

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road. Council Member Morgenstern delivered the invocation.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis and Sladick; also, Mark Meyers, Doug Hughes, Shelly Stibitz, Anthony Chandler, Jerry Bartoszek, Mike Huston, Jon Gale and Bob Gagnon

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Fire Chief Gagnon introduced Fire Fighter Matthew Wood.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

Comments were received regarding introduced ordinances prohibiting recreational marijuana establishments and public use of recreational marijuana. Jeff Franklin, 3524 Green Street and Thomas Loss, 751 August Road spoke against adoption of the ordinances and Rebecca O’Grady, 3567 Padelt, spoke in favor of their adoption.

19-008

Minutes

Council Member Cross moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-009

Consent

Council Member Sladick moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: 7a) Monthly Departmental Reports for 1) Police, 2) Fire, 3) Public Works, 4) Administrative Services and 5) Library; and 7b) Used Vehicle Dealer-The Factory Pre Owned Collection, 4585 Grand Haven Road . The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

19-010

Adopt Ordinance – Amend Chapter 10, Businesses, Prohibit Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Council Member Jurkas moved to adopt an amendment to Chapter 10, Businesses, adding Section 37, to prohibit recreational marijuana establishments. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern. Council Member Flanders moved to postpone formal action until after the next work session. The motion to postpone was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and failed 3/6 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Council Members Cross, Flanders and Moulatsiotis;

Nays: Council Members Beecham, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Sladick and Mayor Nelund. The motion to adopt the ordinance passed 6/3 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Council Members Beecham, Flanders, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Sladick and Mayor Nelund; Nays: Council Members Cross, Hylland and Moulatsiotis.

19-011 Adopt Ordinance – Amend Chapter 22, Offenses, Prohibit Sale and Consumption of Marijuana in Public Places

Council Member Beecham moved to adopt an amendment to Chapter 22, Offenses, adding Division 3, Section 149 to prohibit the sale and consumption of marijuana in public places in the City of Norton Shores and Section 150 prohibiting purchase, consumption or possession of marijuana products by minors. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Ayes: Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Sladick and Mayor Nelund; Nays: None.

19-012 Zoned District Change – 1180 Devin Drive, LLC, 1180 Devin Drive

Council Member Beecham moved to introduce an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to rezone portions of 1180 Devin Drive from C-2 General Retail to GI General Industrial. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously. Ayes: Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Sladick and Mayor Nelund; Nays: None.


19-013 Special Use Permit – Western Michigan Christian High School, 455 Ellis Road

Council Member Sladick moved to grant a Special Use Permit to Western Michigan Christian High School for athletic field usage at 455 Ellis Road as per the submitted plan with the following condition: 1) The soccer field lighting will be approved by the FAA and will be Night-sky Friendly and shielded to prevent off-site glare. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

Public Comment – General

Thomas Burns, 376 E. Mt. Garfield Road; Thomas Loss, 751 August Road; and Donna Boelema, 577 Lake Forest Lane each expressed their disagreement with the adoption of the recreational marijuana ordinances.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

  
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Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk