

MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 14, 2011
City of St. Clair Shores
27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Special 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 Rubino, Rusie, Walby, Frederick and Rubello

Absent & Excused: Council Member McFadyen

Also Present: City Manager Hughes, City Clerk Kotowski, City Attorney Ihrie, Directors Haney, and Rayes

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

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll with a quorum present and asked that Mrs. McFadyen be excused.

Motion by Walby, seconded by Rubello to excuse Council Member McFadyen from this evenings meeting.

Ayes: All - 6

Absent: McFadyen

Mayor Hison thanked Mrs. McFadyen and Mr. Rubello for their service. He also congratulated Mayor Elect Walby and Mr. Frederick for their win as Mayor and continued Council Member. He also congratulated the two new Council Members, Tiseo and Vitale, who will be sworn in tonight. He stated they have two huge undertakings, to keep the city safe and viable.

Tonight's Organizational City Council Meeting would begin with the Oath of Offices.

2. Organizational Meeting

a. Oath of Offices

Joseph Oster administered the Oath of Office to Ronald J. Frederick.

Mr. Frederick thanked Mr. Oster for swearing him in. He gave a big thank you to his mother and his family and indicated that this was the first election for his grandson Parker John to attend. He also thanked all the voters who came out to express their support to him. He said he was humbled by obtaining one half of the votes for the good things council has done over the last four to six years. He indicated he was proud to serve again and thanked everyone very much.

Mark Fratarcangeli administered the Oath of Office to Anthony G. Tiseo.

Mr. Tiseo indicated he will be brief. He thanked all those who made it to the polls. He found out from the City Clerk that St. Clair Shores always has a large percentage of voter turnout in the county. He thanked his beautiful wife Linda and their children Anthony, Dominic, and Isabella for their support even when things were tough. He said he wanted to make St. Clair Shores a place like it was when he was young. He also thanked his mother Phyllis and his brothers and sisters. He also thanked his mother-in-law who knocked on doors during his campaign and also thanked the weekend warriors who spread literature, and his St. Isaac Jogues supporters.

He said he was excited, honored, will work hard, and will do his homework and make educated decisions. He mentioned that a close friend of his, Jay DiFranco, from St. Joan of Arc had passed away between the election and tonight and would have been here tonight if he could. He again said thank you.

City Clerk Mary Kotowski administered the Oath of Office to Chris Vitale.

Mr. Vitale thanked all the voters who came out to vote. He also thanked all the support from his family and friends. He said he will strive to be an efficient office holder and was anxious to get started.

Judge Oster indicated that this is a great day for the City of St. Clair Shores. He said he grew up with Mr. Walby, including playing baseball, and he was a hard-nosed competitor, but fair, and that is what we will have in the new mayor.

2. Organizational Meeting (cont'd)

Joseph Oster administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kip C. Walby.

Mr. Walby thanked Judge Oster for the very nice comments and said that they go back a long time. He said he has had support from him from long ago and noted that the Judge's father was one of his early on supporters. Mr. Walby said that sometimes people think he's cold-blooded, but he is very sentimental. He first thanked the voters. This is extremely humbling to see your name on the ballot and then being elected. He was first elected in 1999 and it's hard to believe people consistently supported him over the years. He gave a thank you to his supporters and those who have been with him for a long time. He also thanked them for their emotional support. He thanked them for being there for him and he is eternally grateful.

He said thank you to his family, including his children Kelly, Megan, and Tommy for their support and always being there for him. He also thanked his wife for her support of him for twenty years and who finds this job miserable. He indicated that she must love me to stick it out. He also thanked his mother who was his ultimate supporter from the very beginning. He said she would have been here at 4:30 p.m. to get her seat and thinks of her often. He said he misses his mom who worked like a dog in 1999 to make this happen and he can't let her down. He again thanked everyone.

Mayor Hison passed gavel to Mayor Walby and said that this is just the start and not the end. He indicated that this is a new chapter for St. Clair Shores and congratulated Mayor Walby.

The new mayor and council members took their seats in the chambers.

Mayor Walby again congratulated Mr. Vitale and Mr. Tiseo. He said that they all desired to be on council to make St. Clair Shores a better place and appreciated their efforts. He then thanked Mrs. McFadyen, Mayor Hison and Mr. Rubello for their service.

b. Receive and File Board of Canvassers Minutes 11/09/11 & election results dated 11/09/11.

Motion by Rubello, seconded by Rusie to receive and file the Board of Canvassers Minutes of November 9, 2011.

Ayes: All - 6
Absent: McFadyen

c. Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem

Motion by Rusie, seconded by Tiseo to appoint Rubino as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Ayes: All - 6
Absent: McFadyen

Mr. Rubino indicated it is an honor to be selected by co-workers and it is an honor to be Mayor Walby's first pro-tem.

Process to fill vacant council seat

Mr. Walby indicated he wanted to start with filling the vacant seat on council. He said an individual must submit a cover letter or letter of interest and resume to the City Clerk by no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 28th. On December 5th at the Council Meeting they will narrow the field down. At a Special Meeting on Saturday, December 17th nominees will make their presentation to Mayor and City Council. Then Monday, December 19th a candidate will be chosen. All meetings and votes are open to the public. He indicated that this will be highlighted in detail at the next City Council Meeting and will be put on Facebook, the cable crawl, bulletin board and will be mentioned at next Monday's City Council Meeting.

3. Audience Participation (5 minute time limit)

Mr. Goodfellow congratulated Mr. Walby, Mr. Vitale and Mr. Tiseo. He thanked Mayor Hison for his service and Mrs. McFadyen, who would have been here this evening if she could. He indicated that the new mayor will have quite a job on his hands, but will do good with it. He also congratulated Mr. Fredericks.

Mr. Walby responded by saying it is not a one person job and it takes all of us to move St. Clair Shores forward.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Rubino, seconded by Frederick to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Ayes: All - 6

Absent: McFadyen

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KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

MARY KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK