

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 23, 2024

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held at the Norton Shores Library, 705 Seminole Road, on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Fisher, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Khatir, Morgenstern, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Derek Hall, Doug Hughes, Jim Murphy, Lexi Stibitz, and Marc Vanderstelt

Absent: None

1. Prohibition of Employment of Relatives

City Administrator Anthony Chandler presented the current ordinance for the prohibition of employment of relatives and asked City Council for suggestions to update the policy. The Council agreed that the current policy was too strict and could be revised. Mr. Chandler stated the city has missed out on talent due to the current policy being in place. Council Member Fisher asked to see other policies to neighboring municipalities. City Council agreed to update the language of the ordinance.

2. City Park Hours of Operation

Mr. Chandler shared the consideration of altering the hours of Ross Park, in particular, with the high demand usage of the pickle ball courts. Doug Hughes stated the City did not need an ordinance for the Parks Hours and recommended eliminating the ordinance and having City Council set the hours for all parks by resolution. City Council agreed to have the City Park hours be determined by resolution.

General Comments

Council Member Dan Olson questioned the number of solicitors in Norton Shores and asked about any action taken by the police. Anthony Chandler responded that we post the solicitor's names and photos on our website as soon as they are registered and if they do not have their Norton Shores badge on display they are not permitted to solicitate.

Council Member Mike Hylland asked if the City's Marine Patrol was only giving warnings and still not issuing tickets with Chief Marc Vanderstelt responding that was true as far as he knew and the Marine Patrol's main purpose was for boater education.

Council Member Roger Morgenstern attended a WMSRDC meeting with a West Michigan Trails Presentation that centered around the signage for trails and recommended taking a look for the new trail at Lake Harbor Park. He also expressed disappointment that he did not find anything on the City's website about the upcoming Arts and Drafts Festival.

Mr. Chandler reminded Council that there would be no meeting next week due to it being the fifth Tuesday of the month and the next meeting would be a rescheduled meeting due to the election on Monday, August 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lexi Stibitz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lexi Stibitz, Deputy City Clerk