

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Cedar convened the Special Meeting of the City Council to order in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, at 6:00pm to discuss the M-29 Road diet.

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Ellery, Kindsvater, Kuffa, LaPorte, McCartney

ABSENT: Member Klieman

ADMINISTRATION: Michael E. Booth, City Superintendent; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

AUDIENCE: There were 9 people in attendance

M-29 Road Diet- Jill Bauer, representing ROWE and a member of the steering committee, explained the firm was contracted from MDOT to study M-29 from Brown to Clinton. ROWE has conducted many studies and completed many road diets in conclusion notes that reducing lanes and creating a visual does tend to change the mindset of drivers and slow them down. Along with decreasing lanes from 4 to 3, options for the addition of bike lanes and alternate parking were also reviewed. Once an option is approved by council, it would be implemented on a trial run with pavement markings only. After a public hearing, multiple meetings of the steering committee and support from council, then a more accurate timeline can be presented for the pavement markings. If all meetings are timely and a consensus is reached, the possible time frame for pavement markings is fall of 2018. Bike lanes were discussed in length particularly which is the safer option between having the path between the sidewalk and parked cars or between parked cars and moving traffic. The bi-directional bike path is not endorsed by either MDOT or the County. If bike paths are included, they will be with the direction of traffic. Parallel parking on the west side and/or reverse angle parking along the east side was included in both options presented. Several comments included extending the road diet farther south and/or north to city limits, the concern of traffic back up when the bridge is up and the need for all current pedestrian crossings to remain. While a street light is an option, there is a specific process required from MDOT for signaling and the low-cost option of pavement markings should be tried first. The pedestrian traffic needs to be studied first. Not part of this study, but as information for possible future changes, MDOT is contemplating their own study for the M-29/Clinton intersection.

Public Comment- No Comment

Adjourned 6:47pm

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor