

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 26, 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, September 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Hylland, Kasher, Morgenstern, Sowa and Olson; also, Anthony Chandler, Bob Gagnon, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Mark Meyers, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, and Marc Vanderstelt.

1. Deer Management Proposal

Director of Administrative Services Anthony Chandler provided details to City Council on the managed archery hunting program initiative. The program will allow 20-25 volunteer hunters to harvest antlerless deer within specified areas of Norton Shores. Council Members Olson and Kasher asked if the hunting area could include Lake Harbor Park. Mr. Chandler responded that it would be possible if they are supportive and we notify the public heavily. City Council supported bringing back a formal proposal in October.

2. Strategic Plan Review

Director of Administrative Services Anthony Chandler reviewed the goals and accomplishments from the 2019 Strategic Plan. Mr. Chandler's recommendation is to send out a request for proposal for a professional consultant in the fiscal year 2025 budget to facilitate the development a new strategic plan. City Administrator Mark Meyers pointed out that there are and will be many new appointed and elected leaders with new opinions. Council Member Hylland suggested that we have a social media push to residents with updates on the City's accomplishments. Mayor Nelund agreed that social media updates are important and would like to include updating the plan in next year's budget. City Council supported developing a new strategic plan.

3. City Administrator Recruitment Profile

Mayor Nelund presented the draft profile for the City Administrator recruitment and stated Walsh Municipal Services would like to have the recruitment profile go live on September 29th with a deadline to apply October 27th. City Council consensus was to update the pay range to \$125,000-155,000. Mayor Nelund reminded City Council that there would have to be a City Council approved pay plan amendment to formally change the pay range.

General Comments

Council Member Hylland asked if anyone knew what was happening to the former Art Van and House of Chan properties. Mayor Nelund said Equipment Share's business plan was not moving forward but a local business is looking into buying the former Art Van building, and he is unsure about the former House of Chan but knows the roof was being fixed.

Council Member Morgenstern said there are a lot of good things happening in our community in this year's fiscal budget with WMSRDC.

Council Member Olson asked when Summit Ave. water main will be completed. Mayor Nelund responded that it should be done within 2 weeks.

City Administrator Mark Meyers reminded Councilmembers of the Public Safety Open House on September 30th.

Mayor Nelund thanked Mark Meyers for his years of service as City Administrator, and congratulated him on his new endeavor in Holland.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Pavlich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk