

**MINUTES  
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

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

Present: Mayor Hison, Council Members Frederick, Rubello, Rubino, and Walby

Excused: Council Members McFadyen and Rusie

Also Present: City Manager Hughes, City Clerk Kotowski, Director Rayes and City Attorney Ihrle

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

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, noted that Council Members McFadyen and Rusie asked to be excused. A quorum was present.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Frederick to excuse Council Members McFadyen and Rusie from this evening's meeting.**

Ayes: Frederick, Walby, Hison, Rubello, Rubino

Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 1407 and recited by those in attendance. The Scoutmaster explained a little background of the Boy Scouts. He stated that the Boy Scouts grow young gentlemen into leaders. He stated that attending tonight's Council Meeting is giving these Scouts the opportunity to fulfill requirements in communications, merit badges and citizenship in the community. He added it is good for them to see how the leaders of their community help people in government.

Mayor Hison announced that there were two councilpersons absent tonight, but four votes are still required to pass an agenda item. He gave petitioners the opportunity to postpone requests if they desired.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

a. Macomb County Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Grace Shore, CEO of the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce, and Heather, formerly of the Metro East Chamber of Commerce, explained the Macomb County Chamber would like to service St. Clair Shores. Ms. Shore stated she has been with the Macomb County Chamber for 34 years. They have close to 900 members. Some of the things they have accomplished in St. Clair Shores is they have met with Blaire Gilbert to work on an expo in the spring, worked with Jim Casa on the Poinsettia Ball, worked on a boating event at the parks in St. Clair Shores, and held a political forum at the Barrister Gardens. Ms. Shore added they are already active and would like to be more active. The Macomb County Chamber of Commerce is very impressed with the community spirit and commitment in St. Clair Shores.

Mayor Hison stated that we need to keep marketing our community.

Mr. Hughes added that we have incredible community spirit, and the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce is anxious and excited to work with our community.

Mr. Rubello stated he has worked with Heather in the past, and thinks it is wonderful that she is associated with the Macomb County Chamber.

Mayor Hison explained to Ms. Shore that the City is in the process of putting a City calendar together for next year which will be made available to the Chamber of Commerce.

b. 2011 Beautification Awards

Mayor Hison and Council Member Rubello presented the following 2011 Beautification Awards:

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS cont'd

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS  
JOE, BETTY AND KATHY MCPHERSON**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

**WHEREAS, JOE, BETTY AND KATHY MCPHERSON, 22431 Trombly,** have displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **JOE, BETTY AND KATHY MCPHERSON** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS  
MAX AND MARY ANN MOTYKA**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

**WHEREAS, MAX AND MARY ANN MOTYKA, 27501 Jefferson Avenue,** has displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of his property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **MAX AND MARY ANN MOTYKA** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS  
RONALD AND MYRNA PAVLOVICH**

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*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

**WHEREAS, RONALD AND MYRNA PAVLOVICH, 23336 Westbury,** have displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **RONALD AND MYRNA PAVLOVICH** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS cont'd

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS  
RON AND LINDA WILLETTE**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

*WHEREAS, RON AND LINDA WILLETTE, 31292 Burton Street, have displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **RON AND LINDA WILLETTE** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.*

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER  
SABBY'S LOUNGE**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

*WHEREAS, TONY AND TAMMY MISERENDINO OF SABBY'S LOUNGE, 25010 Harper Avenue have displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **TONY AND TAMMY MISERENDINO OF SABBY'S LOUNGE** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.*

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER  
COSMETIC SURGEONS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

*WHEREAS, GEORGE T. GOFFAS, M.D. OF COSMETIC SURGEONS OF MICHIGAN P.C., 22631 Greater Mack has displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **GEORGE T. GOFFAS, M.D. OF COSMETIC SURGEONS OF MICHIGAN, P.C.** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.*

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS cont'd

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR 2011 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER  
LAKEVIEW REAL ESTATE MARKETING, INC.**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores deem it fitting and proper to publicly recognize the outstanding efforts made by individuals and businesses in helping to beautify our City; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables man to enrich his life by recognizing and appreciating the beauty of his surroundings; and*

**WHEREAS, ANTHONY RAFFIN, OF LAKEVIEW REAL ESTATE MARKETING, INC., 25814 Jefferson Avenue** has displayed community spirit and a willingness to enhance the beauty of their property that demonstrates a strong sense of civic pride;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of our citizens deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our congratulations to **ANTHONY RAFFIN, OF LAKEVIEW REAL ESTATE MARKETING, INC.** on receiving the Beautification Award for 2011.

*Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.*

Lillian Claycomb, Chairman of the Beautification Commission, stated that beautification is the life of their many volunteers, and she asked those Beautification members in the audience to stand. She added that they already have homes and businesses in mind for next years' awards. Mrs. Claycomb thanked everyone who is involved with the Beautification Commission.

c. Turning Point Domestic Violence Month Presentation

Lorraine Johnston, Turning Point, stated that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She stated that 2010 marked Turning Point's 30<sup>th</sup> year of serving St. Clair Shores. She explained that Turning Point has a 24-hour crisis line, and there were 104 residents from St. Clair Shores served last year. In addition, 25% of women in Michigan reported violence in their current relationship. Also, 87% of homicides in Macomb County are related to domestic violence. Turning Point has established a relationship with our 40<sup>th</sup> District Court. Ms. Johnston stressed that education is the key to prevention, and invited City Officials to wear a purple ribbon in helping support Turning Point to eliminate domestic violence for the month of October. The St. Clair Shores Senior Center will be collecting socks for Turing Point during the month of October.

Mayor Hison stated that domestic violence is a very serious problem. People need to hear the message and be aware of concerns.

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

Jim Goodfellow, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke regarding Item #5. He stated he is confused on the sale of NSP homes. This same house came before Council in September of 2010. It has come before Council to sell on June 20, 2011, and August 1, 2011. This is the third time, and he asked how a house could be sold so many times.

Mayor Hison replied that the previous sales did not meet the specifications and requirements of this program.

Erin Stahl, St. Clair Shores resident, spoke regarding Items #9 and #11. She thanked City Attorney Ihrle for meeting with her today regarding a problem she has had with a construction company littering and other problems. She distributed some literature to Mayor and Council with recommendations and asked that they be implemented. She added that road projects should have the same markings, must adhere to the respect and courtesy clause, quality standards, and display a sign with the company name. This is all a common courtesy. There should also be no trespassing or stealing.

4. REQUEST FROM MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF AN ESCROWED 2009 CLASS C & SDM LICENSED BUSINESS WITH DANCE PERMIT LOCATED AT 88 MACOMB PLACE, MT. CLEMENS, MI 48043, MACOMB COUNTY, FROM JOSEPH A. HAWLIK TO MACOMB FINE WINE, INC., 27626 HARPER, ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI, MACOMB COUNTY

It was noted that the building is still under renovation and the license will not be recommended to the State by the Police Department until the new tenant has obtained their Certificate of Occupancy.

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Mr. David Harden, the managing partner for the business in question, was present. He advised this will be a restaurant/saloon business with full service and a full bar.

Mayor Hison stated the building is still under construction, but looks great.

City Attorney Ihrie advised that the Liquor Control Commission has strict rules, and will not accept conditional approvals. However, the LCC has agreed to let us approve this request subject to final inspections.

Council Member Frederick thanked Mr. Harden for fixing up that corner.

Mayor Hison advised the City will need a letter that will be a supplement to the approval of the Certificate of Occupancy.

**Motion by Frederick, seconded by Rubino that the request from Michigan Liquor Control Commission to transfer ownership of an escrowed 2009 Class C & SDM licensed business with Sunday sales and dance permit located at 88 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens, Mi 48043, Macomb County, from Joseph A. Hawlik to Macomb Fine Wine, Inc. 27626 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081, Macomb County be approved "above all others" and that it is the consensus of the legislative body that this application be recommended for issuance.**

Ayes: All – 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**5. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE SALE OF NSP HOME AT 20319 AVALON**

Mr. Rayes, Community Services Director, explained this is the third time this home has been before Council, and it is the last one in the program. The offer is for \$90,000.

Council asked why the sale of this home has come before them two other times. Mr. Rayes replied that the financing has fallen through on the last two prospective purchasers.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Frederick, to approve the request to sell 20319 Avalon to Client Identifier T for \$90,000.00.**

Ayes: All – 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**6. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS – REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AS REVISED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, WITH VCA ANIMAL HOSPITAL, A 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY CONTRACTOR, FOR ANIMALS AT LARGE DURING NON-BUSINESS HOURS**

Mayor Hison explained that at the September 6, 2011 City Council Meeting, the City Attorney was requested to revise the proposed contract for this meeting.

Mr. Ihrie pointed out that the agreement has a couple of revisions.

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to enter into a contract with VCA Animal Hospital for animals at large during non-business hours.**

Mr. Frederick stated that we need to make sure that we don't become the Macomb County weekend drop off for every city. Mayor Hison replied it is intended for St. Clair Shores only, but sometimes animals from other cities end up here.

Mr. Hughes stated that if this contract is approved, residents will be advised on a Local Matters show. Mr. Hughes added that if your dog ends up at the VCA Animal Hospital, the owner needs proof of ownership to pick up the animal.

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Mr. Frederick asked if an animal is dropped off at VCA, do they advise the Police Department. Mr. Ihrie replied they don't have to contact the Police Department, but they should.

Mr. Hison stated these are all legitimate questions, and some of them will have to be worked out. This is only a temporary contract for 6 months to find out if this is a good idea and if it will work.

Ayes: All – 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF PRECINCT 15, JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO GREENWOOD SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 27900 JOAN, DUE TO CONSTRUCTION**

Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, explained that this move is the result of the Jefferson Middle School building renovation/reconstruction project that is slightly behind schedule for completion. This is the closest alternative to relocate this precinct. Signs will be posted at Jefferson and notification will be mailed to every voter prior to the upcoming Election Day. Joint use of Greenwood for Primary worked well.

**Motion by Frederick, seconded by Rubino to adopt a Resolution for the temporary relocation of Precinct 15, Jefferson Middle School, to Greenwood School, located at 27900 Joan, due to construction, as recommended by the City Clerk.**

Ayes: All – 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**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.

**Motion by Walby, seconded by Rubino to approve the Consent Agenda items a – f, which include the following:**

**a. Bills**

September 14, 2011	\$1,166,056.24
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To approve the release of checks in the amount of \$1,166,056.24, of the report that is 19 pages in length and of the grand total amount of \$1,166,056.24, \$0 went to other taxing authorities.

**b. Fees**

Kirk Huth & Lange	\$ 4,620.23
Ihrie and O'Brien	\$ 11,027.00

**c. Progress Payments**

Posen Construction	\$ 75,162.92
Tiseo Brothers, Inc.	\$437,349.92

**d. Approval of Minutes**

None

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

To receive and file the following minutes:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
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8. **Beautification Commission**  
**CONSENT AGENDA cont'd**

July 13, 2011

Cultural Committee  
 Memorial Day Parade Committee  
 Memorial Day Parade Committee  
 Water Resources Board  
 Waterfront Environmental Committee

August 10, 2011  
 August 4, 2011  
 August 19, 2011  
 August 2, 2011  
 August 16, 2011

f. **Receive and deny claim of Michigan Association of Police & St. Clair Shores Police Officers Association vs City of St. Clair Shores, and refer to the City Attorney**

Ayes: All - 5  
 Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

9. **UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM COUNCIL MEETING**

**PCB's** – Mayor Hison stated this is a very difficult subject. Over \$11 million have been supplied to St. Clair Shores for clean up. Mr. Hughes added there is an article regarding the PCB's in the Detroit News today. Mr. Hughes stated the City is still vigilant on this. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Hughes will travel to Chicago in October to meet with top officials in the EPA.

**Harper 13-15 Mile Street Replacement** – Mr. Rayes advised they have put down asphalt and are adjusting manholes. If the weather holds out, they might be done by the end of September.

**Little Mack 10-12 Mile** – Mr. Rayes advised Little Mack was opened on Wednesday. Sod restoration and signs have to be put up yet, which may cause some lane closures.

**Ridgeway & Jefferson** – Mr. Rayes stated the property owner has laid dirt and seeded, and the area is now green. City Attorney Ihrie stated the court has ordered removal of the gas tanks. There is still contamination in the ground. If the City decides to remove the balance of cement and asphalt, they need to confirm that it will not cause any hazard to the surrounding neighborhood. The City needs to get a report from their environmental expert. In addition, there are two residences on Ridgeway that are owned by the same owner, and the City has the authority to demolish those two homes. Mayor Hison asked if the cost would be charged back to the owner of the property. Mr. Ihrie replied it would.

10. **COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS**

**Council Member Rubino** stated the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee has a Cemetery Tour scheduled on October 1, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The bus tour begins at the Library and will go to two cemeteries in Detroit; Elmwood and Mt. Elliott. The bus will go through one cemetery, have lunch, and then go through the other. Tickets are \$25 per person, and are available at the Library.

Mr. Rubino stated that Boston Street was repaved in the spring, and some of the residents received very bad sod. They have tried to get it replaced many times to no avail. Mr. Rubino requested to know when they would get new sod as they went through the whole summer without it. Mr. Rayes replied that sometimes when contractors have to dig up the sod and they replace it, the homeowner doesn't water it. Mr. Rubino replied that was not the problem. Mr. Rayes stated that the contractors will be working in that area soon and will replace the sod.

Mr. Rubino stated that Ms. Stahl brought list of concerns to Council. He asked if it is in the City Ordinance that when cement is replaced, it is stamped. Mr. Rayes replied it is in the ordinance. Mr. Rubino then asked why is it not done anywhere in our City. Mr. Rayes stated it is the first and last slabs that are required to be stamped. Mr. Rubino stated we need to insure that contractors are doing what they are supposed to do.

**Council Member Rubello** asked who is responsible for following the contractors to make sure things are going as planned. Mr. Hughes replied that AEW is out in the field, as well as Chris Rayes and Brian Babcock. Before final payment is issued, the quality of work is inspected, and final payment is not issued until it is satisfactory.

Mr. Rubello asked who is responsible if a contractor breaks a sprinkler head - the resident/business owner or the contractor.

Mr. Rayes replied that the County does not do repairs to sprinklers. Mr. Hughes added that is something that we don't support, but since the County won't repair them, the City does. The resident/business owners are not responsible.

**10. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILPERSONS**

Mr. Rubello asked if the inspections on Little Mack have found any cracks in the cement or any flaws. Mr. Rayes replied that some repairs have to be made before it is closed out.

In reference to Ms. Stahl's list, Council Member Rubello asked if all contractors have been instructed not to use residents' water or enter their homes. Mr. Hughes replied they have all been instructed.

Mr. Rubello stated he has received complaints that some trees are blocking business signs and are growing too high. He asked if there are specific types of trees that we have to plant. Mr. Rayes replied the trees can be trimmed by the owner with the City's permission, or the City can go out and trim them. There are specific trees for height. Mr. Hughes he added that he will circulate the list of approved trees.

Mr. Rubello announced the Senior Center Fall Harvest is on Saturday, at 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.

There will be pies for sale on Thursday for \$10 at the Senior Center.

Mr. Rubello stated he would like to encourage the City to go after and try to create some shopping districts in St. Clair Shores.

**Council Member Frederick** thanked Wigs for Kids for the gala last Friday. Over 800 people attended.

Mr. Frederick thanked Mr. Rayes and Mr. Hughes for getting the orange barrels out of Little Mack. He also thanked everyone who attended the Art Fair and St Germaine Festival.

Mr. Frederick announced a funfest at the South Lake Athletic Field on 9 Mile and Stadium Drive.

Mr. Frederick stated that Cool Cities had the Pub Crawl on Thursday. The restaurant owners were ecstatic as it generated business for them.

**Council Member Walby** passed.

Mayor Hison announced that on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m., Meet the Candidates for Mayor and Council will be held live, and will be rebroadcasted.

Mr. Hison stated there was a great article about the Harper Cruise in the Tech Center News.

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Hughes stated October is National Firefighters Month. There will be an Open House on Sunday, October 9, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Central Fire Department at Harper and Sunnydale.

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

John Watts, resident of St. Clair Shores, stated he is a member of his Homeowners Association, and he would like to discuss problems on his street, Bayview. He stated the condition of the street is terrible. The asphalt is cracked, there are ruts, and grass is growing in the street. He has spoken with City Administration and was told that the street is too costly to repair, but that they would patch it. Mr. Watts stated that patching is only a temporary solution. There are no sidewalks on the street, so children have to walk and ride their bikes in the street which has become dangerous. Mr. Watts presented a petition to Mayor and Council regarding the repair of the street. He has received 36 responses so far. Mr. Watts stated he is looking for direction on how to get his street repaired. Mayor Hison replied he will review his request and present feedback.

Janet Seagram, resident of St. Clair Shores, stated she lives next door on Bayview to John Watts. She stated she has sent emails and letters to Mayor and Council since last year and has never received a response. She added their street has no sidewalks. Dogs are walked in the street and children ride their bikes in street, which is continuing to disintegrate. She requested some kind of acknowledgement from Council.

Ron Swick, stated he has also lived on Bayview for the past 30 years and the condition of the street is deteriorating. Mr. Swick invited Mayor and Council to take a ride down their street.

Nate Kaczmarek, resident of St. Clair Shores, stated he attended the Cool Cities Pub Crawl and the Lac Ste. Clair Fine Art Fair which were excellent events.



**12. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT cont'd.**

Mr. Kaczmarek stated the quality of leaders is reflected in the quality of standards they set for themselves. He would like to have a St. Clair Shores City Council Attendance Policy. Beginning in November with a new term, this body should look at establishing a reasonable attendance policy for elected officials, possibly requiring a 70% attendance record.

**13. REQUEST TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION AS PERMITTED BY STATE STATUTE MCLA 15.268, SECTION 8 (a)**

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to enter closed session at 9:02 p.m.**

**A roll call vote was taken.**

Ayes: Rubino, Walby, Frederick, Rubello, Hison  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to return to open session at 9:19 p.m.**

Ayes: All - 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Frederick, seconded by Walby to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.**

Ayes: All - 5  
Absent: McFadyen, Rusie

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ROBERT A HISON, MAYOR

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MARY KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK

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