

**MINUTES  
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 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, Candice Rusie, and Chris Vitale

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Michael Greene, City Clerk Abrial Barrett, Director Denise Pike, Director Bryan Babcock, Director Renae Warnke, Director Henry Bowman, Police Chief Jason Allen, Sergeant Heather Campbell, 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.

**2. PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**a. LAKE SHORE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mayor Walby presented the following proclamation to Dr. Joe DiPonio, Superintendent, of Lake Shore High School.

**PROCLAMATION  
to  
Lake Shore School District  
In honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Council of the City of St. Clair Shores wish to acknowledge and honor the **Lake Shore School District, St. Clair Shores, Michigan** in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of K-12 education; and

***WHEREAS**, the **Lake Shore School District** secondary education was started in 1919 with the approval of the school board with Junior High being offered in the Lake Shore School House; and*

***WHEREAS**, the **Lake Shore School District** added 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 1920, 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 1921, 11<sup>th</sup> grade in 1922, and finally 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 1923-1924 school year and graduated the first high school class on June 26, 1924, including three students; and*

**WHEREAS**, the **Lake Shore School District** will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of K-12 education in the district with the class of 2023-2024; and

**WHEREAS**, for 100 years, **Lake Shore** has been an integral part of the City of St. Clair Shores and for the next 100 years will continue to inspire, innovate, and celebrate with their students, empowering them to excel in an evolving society, supported by the collaborative efforts of staff, families, and community; and

***WHEREAS**, the **Lake Shore District** has served the St. Clair Shores community and will continue their long-standing commitment to the community;*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores, on behalf of all our residents, do hereby congratulate the **Lake Shore School District** on their celebration of **100 years** of K-12 education, and wish for its continuing success in the future.*

*Presented this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.*

**b. PROCLAMATION FOR FATHER RON'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Mayor Walby presented a proclamation to Father Ron Dehondt for his 50 years of the priesthood. He also expressed his gratitude for Father Ron's service to the community.

**PROCLAMATION  
IN HONOR OF 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD  
FATHER RONALD DEHONDT**

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**WHEREAS, Father Ronald DeHondt** will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood on November 3, 2023; he was born the fourth of twelve children to Rene and Margaret DeHondt growing up on a 20-acre farm, attending St. Mary Grade School and High School in Mt. Clemens, graduating in 1964 as Senior Class President, then attending Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, joining St. Martin's Church after completing his studies for an M.A. in Theology at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada; and

**WHEREAS, Fr. Ron** was ordained on November 3, 1973, at St. Peter Church in Mt. Clemens and has served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary of Redford Parish in Detroit during which time he received his Master of Arts degree with a concentration in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame, and was appointed Pastor of St. Gregory the Great Parish in 1981, was the Pastorate of the Church of the Madonna in 1998, and became the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in 2003 where he currently serves the St. Clair Shores residents; and

**WHEREAS, Fr. Ron** has initiated an annual golf outing held at the St. Clair Shores Country Club named the "Stent Swingers' Special" after his first heart stent procedure benefitting St. Margaret of Scotland Youth Group, L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday) summer mission trip, St. Moses the Black Catholic Church, and St. John Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, and

**WHEREAS, Fr. Ron** has served as Chaplain for the Fr. Solanus Casey Council 3797 of the Knights of Columbus, St. Gregory the Great Boy Scouts, and a Board of Director Member of Allen Academy in Detroit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Clair Shores on behalf of all our residents do hereby extend to **Fr. Ron** our sincere congratulations and best wishes on this **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood**.

Presented this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2023.

**c. ST. CLAIR SHORES LIONS CLUB DROP BOX REQUEST**

Mr. Bellestri, president of the Lions Club, spoke about installing a drop box in front of City Hall. The Lions Club has refurbished mailboxes that they painted yellow for the purpose of collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids. The box is available now and he noted that the box does have a chute so that you can drop in the items from your vehicle.

Ms. Rusie said that this box brings more visibility so people are aware and can make a donation. She asked Mr. Bellestri how the Lions Club will be using these items.

Mr. Bellestri said that they will sanitize the items, determine the prescriptions, and then they are sent to people in need.

Mr. Vitale asked if there will be padding inside the box to protect the items.

Mr. Bellestri said yes, there will be a foam insert at the bottom.

Mr. Caron suggested that an extra key be given to the City Clerk's office in case someone accidentally puts City related mail in the box.

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

**4. BIDS/CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS**

**a. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE EXPLORER P.I. UTILITY**

**Background Brief:** Every year, the department replaces aging patrol vehicles based on the age, condition, miles, and repair costs. Gorno Ford has one (1) Explorer P.I Utility available for immediate delivery.

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Economic Impact:** The cost of this Explorer P.I. Utility is \$51,671.00. This vehicle purchase is budgeted for in the capital outlay for the 23/24 fiscal year and will be paid largely from insurance funds and the remainder from Motor Pool.

**Recommendation:** I recommend City Council to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Explorer P.I Utility in the amount of \$51,671.00 from Gorno Ford.

Segreant Campbell gave an overview of the vehicle purchase noting that this will replace the scout 67 vehicle.

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Ms. Rusie said that it was great that they found a vehicle that was available immediately.

Mr. Vitale asked if there is any idea of what they will replace the rear-wheel-drive platform chargers with since they will be going away.

Segreant Campbell said that there may be a sedan option down the line but as of right now they are not sure. She indicated that recently they have F150 trucks on the road.

**Moved by Council Member Frederick, supported by Council Member Rusie to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Explorer P.I Utility in the amount of \$51,671.00 from Gorno Ford.**

Ayes: All-7

**b. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ALEXANDER STORM DRAIN INSPECTION PROJECT BY MCPW OFFICE**

**Background Brief:** The Alexander Storm Drain is owned and maintained by the Macomb County Public Works Office (MCPWO) and the Alexander Drain Drainage District Board. The drain extends from just east of I-94 to its outlet to the Alexander/Lavon Canal. It collects rainwater from approximately Frazho Street to 11 Mile Road. The drain was installed in the 1960's and was constructed with reinforced concrete pipe. The drain size ranges from a diameter of 21-inch to 66-inch.

**Previous Action:** The City had met with the MCPWO to review a potential sinkhole in the rear yard of a home on Centennial Street. We also walked portions of the drain to review access locations as well as the outlet to the canal. We had determined that it would be good preventative maintenance to have the entire drain cleaned and would make the most economic sense rather than dewatering the entire drain and only inspecting a small section.

Additionally, this is the drain that the City has been planning to use for combined sewer separation projects. By cleaning the drain, we would be maximizing its capacity.

**Economic Impact:** The cost to fabricate a custom bulkhead, dewater the drain, remove debris within the drain, televise and inspect the drain is \$150,000. The MCPWO has selected this project to be included in an ongoing Drain Match Program which splits the cost of the work 50%/50% between the City and the MCPWO. Therefore, the City portion of this project is \$75,000. The City's fiscal year 2024 budget has allocated \$100,000 in Storm Sewer Budget account number 597-550-980.000 for this work to be completed. The MCPWO will be handling the design, contract administration and construction inspection work

**Recommendation:** It is our recommendation that City Council approve the project and make payment to the MCPWO.

Mr. Babcock explained that there are many storm sewers throughout the City that discharge through a county drain that is overseen through a drain board from the Macomb County Public Works. There was a concern about a potential sink hole and he indicated that this would be good preventative maintenance to check the condition of the entire drain. This will be part of the Macomb County Works drain match program that will split the cost between the City and the County.

Mr. Vitale asked how big is the potential sink hole area.

Mr. Babcock said the area is about 48 inches.

Mr. Frederick asked if someone is actually walking in the drain or if it will be televised.

Mr. Babcock said that the larger portion could be walked through but there will be cameras available.

Ms. Rusie asked who residents can call if they have questions since this project will be happening in resident's back yards.

Mr. Babcock indicated that the County will send out notices but they can also call the DPW office.

**Moved by Council Member Rubello, supported by Council Member Accica to approve the Alexander Storm Drain cleaning and inspection project and the City portion of the project, \$75,000.**

Ayes: All-7

**Item 4 Continued****c. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 9 MILE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT BY MCPWO OFFICE**

**Background Brief:** The Macomb County Public Works Office (MCPWO) is currently constructing a widening and expansion of the Chapaton Retention Treatment Basin at 9 Mile and Jefferson. Part of this project is to also construct a new separate storm sewer along the south side of 9 Mile from Jefferson to outlet at Lake St. Clair. The location of this new storm sewer conflicts with the location of a St. Clair Shores watermain.

The City currently two (2) water mains along 9 Mile, between Jefferson and Lake St. Clair.

1. A 6-inch diameter water main that was installed in 1928 that provided water service to the homes and commercial properties along this stretch.
2. A 16-inch diameter water main that was installed in 1970 to improve water flow & pressure and to provide a "loop" to the Shore Club complex.

The proposed plan is to abandon the 6-inch water main and to improve the flow and extend the life of the 16-inch water main by pipe bursting a new pipe through the old pipe.

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Economic Impact:** The cost to install the new 16-inch water main is \$710,000. The City's fiscal year 2024 budget has allocated \$3,000,000 in Water Department Budget account number 591-540-980.893 for water main replacement work. The MCPWO will be handling the design, contract administration and construction inspection work.

**Recommendation:** It is our recommendation that City Council approve the project and make payment to the MCPWO.

Mr. Babcock said that Macomb County is currently working on the Chapaton basin project and for the second phase of the project they will move onto 9-Mile Road. They will be installing a separate storm sewer. He said that it is tight and in order to get all of this done, we will need to abandon one of our water mains. We will be teaming up with the County again on this project and our cost will be for the water main replacement. He mentioned that behind Fish Bones restaurant there is an old 1920's 6-inch water main that will be abandoned and we will leave the 16-inch pipe.

Mayor Walby noted that this project will also take care of paving the street.

Mr. Babcock said yes, once the water main and storm sewer are in then the street will be paved.

Mr. Caron asked if there is a water main access that comes through from the Riviera Terrace on the harbor place and then loops around the Shore Club.

Mr. Babcock said that there is a water main that goes through the condo and then loops underneath the canal and comes back to Jefferson.

Mr. Caron asked if we will need to put in a temporary line above ground.

Mr. Babcock said that we should not need to turn anyone off during this project but if we need to, we will notify the residents.

Mr. Caron asked if the line underneath Harbor Place is marked so that during this project it will not get hit.

Mr. Babcock said yes, there are valves on both sides of the canal.

Mr. Vitale asked if we will have enough volume since we are abandoning the 6-inch line and then pipe bursting the 16-inch line to install a new one.

Mr. Babcock said yes, we will have enough volume. He clarified that the old 6-inch line was for the homes that were there and anything else will be transferred to the 16-inch line.

Mr. Rubello asked if there will be good pressure.

Mr. Babcock said that the flow will be better.

**Moved by Council Member Rubello, supported by Council Member Frederick to approve the 9 Mile Water Main installation project and the City portion of the project, \$710,000.**

**Item 4c Continued**

Ayes: All-7

**d. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER**

**Background Brief:** On January 20, 2020, City Council awarded a Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Project to D & D Water and Sewer, Inc., of Canton, Michigan. D & D then partnered with a sub-contractor, All Seasons Underground Construction, Inc. The two (2) contractors have worked well on completing the necessary work.

The City has to-date replaced 583 lead service lines (LSL) or galvanized with lead service lines (GWLSL). Currently we know of 24 homes with LSL or GWLSL. 7 of the 24 homes have agreed to have their service lines replaced.

D & D is no longer interested in replacing the various LSL or GWLSL that we find as they are working in other municipalities across the State. All Seasons, however, is interested in continuing to replace LSL or GWLSL as long as we are able to clump enough appointments to make it worth their time to mobilize to our City.

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Economic Impact:** The cost to replace a LSL is approximately \$5,000 per home based on the distance from the curb stop (shut-off) to the water meter inside the home. The City's fiscal year 2024 budget has allocated \$50,000 in Water Department Budget account number 591-540-980.086 for LSL replacement work.

**Recommendation:** It is our recommendation to continue LSL replacement work with All Seasons. City staff, inspectors, and residents have been happy with the quality and cleanliness of the work done by All Seasons. It is our recommendation to approve a blanket purchase order, in the amount of \$50,000, for All Seasons. This will allow for the 7 homes LSL to be replaced.

Mr. Babcock gave an overview of the project noting that they have replaced 583 lines to date. There are 24 homes that they know of that still have galvanized or lead pipes, however, 7 of these homes have now agreed to let us replace the lines. He said that we are still researching to find out how many more homes have galvanized lines with potential lead joints. He mentioned that the main contractor is now busy with other cities but the sub-contractor is able to continue this project.

Mr. Caron said that with the homes that had the sampling and were sent into EGLE, he asked if we received a response on what actions we have to do with those 10,000 homes.

Mr. Babcock said that initially we were required to sample two times a year, sixty samples a year. The sampling requirement has been reduced to one time per year and thirty samples a year.

Mr. Caron asked if there is any direction on the 10,000 homes that we do not have the verification cards showing that these homes do not have lead lines.

Mr. Babcock said that we had to do random samples for about 450 homes and there were 4 that had galvanized lines. He said that there is a process on how to proceed using the data collected.

Mr. Caron asked if that will require any additional sampling.

Mr. Babcock said that it will require additional verification work.

Mr. Caron suggested that in the future when we do the meter replacement project, we should do the verification in the 10,000 homes that are unknown at that time.

Ms. Rusie said that she understands that with the contractor now being busy and with more cities doing this project it would be harder to find someone else and to proceed with the subcontractor to keep moving forward. She asked if the 17 homes that have not agreed to replace the lines signed any kind of waiver acknowledging that they choose not to replace.

Mr. Babcock indicated that some residents have explained why they do not want this done but most of them are non-responsive.

Ms. Rusie asked if this will cause an issue to be state compliant since we know that these homes have lead lines.

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Mr. Babcock said no, the state understands that this will happen.

Mr. Vitale asked if we can make a note on the deeds for the 17 homes that will not let us replace the lines. So, if that home sells the new buyer is aware.

Mr. Ihrie said that we could file a notice or possibly put a lien on the property.

Mayor and Council agree that the DPW has done a great job on this project.

**Moved by Council Member Rubello, supported by Council Member Frederick to approve a \$50,000 blanket purchase order to continue lead service line replacement work with All Seasons Underground Construction, Inc., 5687 Pawson Road, Tipton, MI 49287.**

Ayes: All-7

**e. REQUEST TO APPROVE EMERGENCY POOL REPAIR**

**Background Brief:** On the morning of Friday, July 14, 2023, the pool experienced a catastrophic failure of Filter # 2. The tank ruptured, and water and sand filled both the Pump House and the parking lot. Jason Harms immediately reached out to our pool consultant, Mr. Nick Shelton, who began contacting pool service companies around the state for possible solutions. After several hours, Nick could locate only 1 vendor with the needed equipment in stock; Advanced Pool Services.

The owner of Advanced Pool Services, Mr. Gregg Paulsen, immediately came out to the pool to inspect the damage and provided a quote of \$60,000 to replace the two bad filters with 6 smaller filters which would be plumbed in sequence to provide the needed flow rate.

On Monday, July 17, Mr. Harms received approval from the City Manager's office to authorize the Emergency Repair, and by 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 21, repairs had been completed and we were able to open the pool to our residents. The City had two bad weather days during that time period where the pool would have been closed, resulting in less than five (5) days of downtime.

Once the demolition of the Pump House begins, one (1) of these six (6) new filters will be transferred to the kiddie pool to replace aging equipment, the other five (5) remaining filters will be stored at DPW and our pool vendors and other local municipalities will be notified that they may be purchased from us.

**Previous Action:** The City Manager authorized an emergency purchase on July 17, 2023, in accordance with the General Purchasing Policies ordinance (Sec. 2-603).

**Economic Impact:** \$60,000 charged to 101-759-980-737.

**Recommendation:** I recommend the approval of the emergency purchase for pool filter repair in the amount of \$60,000 to Advanced Pool Services.

Mr. Greene explained that the pool was closed due to a sand filter that ruptured. They worked with one of our vendors and had to go from two filters to six smaller filters. He said that Mr. Lent had authorized this purchase so we could keep the pool open for the rest of the summer. At this time, we are looking for a formal approval from Council for the purchase. He indicated that since we are renovating, we are looking at repurposing one of the filters for the kiddie pool and then sell the other five filters.

Mayor Walby noted that this was a good decision and that the pool was only closed for one week.

Mr. Vitale asked if we should keep one of the filters as a backup for the kiddie pool and only sell four.

Mr. Greene said he will look into it.

Mr. Frederick asked if we are using the same filter for the splash pad

Mr. Greene said no.

**Moved by Council Member Frederick, supported by Council Member Caron to approve the emergency pool filter repair purchase in the amount of \$60,000 to Advanced Pool Services and approve a budget amendment of \$60,000 to 101-759-980-737.**

**Item 4e Continued**

Ayes: All-7

5. **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 the 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 – g**

a. **Bills**

September 21, 2023 \$6,048,705.29

Resolved to approve the release of checks in the amount of \$6,048,705.29 for services rendered, of the report that is 26 pages in length, and of the grand total amount of \$6,048,705.29, \$2,088,753.61 went to other taxing authorities.

b. **Fees** - None

c. **Progress Payments**

Resolved that the following Progress Payments be approved as presented:

Z Contractor	\$ 392,734.70
Mark Anthony Contracting	\$ 150,788.63
Florence Cement Company	\$ 7,837.50
Lawrence M Clarke, Inc.	\$ 88,110.84
Underground Infrastructure Services	\$ 15,840.00
Mark Anthony Contracting	\$ 23,510.70
Mark Anthony Contracting	\$ 54,631.03
Inland Waters Pollution Control	\$ 10,625.00
Al's Asphalt Paving	\$ 62,639.36

d. **Approval of Minutes**

Resolved that the following minutes be approved as presented:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Council	August 21, 2023
Council	September 5, 2023
Council	September 18, 2023

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

Resolved that the following minutes be received and filed:

<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>
Fence Arbitration Board	June 21, 2023
Library Board	August 17, 2023
Mechanical Equipment Arbitration	August 28, 2023
Police & Fire Civil Service Commission	June 22,2023
Senior Advisory Committee	June 15, 2023

f. **Recommendations from the Council Sub Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Resolved to accept the following resignations and appoint/reappoint applicants as recommended by the City Council Sub-Committee as follows:

1. **Accept with Regret the following Resignations and Vacancies:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>
James Culberson	Beautification Commission
James Adzigian	Senior Advisory Committee
Tom McKenney	Zoning Board of Appeals

**Item 5f Continued****2. Recommendation to Mayor and Council to appoint the following:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term End Date</u>
Tom Schuster <i>(to the vacant seat of Michael Leydet)</i>	Historical Commission	December 31, 2024

**3. Recommendation to Mayor to appoint the following:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term End Date</u>
Erik Anderson <i>(to the vacant alternate seat of Chase Denman)</i>	Communications Commission	September 30, 2024
William Hamilton <i>(to the vacant alternate seat of Gerrit Ketelhut)</i>	Compensation Commission	October 1, 2028
Mary Jo Nanni <i>(to the vacant position of Leonard Palermino)</i>	Compensation Commission	October 1, 2025

**4. Recommendation to Mayor and Council to reappoint the following:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Commission</u>	<u>Term End Date</u>
Paul Ellis	TIFA	November 18, 2027
Geri Hofmann	TIFA	November 18, 2027
Anthony Bellestri	TIFA	November 18, 2027
Mark Balon	Waterfront Environmental Committee	November 18, 2026

**5. Recommend to Mayor and Council to receive, file and submit the Annual Reports/Attendance for FY 2022/2023****g. Request Approval To Install Fiber Optic Cable in Right of Way**

**Background Brief:** COMCAST is seeking approval to install approximately 90' of fiber optic cable in conduit using directional boring along the west side of Little Mack, north of Revere, to provide telecommunication services to 24825 Little Mack, Suite 100.

**Previous Action:** N/A

**Economic Impact:** None

**Recommendation:** I recommend approval of the request to install fiber optic cable in the right of way along Little Mack.

Ayes: All-7

**6. UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UPS FROM PRIOR COUNCIL MEETING**

- **Mr. Frederick asked that the Council review the sale of city lots being taken care of by residents at a future study session.** This is noted and will be included in a future study session.
- **Mr. Vitale mentioned an issue on the following streets:**
  - **Greencrest** – The sidewalks will soon be replaced and the boulevard/lawn areas will be restored.
  - **Gordon** – Hennesy Engineers met with both home owners and they agree with the plan. The timeline will be established this week for the contractor to make the repairs. Mr. Vitale asked to be notified of the timeline when it is completed.
  - **Ridgeway** – The concrete has been cleaned off the building but the restoration still needs to be done.
  - **Statler & Harper easement** – CDI has been in contact with DTE and the issue has been communicated to their property restoration team on 9/23/23 but we are still waiting for an update.

**Issues were related to the street replacement/repair, stump grinding/removal, easements and sidewalks that need repair, etc.**
- **Mr. Vitale mentioned the Saratoga Village was supposed to have landscaping in the backyard to create privacy but there is no privacy for the residents.** CDI called the president of the board and said that more arborvitaes are needed. Ms. Pike said that she will follow up. Mr. Vitale asked to keep him updated.



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- **Mr. Accica mentioned Marc Anthony dry saw cutting concrete around the kids at the senior center.** Mr. Liebert met with the contractor about this concern.
- **Mr. Accica mentioned there is no parking at Kyte Monroe Park.** CDI and Recreation will review the parking at Kyte Monroe as part of the overall Recreation plan.
- **Mr. Rubello asked if the water use is up or down for the City.** Mr. Babcock sent an email on 09/22/23.

**Resident Comment:**

- **Resident #1 – SCS resident – Spoke on Police body cameras, and requested every officer wear a body camera.** Chief Allen sent out an email to Council and provided the camera policy.
- **Lawanda Turner – SCS Resident – Spoke on an issue with her rental house and requested help/repayment of her lawyer fees.** The complaint has been dismissed and if we reimburse the attorney fees this would be need to be initiated from administration and then approved by Council.

**7. COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mr. Frederick** said that the Police and Fire Departments will be having open houses this coming weekend. He mentioned the Macomb County Care House Christmas for kids event. He gave updates on Library events and noted that the Library was approved for the LSTA Public Library Services grant of \$21,950.

**Mr. Vitale** requested an update on a letter that Council received from a resident on Ardmore Drive regarding a home that is nearing 35 feet and they were only granted a 32-foot variance and the property is unkept. He also needs an update on the vacation of the alley behind the North Shore Valet cleaners

Ms. Pike said that herself, the City Attorney, and the owners spoke to the adjacent property owner about the restraints that it would cause the dry cleaners if the alley was vacated. The person who applied for the vacation would need to withdraw the request or they can move forward with Council to make a decision. She said they are still waiting for an answer.

Mr. Vitale mentioned the upcoming fall rummage sale at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

**Mr. Accica** noted that the school near Ardmore Street and Greater Mack was not aware that construction was starting and it is challenging for parents to drop off their children. He mentioned another resident on Ardmore that thanked us for the stump removal but is asking if it will have sod or see put down.

**Mr. Rubello** mentioned the senior center parking lot will be completed next year. He gave updates on the downtown district events. He announced that there will be three \$500 scholarships available from the waterfront environmental committee. He listed some new businesses on the north end of the City between 12 Mile and 14 Mile. He asked if we can put a ramp over an approach at a house on Masonic during construction.

Ms. Pike said she will look into it.

Mr. Rubello asked if there is anything that can be done for the brick walls that have been destroyed in front of businesses.

**Ms. Rusie** announced the Cultural Commission's Halloween event field trip coming up. She mentioned an upcoming presentation at the Library on Michigan hauntings. She said the hockey opening ceremony and the Shorestober fest were a success. She talked about the upcoming Halloween Tour Event. She said the Woman's Civic League wanted to thank everyone for attending the meet the candidates.

**Mr. Caron** reminded everyone about the Halloween event at Veteran's Memorial Park. He thanked Ms. Pike and Ms. Koto for all of their work on the budgeting for the Senior Center. We are now able to get a new parking lot, a new canopy, and a walking track outside. He asked Ms. Pike to send the final design to Council before it goes out to bid.

**8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - None****9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Gary Geisler, a St. Clair Shores resident, expressed his concerns on why Brookdale Boulevard needs to be replaced.

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Mr. Mike Holzhauser, a Detroit resident, spoke on donating his property to the City of St. Clair Shores.

Commissioner Barbara Zinner mentioned that director Cox received a grant from Lansing for health services. She said that she attended the All Dental, located on Harper, ribbon cutting and she noted that the apple pies from the Senior Center were delicious.

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Caron, seconded by Frederick to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Approved 7-0**

Ayes: All-7

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KIP C. WALBY, MAYOR

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ABRIAL J. BARRETT, CITY CLERK

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