

Agenda
City of St. Clair Shores Council Workshop
Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 8:00 am
22185 Masonic, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082
(St. Clair Shores Country Club)

1. Proactive measures to date

- a) Positions eliminated
- b) Extra voted millage

2. Future measures

- a) Consolidated services
- b) Sterling Heights Deficit Reduction Survey
- c) Future positions (4 open now)
- d) Extra voted millage
 - 1. Street – last levy 7-1-2009. Need Council adoption by June 15 to make the general election in November.
 - 2. Police & Fire – last levy 7-1-2010
 - 3. Additional voted millage
- e) Clean water initiative

3. Questions and Answers

Please bring with you to the workshop your copy of the current budget (with goldenrod pages) and the 2007 annual report.

Individuals with disabilities or impairments who plan to attend this meeting need to contact the City Clerk's office at (586) 447-3303 or via Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (771 from TTY) if auxiliary aides or services are needed. Anyone requesting items to be placed on the agenda must submit the request in writing to the City Clerk (12) days prior to the meeting.

Posted: February 27, 2009 2:00 pm

CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
ELIMINATED POSITIONS
FROM FY 2002 TO PROPOSED FY 2009

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT	% LOSS	ELIMINATED POSITIONS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE
Court	3	14.29%	Deputy Court Administrator & 2 Clerks	\$ 227,642
City Manager	1	25.00%	Labor Relations Assistant	98,539
Finance	2	14.29%	Clerks	137,198
City Clerk	1	20.00%	Phone Operator	6,308
Assessing	3	50.00%	Deputy Assessor, Dept Secretary, & Personal Prop Appraiser	271,051
IS	1	33.33%	Systems Specialist	76,855
Bldg. Maint.	2	40.00%	Director, Skilled Trades	209,670
Police	6	5.61%	1 Deputy Chief, 1 Sergeant, 2 Officers, 1 Dispatcher, 1 Clerk,	638,477
Fire	4	7.41%	Inspector & 3 Firefighters	400,614
CDI	2	11.76%	Asst. Dir, Constr. Insp. & Build. Official (added Code Enf. Sup.)	231,191
P & R Admin	0		Elminated Deputy Dir and added Prog. & Athletic Mgr	7,817
Arena	1	50.00%	Maintenance II	75,021
Parks	2	40.00%	Ground Maintenance	144,772
Library	5	31.25%	Librarian I, Librarian II, 3 Library Aid I	381,219
	<u>33</u>			<u>2,906,374</u>
UTILITY FUND				
Water	7	35.00%	Construction Insp. , 3 Main/ Install, 2 Meter readers, 1 SEO	517,403
Sewer	2	22.22%	Laborer	144,772
	<u>9</u>			<u>662,175</u>
MOTORPOOL FUND				
	3	50.00%	Supervisor, Laborer, & Acct Clerk	243,177
STREETS FUND				
	4	36.36%	3 Laborer; 1 Sign Technician	292,179
	<u>49</u>			<u>\$ 4,103,905</u>

Potential New Revenue Sources & Expenditure Savings City Council Deficit Reduction Survey

Confidential

--- Check Box To Rank Each Idea

Potential New Revenues	Estimated Dollars	Strongly Consider	Consider	Neutral	Do Not Consider	Need Additional Information
1 Tax Admin. Fee on City tax rate (in addition to non-City rates)	\$525,000					
2 Business Occupancy Permit & Annual Renewal Fee	250,000					
3 ALS Cost Recovery Fee (paid by City's Ambulance contractor)	200,000					
4 Auto Injury Accident Cost Recovery Fee (resident's car insurance)	200,000					
5 Auto Injury Accident Cost Recovery Fee (non-resident)	150,000					
6 Police Arrest Booking Fee (paid only if convicted)	100,000					
7 Hazardous Material Incident Recovery Fee	100,000					
8 Tree Branch Chipping Fee	100,000					
9 Reinstate Weighmaster Enforcement Program	75,000					
10 Suspicious Fire Response & Investigation Fee	75,000					
11 Towed Vehicle Recovery Fee (\$20 per impound)	48,000					
12 Down Wire Fire Response Fee (electric company pays)	30,000					
13 Sterlingfest \$5 Concert fee (non-resident)	25,000					
14 Fire Reinspection & Revised Plan Review Fee	25,000					
Smaller Fee Changes:	300,000					
15 Sterlingfest Beer Tent cover charge (\$3 per adult)						
16 Sterlingfest parking charge (\$5 per car)						
17 Response fee to non fire emergencies - Senior Housing facilities						
18 Housing Rental Inspection fee						
19 Landscaper licensing fee						
20 Ballfield fees for teams not affiliated with Parks & Rec. (travel teams)						
21 Fuel assessment surcharge on all police tickets issued						
22 City Sponsorship revenues from SHTV, naming rights to City facilities						
23 Increase all 41-A District Court fees						
24 Seek increase to County 911 Fee on all phone lines						
25 Increase all non-resident fees by 25%						
26 Music in the Park fee - or program sponsorship						
27 Nominal fee for Library programs/classes						
28 Institute 3% penalty for delinquent school taxes, similar to City taxes						
29 Citizen program to issue handicapped parking tickets						
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,203,000</u>					

Potential Expenditure Savings						
30 Freeze positions thru retirement incentives (6 positions)	\$480,000					
31 Seek 1% paid benefit concessions next labor contracts (2 yrs)	400,000					
32 Seek mandatory generic drugs (including retirees)	300,000					
33 Downsize City Development due to lower demand (4 position)	300,000					
34 Hold Sterlingfest bi-annually	275,000					
35 Hold Sterlingfest annually w/o entertainment/beer (Art Fair or)	150,000					
36 Negotiate hiring part-time personnel in lieu of full-time	200,000					
37 Eliminate school crossing guard program	195,000					
38 Return maintenance of all county roads back to county	150,000					

— Check Box To Rank Each Idea

Potential Expenditure Savings (continued)

	Estimated Dollars	Strongly Consider	Consider	Neutral	Do Not Consider	Need Additional Information
39 Reduce 1 of 3 DARE positions in schools (or use Drug Funds)	150,000					
40 Eliminate Special Recreation programs as few are residents	150,000					
41 Eliminate Summer Playground Program (or further consolidation)	150,000					
42 Reduce Police court overtime with assistance from prosecutor	100,000					
43 Share services with other cities (Dispatch, Library, Tax Billing)	100,000					
44 Privatize Animal Control	100,000					
45 Require Athletic Clubs to pay for sports officials	68,000					
46 Negotiate Engineering staff to plow snow during emergencies	60,000					
47 Eliminate City Calendar (printing and mailing)	45,000					
48 Retain all Sterlingfest Carnival proceeds instead of Chamber	37,500					
49 Eliminate Fire Department public education	30,000					
50 Eliminate Library Sunday Hours/open at 10am during week	30,000					
51 Hold Fire Open House bi-annually or partner with union	25,000					
52 Eliminate Michigan Week Employee Banquet	22,000					
53 Eliminate out of state travel (dollar limit per employee)	20,000					
54 Fully eliminate Employee Tuition Reimbursement	20,000					
55 Revert back to smaller paper newsletter format for City Magazine	20,000					
56 Reduce number of employee take-home vehicles/limit gas	20,000					
57 Negotiate elimination of Executive Physicals	18,000					
58 Eliminate community agency memberships	28,250					
59 Eliminate Sterling Christmas	12,000					
60 Eliminate Employee Holiday Luncheon	9,000					
61 Eliminate funding for Sterlingscapes	6,000					
62 Eliminate 20 non-essential Nextel phones, blackberries	5,000					
Total Expenditures	\$3,675,750					

Total Revenue & Expenditures

\$5,878,750

Other Ideas

63 Seek voter approval for City Income Tax (by law, resident rate is double the non-resident rate)					
64 Seek State legislation and voter approval for City sales tax					
65 Seek voter approval for Headlee override to eliminate need for cuts					
66 Direct City Manager & Directors to eliminate lowest priority services					
67 5% across the board department reductions in lieu of other cuts (Police & Fire depts. could not achieve this without impacting sworn officers)					
68 Eliminate retiree health care for new employees - next round of contracts					
69 Decriminalize certain City ordinances to increase local share of Court fines					

Other Suggested Ideas: Fill in blanks

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ST. CLAIR SHORES FIRE DEPT.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 5, 2008
TO: City Manager Ken Podolski
FROM: Fire Chief Matt Kovalcik *MK*
RE: Ambulance rates

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Medicare have made substantial changes in the allowable base rates and mileage amounts. Accumed has recommended that we raise our rates to be in line with the revised fees.

Although we are always reluctant to increase any fees to our residents, we have not had a fee increase since 2005. Accumed has recommended increases to our ALS 2, BLS, mileage and oxygen rates.
(See attached.)

When you get a chance, I would like to review the attachment and come to a conclusion as to our next move.

MK/cm

AMBULANCE FEES & BCBS/MEDICARE ALLOWABLE CHARGES

Level of Care	SCS Fee	BCBS Allowed	Suggested Change
BLS Residential	\$300	\$407.32	\$407 or more
BLS Non-residential	\$430	\$407.32	\$407 or more
ALS Residential	\$500	@ allowable rate	
ALS Non-residential	\$550	@ allowable rate	
ALS 2 Residential	\$500	\$700.07	\$700 or more
ALS 2 Non-residential	\$620	\$700.07	\$700 or more
Mileage	\$ 7	\$ 9.07	\$9.50
Oxygen	\$ 0	\$39.71	\$40.00

cc: M. Kovalcik
7/16/08 AUB

AccuMed Billing, Inc.

Important Memo

To: AccuMed Clients
From: Jan Tjernlund
Date: 6/20/2008
Re: **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan –Fee Changes**

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan has just posted their 2008 Fee Schedule. There are some substantial changes in some base rates and mileage. As a courtesy, we are bringing these revised fees to your attention. We recommend that you examine what your department is currently charging and raise your rates if any of your current charges are under the new BCBSM Fee Schedule. The Revised Fees are listed below:

Mileage	\$9.07
ALS1 (Non-ER)	\$452.72
ALS (ER)	\$483.23
ALS2	\$700.07
SCT	\$827.35
BLS	\$302.56
BLS (ER)	\$407.32
Oxygen	\$39.71
Waiting Time	\$54.24 (1/2 hr increments: not payable 1 st 1/2 hour)

If you would like to increase your fees, please visit the AccuMed website at www.accumedbilling.com and click on forms. You will find a Fee Change Request form that you may complete, print and sign. Please fax the completed form to my attention. The fax number is 734-479-6319. You may also call me and I will e-mail or fax a blank form to you.

AccuMed will send you an acknowledgement of receiving the changes and verification that they are changed in our database. Please call me if you have any questions at 800 926 6985 ext. 207.

IHRIE O'BRIEN
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February 25, 2009

Mr. Tim Haney
Director of Finance
27600 Jefferson Circle Drive
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093

VIA FACSIMILE (586) 445-5245

Re: Legal Request 09-07

Dear Mr. Haney:

You have asked whether monies levied from the attached Proposal A may be used for sewer maintenance.

Proposal A, which passed 4,487 to 4,068, includes in pertinent part, the following language:

“...for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of repairs, replacements and improvements to sewage water disposal systems to help clean up Lake St. Clair ...”

You indicated to me during our telephone discussion that “sewer maintenance” includes actions such as televising sewers, cleaning, fixing leaks, replacing broken portions and including the necessary personnel to accomplish same. The language of the ballot proposal is broad in scope and nature. Certainly, all of the “maintenance” actions, including but not limited to those detailed above would seem to fall squarely under the broader umbrella of repairs, replacements and improvements. As such, it is my opinion that the monies levied pursuant to the ballot proposal may be used for general maintenance purposes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


IHRIE O'BRIEN

Robert D. Ihrie
City Attorney

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CITY PROPOSALS
City of St. Clair Shores, Macomb County, Michigan

PROPOSAL B. MANDATED PROJECTS

If Proposal A does not pass, shall the City of St. Clair Shores levy additional millage on the real and personal property within the City not to exceed the annual rate of 1.33 mills on each dollar (\$1.33 on each \$1,000.00) of the taxable value of such property for a period not to exceed 30 years, commencing no later than July 1, 2000, for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of repairs, replacements and improvements to sewage water disposal systems to help clean up Lake St. Clair as required by the Clean Water Act, including those mandated by the Administrative Consent Order from the State of Michigan under which the City is obligated and by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits for the Martin and Chapoton discharge outlets into Lake St. Clair, and related water main and road work, including the paving of a portion of Jefferson and Warner Roads?

YES	44
NO	45



Passed 4861 / 3555

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CITY PROPOSALS
City of St. Clair Shores, Macomb County, Michigan

PROPOSAL A. MANDATED AND OTHER CRITICAL PROJECTS

Shall the City of St. Clair Shores levy additional millage on the real and personal property within the City not to exceed the annual rate of 2 mills on each dollar (\$2.00 on each \$1,000.00) of the taxable value of such property for a period not to exceed 30 years, commencing no later than July 1, 2000, for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of repairs, replacements and improvements to sewage water disposal systems to help clean up Lake St. Clair as required by the Clean Water Act, including those mandated by the Administrative Consent Order from the State of Michigan under which the City is obligated and by National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permits for the Martin and Chapoton discharge outlets to Lake St. Clair, and in connection with the 11 Mile Road bypass, the 9 Mile Drain, the Martin Drain Outfall, Jefferson and Bon Bree repairs, sewer separation projects, sewage system control systems, water main, and related road work, including the paving of a portion of Jefferson and Warner Roads?

YES	25
NO	26



Passed 4847 / 4068

City of St. Clair Shores

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REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICE 09-07

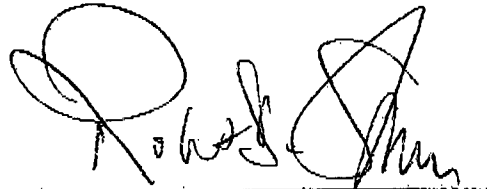
Date Required: ASAP
Reason for Deadline:

LR 09-07
From: Tim Haney
Finance Director

REQUEST:

Please see attached millage language. Can we use a portion of that millage to pay for sewer maintenance?

RESPONSE: See attached.



CITY ATTORNEY