

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 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 Rosemary Orlando, Chris Rayes, Laura Stowell, Fire Chief Piper 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. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll, and a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS – SHOREWOOD KIWANIS HARPER CAR CRUISE AUG. 25, 2021

Members of the Shorewood Kiwanis spoke about the upcoming Harper Cruise and the role the Kiwanis play in our community.

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

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF CLASS C ON PREMISE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES AND DANCE PERMIT FROM THE BLUE GOOSE INN CORP. TO MARIO VENTURES INC. LOCATED AT 28911 JEFFERSON. To be placed on the next agenda.

5. PLANNING CASE PPC210015 - REQUEST FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AT 24816 JEFFERSON FOR A PIER AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO BLOSSOM HEATH PARK REPRESENTED BY THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES

Background: The recommendation was to approve the site plan at 24816 Jefferson for a pier and other improvements to Blossom Heath Park represented by the City of St. Clair Shores.

The applicant is requesting site plan approval for improvements to Blossom Heath Park at 24816 Jefferson. TIFA has been working on an updated plan for the Nautical Mile for the past few years, and part of the plan calls for significant improvements to Blossom Heath Park. The Blossom Heath fishing pier, road, and seawall are due for improvements. In 2018, a conceptual design was developed to convert and extend the current fishing pier into an activity pier. The pier will attract the public to enjoy Nautical Mile events, views of the water, fishing, and potentially provide regional water transportation via a water taxi dock. The plan also indicates the removal and replacement of deteriorated sections of seawall, construction of a pier extension, boardwalk, re-construction of vehicular and pedestrian pavement including asphalt paving, concrete paving, concrete curbs, and precast concrete pavers, installation of new light poles, installation of metal railings, new chain-link fences and gates, and new site furniture.

The consensus of Council was their support of this project, and each of them expressed their thanks and appreciation to TIFA for supporting this project as well as the many other projects they have supported in the past. This has been a long time coming and will greatly enhance the City. It was agreed that the longer pier makes sense. Much thought and planning has gone into this design taking into account the wave action along the pavers and the landscaping. It was suggested that additional cigarette butt containers and a hose be installed. It was also requested that they keep the turtle and the waterfront kiosks.

Mr. Caron asked that ECT evaluate additional landscaping options.

Mr. Vitale had concerns with the proposed railing option and asked that ECT provide additional options that may be more durable and lower maintenance.

Item 5 (Cont'd):

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Accica to approve the site plan request at 24816 Jefferson for a pier and other improvements to Blossom Heath Park, with evaluation of and additional options for railing and landscaping.

Ayes: All – 7

7c. Request to Award Blossom Heath Pier Project Bid (Item taken out of order)

Background: The recommendation was that City Council award the Blossom Heath Pier Contract to E.C. Korneffel Co. (Korneffel) with modifications as recommended by Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT) along with alternates 2 and 3, in the amount of \$7,892,767.53, and commit funding towards this project not to exceed \$2.4 million from the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) and General Fund revenues and authorize the City Manager to approve subsequent agreements as needed to implement the Pier Project.

The City bid out the construction of the Blossom Heath Pier 6/18/21 – 7/27/21. The Blossom Heath Pier Project includes road, boardwalk, seawall and other site enhancements east of the beach house leading up to a new 390 ft. public pier. The City received three bids for this project. Korneffel was the low bid with a base bid of \$7,949,086.88.

The City and ECT met with Korneffel to review areas to reduce costs. It was determined that modifying the boardwalk design to stay along the seawall and remove the boathouse was a prudent modification. This boardwalk modification, the removal of the boathouse and a clarification on what items were to be galvanized produced a cost reduction of \$286,069. In addition, site amenities are proposed to be included in this award but may be bid out separately in the winter and awarded separately if this results in an appropriate savings.

At the August 9, 2021 TIFA meeting, the committee recommended City Council award Korneffel with the proposed bid modifications described above along with alternates 2 and 3 (two shade structures and twenty-nine Adirondack chairs respectively). The TIFA committee also reconfirmed its commitment to pay the annual debt service related to the 20 year \$6.6 million bond to help fund the Pier Project. The Pier Project is a project goal that was stated in the recently adopted 8th Amendment of the TIFA Plan.

The proposed funding for this project is \$6,500,000 bond proceeds (annual debt service to be paid by TIFA, 20 years), remainder \$2,400,000 ARPA/General Fund.

Mr. Gambill stated there are still some unknowns that will be coming back to Council for approval.

Mr. Coppler said the next step is budget appropriation which will be discussed at the next special Council meeting.

Every Council member again thanked TIFA. It was noted that TIFA has invested over \$8.5 million into the City. This project has been a lot of work and will be a huge asset to the community. The Council members also thanked Mr. Gambill for all of his work on this project.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Accica to award the Blossom Heath Pier contract to Korneffel with modifications as recommended by ECT along with alternates 2 and 3, in the amount of \$7,892,767.53, commit funding towards this project not to exceed \$2.4 million ARPA and General Fund revenues and authorize the City Manager to approve subsequent agreements as needed to implement the Pier Project.

Ayes: All – 7

6. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT PROJECT NUMBER 26-01828 WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO RENOVATE THE BATHROOM AND PLAYGROUND AT BRY'S PARK

Background: The recommendation was that City Council authorize grant agreement project number 26-01828 with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to renovate the playground and bathroom at Brys Park, adopt a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) resolution committing matching funds in the amount of \$70,900 and amend the FY22 Budget to create the necessary grant revenue and expense accounts.

Item 6 (Cont'd):

The City of St. Clair Shores was awarded a 2019 MDNR Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in the amount of \$70,900 to perform ADA renovations to the Brys Park playground and bathroom. Since that time, Hennessey Engineering has developed the specifications and the MDNR approved the specifications for bidding. The City was notified the grant agreement was available on July 28, 2021. The project was posted on BidNet with bids due August 24, 2021.

The estimated construction cost is \$141,800. The LWCF grant requires a 50% match. City Council passed a resolution to commit the required match as part of the grant application on March 18, 2019. Council members were provided with the MDNR Grant Agreement – Project # 26-01828 for consideration and a resolution confirming matching funds will be allocated for this project. The agreement states that the grant agreement should be signed and returned by September 24, 2021.

Mayor Walby said it has been 40 years since we have done substantial park enhancements. He thanked administration for working on these improvements and maintenance items.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, and supported by Council Member Rusie to authorize grant agreement project number 26-01828 with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to renovate the playground and bathroom at Brys Park, adopt the following Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) resolution committing matching funds in the amount of \$70,900 and amend the FY22 Budget to create the necessary grant revenue and expense accounts:

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RESOLVED, that St. Clair Shores, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the City Council does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

- 1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide Seventy Thousand Nine Hundred (\$70,900) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.**
- 2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.**
- 3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.**
- 4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.**
- 5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.**

Ayes: Rubello, Rusie, Accica, Caron, Frederick, Vitale, Walby

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF)

I, Mary Kotowski, City Clerk of the City of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution relative to the Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which Resolution was adopted by the City Council at a meeting held August 16, 2021.

7. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS

a. Approval of Blank Purchase Order for EMS Supplies

Background: The recommendation was to approve the Southeastern Michigan Emergency Medical Supply (SMEMS) Purchasing Consortium selection of Bound Tree Medical as the supplier of medical supplies; and approval of the Fire Department Blanket Purchase Order FY 2021-22 for \$55,000 to Bound Tree Medical.

Item 7 (Cont'd):

Medical supplies are used on a daily basis for the City's paramedic service. Bound Tree is the vendor who has been awarded the EMS Supplies and Equipment bid by the SMEMS Purchasing Cooperative (formerly known as the OCMCA Purchasing Consortium) of which we are a member, and the MITN Purchasing Cooperative. The Co-op changed vendors to Bound Tree, in part, because they offered the lowest pricing. This pricing contract is in effect through February 2023, with a 1-year extension option.

The Fire Department would like to divide the \$61,000 earmarked for medical supplies into a \$55,000 purchase order for Bound Tree, leaving the remaining \$6,000 in the Fire Department Operating Supplies/ALS budget for other ALS expenses.

Moved by Council Member Accica, and supported by Council Member Caron to approve the SMEMS Purchasing Cooperative bid to Bound Tree Medical; and approve the FY 2021-22 Blanket Purchase order for ALS supplies for \$55,000, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All – 7

b. Approval of Suburban Library Cooperative payment for Automated System Services

Background: The recommendation was that City Council approve the Suburban Library Cooperative purchase order for the St. Clair Shores Public Library's Automated System Services, provided by the Suburban Library Cooperative, for FY 21/22, in the amount of \$72,056.22.

The St. Clair Shores Public Library has been a member of the Suburban Library Cooperative (SLC) since 1978. SLC began offering automated computer services to member libraries in 1987. The St. Clair Shores Public Library has been a part of this system since its inception. The current library management system, Sirsi/Dynix, has been in place since 2001 and is shared by 18 member libraries. This integrated library system provides management services in the use, maintenance, training and support of library computer software and hardware. Sirsi/Dynix oversees the selection, circulation, acquisition, and billing of library material. It controls the online payment for fines and fees, and the integrated phone, email, and text messaging service to patrons. Patron records, statistical reporting, reciprocal borrowing, user access to the online catalog, and the RFID security system are a few of the components of Sirsi/Dynix. Internet and Wi-Fi access, and the centralized printer are included in the automated service fees. Most importantly, this library management system provides St. Clair Shores residents with access to over 2,000,000 items.

The Automated System Services are budgeted in FY 21/22 in the 271-730-810 Services account and billed quarterly by the Suburban Library Cooperative.

Mr. Vitale asked that Library administration revisit their daytime activities for those who home school.

Moved by Council Member Rubello, and supported by Council Member Caron to approve the purchase order of the Automated System Services, provided by the Suburban Library Cooperative, for FY21/22, in the amount of \$72,056.22, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All – 7

d. Approval of Purchase Order for BS&A Software for annual support 8/1/21-8/1/22 for Building Software, Miscellaneous Receivables Software, Online Service/support fee and Quarterly Permit Application Submission Software support

Background: The recommendation was to approve the BS&A annual support invoice and purchase order in the amount of \$16,148.00.

BS&A is the software used for Tax, Assessing, Utility Billing, Cash Receipting, Building system and Miscellaneous Billing modules. This invoice is for the annual, 8/1/21 – 8/1/22, software support for the Building, Miscellaneous Billing and the Online Services modules as well as the quarterly service fees for the online Permit Applications (4/6/21-6/28/21).

Ms. Stowell clarified that there is a quarterly amount that they bill us for each permit that is ordered online.

Item 7 (Cont'd):

Mr. Vitale asked that staff review the BS&A program links because when he does a Google search the program links to a St. Clair Shores test site instead of the City's regular BS&A site.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Caron to approve payment of the Annual Service and Support maintenance contract to BS&A in the amount of \$16,148.00.

Ayes: All – 7

e. Approval of the MMRMA Liability Insurance 2-year renewal

Background: The recommendation was to approve the renewal for the property and liability coverage to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) effective July 1, 2021 with a self-insured retention level of \$200,000. The annual premium is \$521,650.

MMRMA also included an optional quote for a second year at a premium not-to-exceed 7% of \$521,650 and subject to the terms and conditions in their proposal. It was suggested that instead of approving the second year now, that the City once again go through the bid process even though we have not had any success in bidding this over the last ten plus years.

The MMRMA proposal includes a rate increase of \$30,544 (4.4%) which is primarily due to internal rate modifications within the MMRMA system.

In the recent past when the City has issued an RFP there was only one response, MMRMA. Before that, 2011 and 2012 and then in 2019, there were two responses. We did not go out for an RFP this year; as indicated above, it is recommended that the City consider doing that next year.

As a result of the lack of traditional insurance providers, many states, including Michigan, have established insurance pools which are made up of and owned by the municipalities themselves to provide the specialized coverages. The Board of Directors of the MMRMA is made up of local government officials from throughout the State of Michigan. Also, it is noteworthy that the legal status of the MMRMA is not a private or publicly held corporation but rather it is legally filed as a governmental entity.

The City of St. Clair Shores has been with the MMRMA since September 1, 1984. IbeX Insurance Agency is one of the agencies representing the MMRMA. They are responsible for 149 MMRMA local government client-members, including the City of St. Clair Shores.

Additional excess net assets of \$1,750,000 will be made available to the membership through the MMRMA's Risk Avoidance Program (RAP). The City has received approximately \$157,000 towards approved RAP Grants, dating back to 2006 for an annual average of over \$11,000 in money returned to the City. The most recent included \$10,000 for a K-9 fallen officer grant in 2020.

Also, dating back to FY 2008, MMRMA has paid \$388,813 on behalf of St. Clair Shores for Property Protection Insurance, Personal Injury Protection claims (Michigan No-Fault benefit) and Emergency First Aid. The MMRMA is the only program in the state that waives a member's self-insured retention for these claims. Under any other program, the City would have paid the entire amount of each claim, as they were all under the \$200,000 self-insured retention. This averages out to savings of another \$32,000 per year.

The MMRMA performs all of the claims handling in-house. This is an advantage to the City because MMRMA staff are familiar with laws that are unique to the State of Michigan that can have a significant impact on claims liability from sewer backups, slip & falls, streets & roads, etc.

In summary, the MMRMA program that we are a part owner of, has other financial benefits not reflected in the annual premium.

Ms. Rusie asked why this was not put out for bid this year.

Ms. Stowell explained that this proposal is just a renewal. When we do go out for bid, we do not tend to receive any other bidders. We received a second bid two years ago, but they were not competitive to handle our insurance.

Item 7 (Cont'd):

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Rubello to approve the property and liability coverage with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority beginning July 1, 2021 with a premium of \$521,650, to be bid out next year.

Ayes: Frederick, Rubello, Accica, Caron, Vitale, Walby
Nays: Rusie

f. Recommendation to Approve Emergency Purchase - Greenwood Elementary Drain Repair

Background: The recommendation was that City Council approve the emergency purchase for the Greenwood Elementary drain repair in the amount of \$99,000 to be expended from the storm sewer repairs and rehab account (597.550.980.463).

During the removal of the Greenwood Elementary parking lot, it was discovered that a 42" corrugated metal pipe installed in the 1950s needed immediate repair to allow the parking lot construction to continue.

Macomb County Public Works solicited three quotes and the low bid Cortis Brother Trucking & Excavating completed the needed work (\$119,000). Lakeview School District agreed to contribute \$20,000 towards the pipe repair. The cost of this repair would have been assessed to the City by the Macomb Public Works Office through a special assessment but that process would take several months and the parking lot would not be completed by the start of school.

Moved by Council Member Frederick, and supported by Council Member Rusie to approve the emergency purchase for Greenwood Elementary drain repair in the amount of \$99,000 to be expended from the storm sewer repairs and rehab account (597.550.980.463).

Ayes: All – 7

g. Approval of Purchase Order for Managed Security Services Monitoring

Background: The recommendation was to approve the Purchase Order in the amount of \$34,200 to All Covered for Managed Security Services needed to meet the requirements of the Michigan State Police to allow the Police Department to continue to access state and federal criminal justice information systems.

Earlier this year the Police Department underwent its LEIN (Michigan Law Enforcement Information Network) Audit. The Audit exposed some weaknesses within the City's information technology network that need to be addressed if the Police Department wishes to continue its access to this system. The primary deficiency is in the event logging and monitoring areas. Events are attempts by unauthorized users or individuals to gain access to protected information. After discussing the requirements with our Network/Server maintenance and monitoring provider, they proposed a SIEM software and service that not only brings the system in compliance with LEIN requirements but also provides network wide protection to all City networks and servers. This is a capability the City has not had in the past and considering all that is happening in the world related to malware, hacking, and ransoming of data, this level of threat protection is necessary.

Moved by Council Member Caron, and supported by Council Member Frederick to approve the Purchase Order in the amount of \$34,200 to All Covered for Managed Security Services needed to meet the requirements of the Michigan State Police to allow the Police Department to continue to access state and federal criminal justice information systems.

Ayes: All – 7

h. Approval of the Harper Avenue Repairs from 9 Mile Road to Little Mack Avenue Cost Share Agreement

Background: The recommendation was to approve the agreement with Macomb County Department of Roads for Harper Avenue repairs from 9 Mile Road to Little Mack in the total amount of \$300,000.00.

Item 7 (Cont'd):

As reported by staff at the last Council meeting, Macomb County Department of Roads is in the process of bidding out repairs to Harper Avenue. The City of St. Clair Shores and the Macomb County Department of Roads agree to provide funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 each for this work. The Macomb County Department of Roads of approval of the cost share agreement prior to bids being due at the end of August.

Mr. Vitale asked that Code Enforcement and the City Attorney address the blight and safety issues at the 9 Mile & Harper location (former Linda's Place).

Moved by Council Member Accica, and supported by Council Member Frederick to approve the Harper Avenue Cost Share Agreement from 9 Mile Road to Little Mack Avenue in the total amount of \$300,000.00, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All – 7

8. **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 Accica to approve the Consent Agenda items a – g as follows:

a. **Bills**

August 5, 2021 **\$6,434,529.13**

Resolved to approve the release of checks in the amount of \$6,434,529.13 for services rendered, of the report that is 48 pages in length, and of the grand total amount of \$6,434,529.13, \$1,128,738.45 went to other taxing authorities.

b. **Fees**

Resolved that the following Fees be approved as presented:

Ihrie O'Brien	\$17,307.20
Shifman Fournier, PC	\$ 960.00

c. **Progress Payments**

Resolved that the following Progress Payments be approved as presented:

RBF Construction, Inc	\$43,365.85
Italia Construction, Inc.	\$32,293.76
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$16,688.25
Galui Construction, Inc.	\$48,428.55
Fontana Construction, Inc.	\$282,159.00
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$58,582.81
Pamar Enterprises, Inc.	\$12,111.30
D&D Water & Sewer, Inc.	\$125,292.08
Safeway Transport, Inc.	\$41,253.48
Anglin Civil, LLC	\$68,661.94

d. **Approval of Minutes**

Resolved that the following Minutes be approved as presented:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Council	July 19, 2021

e. **Receive & File Boards, Commissions & Committee Minutes**

Resolved that the following minutes be received and filed:

Item 8 (Cont'd):

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Activities Committee	October 15, 2020
Activities Committee	February 17, 2021
Activities Committee	April 21, 2021
Activities Committee	June 7, 2021
Beautification Commission	April 14, 2021
Beautification Commission	May 12, 2021
Community Garden	June 2, 2021
Community Garden	July 7, 2021
Cultural Committee	June 9, 2021
Election Commission	May 3, 2021
Fence Arbitration	June 16, 2021
Historical Commission	June 1, 2021
Historical Commission	July 13, 2021
Library Board	June 17, 2021
Mechanical Equipment Arbitration Committee	June 28, 2021
Mechanical Equipment Arbitration Committee	July 19, 2021
Parks and Recreation Commission	December 10, 2020
Parks and Recreation Commission	January 14, 2021
Parks and Recreation Commission	March 11, 2021
Parks and Recreation Commission	April 8, 2021
Planning Commission	June 8, 2021
Police & Fire Health Care Trust	June 30, 2021
Police & Fire Pension Board	June 30, 2021
Waterfront Environmental Committee	June 15, 2021
Zoning Board of Appeals	July 8, 2021

- f. Planning Case PPC210014 Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for the vacation of the alley between 19611-19675 Nine Mile and 22901 Industrial Drive for October 4, 2021
Resolved to approve the request to set a public hearing for the vacation of the alley located between 19611-19675 Nine Mile and 22901 Industrial Drive for October 4, 2021.
- g. Request to appoint Delegates to MML Annual Meeting on September 22-24, 2021
Resolved to approve the request to appoint John Caron Voting Delegate and Ron Frederick Alternate to the Michigan Municipal League Annual Business Meeting, as recommended by the City Manager.

Ayes: All – 7

9. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING

- Purchase Agreement/21821 Eight Mile Road – Mr. Rayes is waiting on the updated plan to determine if the garage front is less than 50% of the width of the house face.
- Replacement doors at Civic Arena/Warranty Information – Mr. Rayes emailed information to Council and noted the extended warranty was added.
- Overgrown Hedge/Elba – The hedges have been trimmed.
- Combined Sewer Systems Separation – There is a meeting with Hennessey Tuesday to discuss alternatives before they submit their report.
- Maple Street flooding from Rosemary Street Empty Lot – Mr. Rayes said this was investigated, and we are not discharging onto their property during normal rain events.
- Dollar General Racks – The racks are being confiscated on a regular basis.
- Beechwood Baseball Diamond Drainage Issue – They are exploring options and developing a plan for this.
- Assumption Dance Recital Event – The police did respond to complaints regarding this event, and they attempted to work with the organizers. Any weaknesses in the police protocol have been addressed.
- Rosedale Court/Safety Issue – The firefighters have no concerns about ambulance access on Rosedale Court when cars are parked on both sides. They can place saw horses on the northwest corner of the street during those events.
- Sidewalk Program – Information regarding the review done by Hennessey was provided to Council. Residents were given two weeks from the marking in order to do any repairs.

Item 9 (Cont'd):

Mayor Walby asked that CDI delay the start of the sidewalk replacement program until 10/1/2021 so residents have time to contract their own repairs.

Mr. Coppler noted that the City has realized a savings of over \$700,000 by refinancing the 2011 debt.

Mayor Walby directed administration to televise the storm lines on Beste and Millenbach due to the issues experienced during the recent rain events.

He noted that the Waterfront Setback Ordinance Committee will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

10. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Accica spoke about the many great events going on around the City.

Council Member Rubello announced the Assumption mini festival to be held August 19th through the 22nd, and St. Issac Jogues has an outdoor mass each Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

He spoke about the Aquafest and the Social District.

He asked about tree trimming around power lines.

Mr. Coppler said that DTE does the tree trimming around the power lines.

Council Member Rusie said a resident asked what to do if they disagree with their basement backup denial assessment from the insurance company.

Mr. Coppler said if MMRA denied any claims, they have done their due diligence. A resident can contact the City for further information.

Ms. Rusie thanked the residents who voted in the primary and the candidates who were on the ballot.

Council Member Caron thanked the City Clerk and her staff for running a great election.

He asked administration to reach out to DTE regarding areas of the City that have lost power multiple times and question if the infrastructure needs to be upgraded.

He announced upcoming events going on in the City.

He gave some background on the SEMSD Martin Drain expansion.

Council Member Frederick asked staff to review the City's policy on planting trees. We should not plant trees under power/cable lines.

Mr. Coppler noted we should be selecting species that are correct for those locations.

Mr. Frederick made several Library announcements.

He said the Wigs 4 Kids gala will be virtual this year.

He asked for an update from DPW on vehicles ordered and delivered since some of these may have been affected by the recent shortage issues.

Council Member Vitale announced that readers are needed for the Community Garden.

He noted that the tree branches from the recent storms on Glenbrook have not been removed and trees on that street need maintenance trimming.

He asked that the overflowing dumpster behind the 13 Mile and Harper (old Kroger site) and the Menards Semi Truck in that parking lot be addressed.

Item 10 (Cont'd):

He requested that the City Attorney reactivate the blight case on the fire damaged house on Little Mack north of Martin. He also asked the City Attorney for an update on the Little Mack Dollar General litigation.

He suggested that DPW review Beste Street, south of Gaffke, to determine if the Macomb County interceptor line could be causing the flooding.

He asked CDI to review the following stalled construction projects to determine if they will be completed this season:

- Sunnydale and Little Mack where half the parking lot has been removed
- 10 Mile and Little Mack gas station blight
- SACU Credit union overgrown shrubs and grass/weed growth in the parking lot

11. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** - None

12. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

William Rogers, St. Clair Shores resident, said he would like Council to consider increasing the pay rate for the seasonal employees at the City Golf Course.

13. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS** - None

14. **REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY STATE STATUTE MCLA 15.268 SECTION 8(c) FOR STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATION SESSIONS CONNECTED WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IF EITHER NEGOTIATING PARTY REQUESTS A CLOSED HEARING AND (h) TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE**

Moved by Council Member Caron, supported by Council Member Rusie to enter Closed Session as permitted by State Statute MCLA 15.268, Section 8(c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing and (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute at 9:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote
Ayes: All - 7

Moved by Council Member Caron, supported by Council Member Frederick to return to Open Session at 10:32 p.m.

Ayes: All - 7

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Member Caron, supported by Council Member Accica to adjourn at 10:33 p.m.

Ayes: All - 7

KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

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