

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 547 N CARNEY DRIVE**

Mayor Cedar convened the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney.

ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION: Michael Booth, City Superintendent; Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director; DJ Boulier, Building Inspector; Katie Stepp, Harbormaster.

AUDIENCE: There were 17 people in attendance.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A., with correction to BS&A software purchase roll call vote on 3/2/16, otherwise as presented.

- A. City Council Minutes of March 2, 2016 Special & March 7, 2016 Regular Meeting: Approved

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cedar opened the hearing at 7:07pm for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the City of St. Clair's application for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund Grant for Palmer Park Boardwalk Rehabilitation. Trice Hawkins, Recreation Director, consulting with Michael Hilfinger, Strategic Communication Solutions, prepared the application. Mr. Hilfinger distributed documents to council (attached and made part of these minutes) which included applicable deadlines, requested amount, match amount and definition of grant type. The application requests \$300,000 with a City match of 25%, for a maximum match of \$75,000. The estimated start date of the project is mid to late 2017. The project consists of full replacement of the boardwalk. Resident comment included support of the project. No one opposed. The public hearing was closed at 7:13pm.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (16-02) Authorization-Local Unit of Government Match –MDNR Trust Fund Grant-

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of St. Clair hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$300,000, and further resolved to make available its financial obligation amount of 25% of a total \$300,000 project cost, during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve application for MDNR Trust Fund Grant.

Ayes: Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Cedar

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution (16-03) Blue Water Offshore Racing Association, Inc. charitable gaming license-

RESOLVED, that the request from Blue Water Offshore Racing Association, asking that they be recognized as a service organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Blue Water Offshore Racing Association (BWORA) requested to be granted nonprofit status to obtain a raffle ticket license from the State to support and expand the race events. Approval of the request was recommended.

McCartney moved, Foley seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution No. 16-03, the Blue Water Offshore Racing Association Charitable Gaming License Resolution.

Ayes: LaPorte, McCartney, Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, Cedar

Nays: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Ordinance Introduction (2016-04)-Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article 8b, Downtown Redevelopment District-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO AMEND ARTICLE 8B "DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT" OF APPENDIX B OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES "ZONING" BY REVISING SECTION 27 "SCHEDULE OF BUILDING USE" AND SECTION 35.1 "DEFINITIONS OF BUILDING AND SITE ELEMENTS."

THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.

Appendix B, Article 8B of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adopting Sections 27 and 35.1 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8B. DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Section 8.27 Schedule of Building Use is amended by adding to the table in the left-hand column entitled "Building" the following two categories "Micro Brewer, Small Wine Maker, and Small Distiller in an Existing Building," and "Micro Brewer, Small Wine Maker, and Small Distiller in a Building Requiring Modifications." The former shall be designated a "Permitted Use" under the column entitled "Riverside Drive" district and the latter shall be designated a "Special Approval Use" under the column entitled "Riverside Drive" district.

Section 8.35.1 Definitions of Building and Site Elements is amended by adding between the definitions of *Liner Building* and *Module* the following: *Micro Brewer, Small Wine Maker and Small Distiller*. Any business whose primary purpose is the creation of alcoholic beverages, where such business has been granted a license issued by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for such operation.

Motion CARRIED, to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-04, the Article 8b, Downtown Redevelopment District Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

All in favor: McCartney, Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, Cedar

Against: None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

**City Superintendent-
City Attorney –
City Departments –
Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative-**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Harbor Internet and phone service provider-

The current internet and phone service provider at the St. Clair Boat Harbor is AT&T. The current pricing is \$189.15 per month plus \$.51 per call and a 5 meg internet. Cost and product comparison with Comcast presents \$199.75 per month plus unlimited calls and a 50 meg internet. The new service will allow for better connectivity for the boaters.

It is recommended by the Harbormaster and City Superintendent to change carriers. Approval for the new 3 year contract is requested.

McCartney moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve contract as presented.

Ayes: Foley, Kindsvater, Klieman, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney, Cedar

Nays: None

Approve Special event permit for Annual Walleye Fishing Tournament-

Police Chief Jefferson requested that the council approve a special events permit for the St Clair Marbleye Classic Committee to hold their annual St Clair Marbleye Fishing Tournament at the St. Clair Boat Harbor and Rotary Park from Friday, May 20, 2016 at 10:00 am through Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is recommended.

Kindsvater moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the St Clair Marbleye Classic Committee special events permit request.

Approve Special event permit for Blue Star Mothers of America 5k Run/Walk-

Council received a Police Chief memorandum dated March 21, 2016 recommending that the City approve the request of the Blue Star Mothers of America Inc to conduct a 5-K race along the bike path and various residential side streets on May 15, 2016 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The applicant has complied with the requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is recommended.

Kuffa moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Blue Star Mothers of America Inc 5k race special events permit request as recommended.

Approve Special event permit for Simply Marcella Be the Match Event-

Council received a Police Chief memorandum dated March 21, 2016 recommending that the City approve the request from Simply Marcella to host a 'Be the Match' charitable community event on June 4, 2016 from 1:00pm-? at 503 N Riverside Avenue. The applicant has complied with the requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is recommended.

Kindsvater moved, McCartney seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Simply Marcella 'Be the Match' special events permit request as recommended.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – March 11 & March 18, 2016

Check registers listing the bills for the period ending March 11, 2016 (check numbers 40811->40868) and March 18, 2016 (check numbers 40869->40912) were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kindsvater seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of March 11 and March 18, 2016 Claims and Accounts as submitted.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – Simply Marcella’s Be the Match charity event encourages registration as a bone marrow donor. Guests will enjoy a fire truck pull, live music, refreshments and more. Teams are now being formed for the fire truck pull.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nominating petitions for Mayor and Council now available. Petitions and Affidavit of Identity due to the local clerk’s office by 4:00pm April 19th.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:31pm.

Katie Stepp, Harbormaster

Bill Cedar, Jr, Mayor