

ATTENTION ALL CLASSIC AND STREET RODDERS

Let me start out by saying that the Mayor and the City Council members were never notified of this attached letter prior to it being sent out by the City Manager. **I ask Why?**

In reference to the stated \$69.65 per hour (which includes overtime) for a police officer, if you do the math, it actually comes up to \$46.07 per hour. The actual straight pay is \$30.71 an hour, for a Senior officer. That would be \$30.71 + \$15.36 (OT) = \$46.07. That is a difference of \$23.58 per officer. **Why the discrepancy?**

Next, the letter states the officers are necessary from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The actual car show **doesn't start until 6:30 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m.**, which were the hours the City Council voted on and the time frame the streets are barricaded. **Why should there be an extra 2 1/2 hours to be paid for by the car show?**

Local shop owners have verbally communicated to the Council what an **asset** the car show has been to their businesses and to the downtown area, and in fact, one new business opened specifically because of the car show and what future business it would bring to their shop. Local businesses also willingly donate money to help fund the weekly car show. Street vendors pay for space to sell their foods.

There have been individuals who have sacrificed their time and/or their own money to make this Friday "**Get to Gether**" possible year after year for all to enjoy and share in.

The "**History Cruze**" is a family outing, young and old sharing past memories and making new ones. It's friends getting together exchanging car stories and experiences. It's our senior citizens coming down the street with their walkers talking about "**The Good Old Days**", with a smile on their faces. **I ask you, do you want to loose this?**

In 14 years the "**History Cruze**" and its participants have never caused any: Property damage, Misconduct or Arrests.

Through the years it has become increasingly more difficult to have the "**History Cruze**" voted in by city government. City Council members Mike Kuehn and Dan Zick and the City Manager are not pro "**History Cruze**" fans. Here is a number you can call and ask the Council members **WHY** they don't want the car show and what it does economically for North St. Paul. **651-747-2400**.

There **not only** needs to be the continued dedication from the same group of people that have gone before the City Council every year to plead for the "**History Cruze**", but **ALL OF US CAR OWNERS**, that enjoy and participate in the show every summer. They can't do it alone. If we don't help **we will loose it**.

There's a website, that in November, will start listing information about the City Council meetings regarding the car show and when they will be voting:**www.historycruzer.com** There needs to be **YOUR** support at these meetings; after all aren't **we a family** of sorts?

A Classic Car Enthusiast

August 28, 2007

Mr. John Pontrelli
2092 Amy Circle
North Saint Paul, MN 55109

Re: City Incurred Expenses for the Friday Night Car Shows

Dear John:

The North Saint Paul City Council approved your request for an extension to the Car Show at its August 7, 2007 meeting. The extensions are contingent upon the History Cruzers covering all expenses incurred by the North Saint Paul Police Department. Additionally, the \$150 per night charge for Public Works maintenance will also continue. The Police Chief has reviewed the staffing requirements for the Car Show and has determined that two additional police officers are necessary from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on each night of the show. The current rate for the police officer is \$69.65 per hour. Therefore, the cost for each show for two officers at six hours is \$835.80. The \$150 maintenance costs must also be added in, making the per-night total \$985.80. The total for the three shows would be \$2,957.40.

The History Cruzers are only obligated to pay for those shows that take place. Therefore, if inclement weather occurs and the show does not take place, no payment is necessary, as the City has not incurred any additional expenses. Payment is due by October 1, 2007.

As previously agreed to, the History Cruzers are to pay the maintenance cost associated with the Car Shows to the City in the amount of \$150 per show. Between June 8th and August 24th twelve shows were held; therefore, the total cost for these shows is \$1,800. Please remit to the City \$1,800 for maintenance services for these twelve shows.

If you have any further questions please contact me at 651-747-2421.

Sincerely,



Walter T. Wysopal
City Manager

Cc: Tom Lauth
Keith Stachowski