

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
May 23, 2023

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held at the Norton Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Hylland, Jurkas, Moulatsiotis and Olson; also, Mark Meyers, Taylor Hobby, Anthony Chandler, Chris Lyonnais, Marc Vanderstelt and Joe Kinnucan

1. Michigan Futbol Academy Presentation

Director of Administrative Services Anthony Chandler informed Council members about the disbandment of the Storm soccer club component of the Sailor/Storm program and that the Michigan Futbol Academy (MFA) has since been enlisted to operate as the club soccer option. The Storm soccer program had been utilizing the Porter/Smitty fields under an agreement with the City and MFA would like to enter into a similar agreement to continue to use the fields as their homesite for the newly formed Northshore soccer club. Brett Beckett, MFA Club Operations Manager, explained to council how this change transpired and how MFA envisions the future for the kids involved with the Northshore soccer club. Mr. Beckett also gave insight on the initial improvements that they would like to make to the fields once an agreement is in place. Staff will continue to work with the club on consummating an agreement that will come before city council.

2. Economic Development Webpage Presentation

City Administrator Mark Meyers presented the new economic development webpage to City Council. The page provides information for businesses who may want to locate in Norton Shores and to be used as a resource for the residents to stay up to date on new residential, commercial and industrial developments. Council members had positive comments about the site. Council Member Hylland suggested adding the status of each project to those listed on the site and also adding the local street projects for the year. Mr. Meyers encouraged Council to reach out with any suggestions for the website as it will continue to be a work in progress.

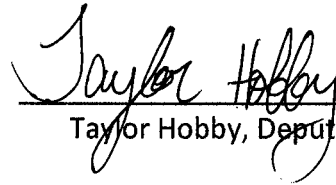
3. Proposed Quota Liquor License Fee

Mr. Meyers shared with Council members that Norton Shores has two quota liquor licenses available. The City has a policy in place which contains guidelines for granting such licenses to businesses. Mr. Meyers suggested to Council that there should be a charge for the quota liquor licenses. He proposed \$5,000 as the fee amount. Council members were in favor of a charge for the licenses expressing that it should be more than \$5,000. Council Member Olson suggested researching if bonds for the licenses would be possible as opposed to a fee. Based on the discussion, City Attorney Hughes and staff will research the possibility of bonds and what the charge should be to buy the license outright.

General Comments

Mr. Meyers reminded Council that there is no meeting on May 30. Mr. Meyers, also, shared that planters will be installed along Seminole Road on June 5. In addition to the planters staff will be purchasing and putting up more banners.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34p.m.

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Taylor Hobby, Deputy City Clerk