

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
October 22, 2024

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held at the Norton Shores Library, 705 Seminole Road, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Fisher, Fox, Hylland, Morgenstern, Olson, and Sowa; also, Jacob Brace, Anthony Chandler, Bob Gagnon, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, Marc Vanderstelt, Scott Vanwylen, and Brandon Wilburn.

Absent: Council Members Jurkas and Kasher

1. Muskegon Area Transit System Update

City Administrator Anthony Chandler introduced Jim Koens, MATS Executive Director, to discuss whether or not Norton Shores City Council is interested in bringing the Articles of Incorporation to the November 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for approval to join a transportation authority. Council Members discussed the possibility of including some precincts in the authority, but MATS does not currently have any specific plans to share publicly. The consensus among Council was that they are not interested in joining the Authority at this time, primarily due to the participation cost and the fact that Norton Shores would have only one vote on the board despite contributing more than half of the authority's tax revenue.

2. Norton Shores Road Millage Funding

Finance Director Chris Lyonnais discussed the Municipal Road Millage language and how City Council would like staff to utilize these funds moving forward. City Council was in favor of using the funds towards any street reconstruction and restoration, as opposed to limiting only to local streets.

3. Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Director of Public Works Jim Murphy introduced Facilities Supervisor Brandon Wilburn to present updated rules and regulations for the Norton and Ellis Cemeteries. Council Member Olson stated he was not in favor of an age restriction for visitors. Council Member Fisher questioned what a deed transfer entails, and Mr. Wilburn explained the process. Council had only a few suggestions for revisions.

4. City Council Active Assailant Training

Sergeant Scott VanWylen and Corporal Jacob Brace shared a short presentation about active assailant training for City Council members.

General Public Comment

Mayor Nelund reminded Council that there is no City Council meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and the next meeting will take place on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> due to the election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk