

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road. Pastor Vandermolen delivered the invocation.

Prior to calling the June 7, 2022 City Council meeting to order, Council Member Hylland moved to approve appointing Council Member Morgenstern to be the Presiding Officer over the meeting due to the absence of Mayor Nelund and Mayor Pro Tem Moulatsiotis. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

Present: Council Members Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Olson, Sowa and Presiding Officer Morgenstern; also, Enrika McGahan, Anthony Chandler, Taylor Hobby, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Bob Gagnon and Marc Vanderstelt

Absent: Mayor Nelund and Council Member Moulatsiotis

22-077 Minutes

Council Member Flanders moved to approve the May 17 council minutes. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

22-078 Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the May 24 work session minutes. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher. The motion was amended to change "...rerouting the trail to go north to the new Dune Harbor Park *instead of* south...", in item 1. ARPA Funds Allocation Proposal, to "...rerouting the trail to go north to the new Dune Harbor Park *in addition to* south..." and carried unanimously.

22-079 Consent

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) Discharge CDBG Lien – 2856 Continental Street, b) CDBG 2022 Action Plan and c) Set Public Hearing Date of July 5, 2022 – 1) Abandon Easement, 1725 W. Sherman Blvd. and 2) Vacate Right of Way, between 6340 & 6366 Norton Center Drive. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

22-080 Planning Commissioner Member – Trent Klairter

Council Member Hylland moved to approve that Trent Klairter is hereby appointed to the Norton Shores Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring May 31, 2025. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

22-081 Financial Participation – Juneteenth Celebration Fireworks

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 to assist in funding the Juneteenth celebration fireworks display over Mona Lake on June 19, 2022. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and failed 5/2 by roll call vote with Council Members Olson, Sowa, Flanders, Hylland and Jurkas against.

22-082 MPTC Pay Plan Fiscal Year 2023

Council Member Hylland moved to approve a 2% increase in wage ranges for MPTC employees effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, the reclassification of the Payroll Specialist to Deputy Treasurer and the addition of two Parks/Recreation Operator positions. An increase in the longevity pay scale for years of continuous service as follows; \$500 for 5 – 9 years, \$1,000 for 10 – 14 years, \$1,500 for 15 – 19 years and \$2,000 for 20 or more years. Vacation leave as follows 10 days for 0 – 5 years, 15 days for 6 – 13 years and 20 days for 14 years or more. As well as to add the definition “grandparent (of employee or spouse)” to the bereavement section. All other benefits remain status quo. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

22-083 Introduce Ordinance Amendment – Chap 2, Sec 80 & 83, Planning & Zoning Division

Council Member Jurkas moved to introduce an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Sec. 2-80 adding the Planning and Zoning Division to the Administrative Services Department and removing the Planning and Zoning Division from Sec. 2-83, the Public Works Department. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

22-084 Collaborative Agreement – Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

Council Member Hylland moved to approve that the Norton Shores City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the three-year agreement with the Fair Housing Center of West Michigan to provide fair housing services from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

22-085 Certify Delinquent Bills to 2022 Tax Roll

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the certifications of delinquent water and sewer bills, special assessments, revenue bond installments and property transfer affidavits to the City Assessor and City Treasurer, for imposing the charges

on the 2022 general property tax roll in the aggregate total of \$55,488.35. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

22-086 Award Bid – Boat Lift, Fire Rescue

Council Member Olson moved to approve the bid for the purchase of a boat lift, including assembly and installation, to Hall's Sports Center of Muskegon, MI., in the amount of \$31,076. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried 6/1 by roll call vote with Council Member Hylland against.

General Public Comment

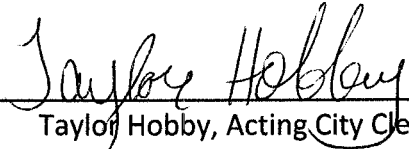
County Commissioner Marcia Hovey-Wright gave Council Members an update on what has been going on at the county level. She said there has been some progress recently on the parking lots at Dune Harbor Park. Also, the county just passed the first amendment to the purchase and sale agreement of the Baker College building to the county. Ultimately all county offices, except the courts, will move to this central location. They will lease out the extra space to non-profit groups. Commissioner Hovey-Wright also shared that she will be on the November General Election ballot for the District 4 County Commissioner seat which covers precincts 1, 2, 3, part of 7, 8 and 9.

Jason Kolkema, a local attorney in town, introduced himself and announced that he is running for the Judge of 14th Circuit Court.

Allan Lowe, 1347 Meadowview Drive, addressed the council about his concerns on a proposed project by the Harris brothers to build high-end town houses in the field in front of Fairway Farms condominiums.

Debra Conway, 2409 Hathaway Court, had questions and concerns regarding the process the city uses for water meter installation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Taylor Hobby, Acting City Clerk