

**MINUTES
ST. CLAIR SHORES CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2010**

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 Frederick, McFadyen, Rubello, Rubino, Rusie and Walby

Also Present: City Manager Podolski, Assistant City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kotowski, Director D'Herde and City Attorney Albright

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

Mayor Hison called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Ms. Kotowski, City Clerk, called the roll with a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Hison stated that a Council Sub-Committee for the City Manager search consisting of Mr. Walby, Ms. Rusie, Mayor Hison and Mr. Smith has done the preliminary work to get us to this point today. They reviewed 50 applications submitted from all over the country as well as many from Michigan. The Committee's process was to first reduce the applicants down to 15. Then in subsequent meetings we reduced the list down to 12 then 6, and finally to the 5 candidates to be interviewed today. This week one of the five withdrew so today we are going to interview the top 4 candidates.

Mr. Smith explained the process to be followed for the interviews noting that names have been kept confidential up to today as they are currently employed and have the right to be kept confidential up to this point. The interview schedule will be a random selection. Then each candidate will be given three minutes for their opening comments, Council will ask their questions and then they will be given a three minute closing.

After each interview, there will be a brief intermission to escort the candidate out of the room, the cameras will be turned off and it will be noted on the screen for residents watching from home. The candidates are not allowed to watch the interviews of the other candidates. These interviews will only be aired today as this will be a 6 -7 hour meeting. The video taping of the meeting will be available in the Library and can be checked out just like any other Council meeting.

Mr. Smith noted in the interviews today, you will not find Council asking background information on educational and professional employment as this research was done by the Sub-Committee as well as why they left previous employment. We did hire a professional background services firm to review their educational and employment history and credentials. The Mayor and Council have reviewed all this information and put a lot of time and effort in to researching these top 4 finalists.

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

3. INTERVIEWS WITH CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES

The Candidates were interviewed in the following order as randomly pulled by the Mayor: Grant A Kleinhenz, Ann K Capela, James C Payne, and Benjamin M Hughes.

Mayor Hison called a temporary recess at 12:12 pm and the meeting resumed at 12:52 pm.

It was noted that Council has scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, March 8, 2010 where the selection of a new City Manager will be decided. All residents were reminded that there is City Manager Candidates Reception this evening at 7:00 pm at the Golf Course and all were encouraged to attend.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT) - None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Frederick, seconded by Rubino to adjourn at 2:07 p.m.

Ayes: All – 7

ROBERT A HISON, MAYOR

MARY A. KOTOWSKI, CITY CLERK