mayor Walby explained that each candidate will be given seven minutes at this meeting to give their presentation to the Mayor, City Council and the residents of St. Clair Shores regarding their outlook and plans to better our community. They had until close of business last Thursday to submit their presentation. The order in which they will present was randomly selected previously by Administration. There will be no questions asked by Mayor or Council. Council members have reached out to the candidates directly prior to today. One applicant dropped out earlier in the appointment process.

The selection to fill Mr. Rubino's seat will occur at the August 17th City Council meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES (SEVEN (7) MINUTES EACH)

Candidates presented in the following order: Justin M. Maniaci, Gordon R. Miskelly, Joseph D. Fresard, Michael Smiatacz, Jr., Bradley P. Vendittelli, Henry T. Goitz, Lawanda R. Turner, David J. Rubello, Sarah J. Lanyon, Matthew J. Bush, Minda A. Giorlando-Timmins, Nicholas R. Handy, Jennifer M. Oresti, and Kristine M. Crook. Duane J. Michno was not present and David B. Wheeler has withdrawn from the process.

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

Karl Schwarzwald, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke in favor of appointing candidate Dave Rubello to the vacant Council seat.

Mayor Walby thanked all of the candidates and recognized it is not easy to stand up in front of Council and the residents and give a presentation. There are a lot of a good candidates with different ideas and passion. This will not be an easy decision.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Caron, supported by Council Member Rusie to adjourn at 10:36 a.m.

Ayes: All – 6

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

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