

**CITY OF ST CLAIR, MICHIGAN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023- 7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:00pm by Mayor Cedar in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 547 N. Carney Drive, St. Clair, Michigan, 48079.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Cedar, Members Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION: Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent; James T. Downey, Kane, Clemons, Joachim and Downey; Timothy Raker, Police Chief; Annette Sturdy, City Clerk.

AUDIENCE: There were 4 people in attendance.

**CONSENT AGENDA-** LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve Consent Agenda item A. as presented.

A. City Council Minutes of May 15, 2023 Special & Regular meeting: Approved

**PUBLIC HEARING**

St. Clair Industrial Park-Christian B Haas and Jordan Creek Drive Special Assessment-Mayor Cedar opened the hearing at 7:01pm. No comments heard in support or opposition. No written comments received prior to the public hearing. Closed at 7:02pm.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution (23-20) Authorize submission of Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program-

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLAIM FOR THE PROTECTING MICHIGAN PENSION GRANT PROGRAM WHEREAS**, Public Act 166 of 2022, Section 979a(1) appropriated funds to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) for the Protecting MI Pension: Michigan Local Pension Grant Program (Protecting MI Pension) for qualified units that operate a qualified retirement system, and WHEREAS, a “qualified unit” means a city, county, township, village, or road commission that operates a qualified retirement system as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section 979a(7)(c), and WHEREAS, a “qualified retirement system”, as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section 979a(7)(b), means a retirement pension benefit within a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit, with a funded ratio below 60 percent based on the last report filed as required by section 5 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL 38.28035, as of December 31, 2021, and WHEREAS, qualified units with a qualified retirement system are eligible to submit a claim for a grant award for an amount to increase the funding of the qualified retirement system liabilities to 60 percent funded or to a cap of \$170,000,000, whichever amount is less, and WHEREAS, qualified units with qualified retirement systems shall comply with “grant award requirements”, and WHEREAS, “grant award requirements” are defined in Section 979a (2)(a)-(f) of Public Act 166 of 2022, and further detailed as part of the Protecting MI Pension grant application (Treasury Forms 5886 and 5887), and WHEREAS, Treasury requires each qualified unit’s governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for an award for the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program, and WHEREAS, City of St. Clair acknowledges

that it: (i) is a “qualified unit”; (ii) operates a “qualified retirement system”; (iii) agrees to comply with “grant award requirements”; (iv) authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for a grant award on behalf of the local government; And thus, is eligible to participate in a Protecting MI Pension Grant Program; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the St. Clair City Council hereby authorize participation in the Protecting MI Pension grant program and on behalf of the City of St. Clair authorizes Quentin Bishop, City Superintendent, to provide this resolution indicating its approval to Treasury, and to submit and execute documents requested by Treasury relating to the Protecting MI Pension grant program requirements.

Volz moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to adopt Resolution (23-20) as presented.

Ayes: Gottler, Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Cedar

Nays: Watt

## **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

### **REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**City Superintendent** – Report heard on creating water hauler usage contracts.

**City Attorney**- None.

**City Departments**- Report heard from Clerk on increased use of [www.stclairontheriver.com](http://www.stclairontheriver.com) website and special events Free Fishing Derby and Kayak/Canoe rental 6/10/23 & Safety Town and Community Night Out Block party 6/17/23.

**Authority, Board, Commission, Committee Chairman or Council Representative**- None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve amendment to engagement letter from Miller Canfield for Bond Counsel services -

LaPorte moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve proposal of services in the amount of \$38,500.

Ayes: Kuffa, LaPorte, Paul, Volz, Watt, Gottler, Cedar

Nays: None

St. Clair Parks and Recreation Commission 2023 Local Millage Distribution of Funds

Volz moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve the information submitted on the 2023 Local Millage Distribution of Funds request form for distribution in the amount of \$29,379.

Approve special event permit for St. Mary’s Catholic Church Corpus Christi Procession

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from St. Mary’s Catholic church to host the Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 12pm-2pm. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve special event permit for Annual Santa’s Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Council received a memorandum from Police Chief Raker requesting that Council approve a special event permit from City Santa Parade Committee to conduct the annual Lighted Santa Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 17, 2023. The applicant has complied with the necessary requirements of the Special Events Ordinance and issuance of the permit is respectfully recommended.

Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve the special event permit as recommended.

Approve contract for American Fireworks-

Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve contract for an additional \$25,000 due to generous private donations.

Approve permit application for annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks display-  
Kuffa moved, Paul seconded, CARRIED, to approve permit as presented.

Extend July 4<sup>th</sup> vendor hours-  
Kuffa moved, LaPorte seconded, CARRIED, to approve extension of vendor hours on 7/4/23 to 11pm or end of fireworks, whichever is earlier.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – May 17, May 24 & May 31, 2023**

Check register listing the bills for the period ending May 17, 2023 (check numbers 56824-56878) in the amount of \$52,685.52, for the period ending May 24, 2023 (check numbers 56879-56914) in the amount of \$173,467.84 and for the period ending May 31, 2023 (check numbers 56915-56944) in the amount of \$35,746.21 were presented for Council review.

LaPorte moved, Kuffa seconded, CARRIED, to approve payments of May 17, May 24 & May 31, 2023 Claims and Accounts as presented.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS – None**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:31pm.

Annette Sturdy, City Clerk

Bill Cedar, Jr., Mayor