

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund and Council Members Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Moulatsiotis, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Jon Gale, Doug Hughes, Mark Meyers, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, and Ted Woodcock.

Absent: Council Member Morgenstern

Correspondence

Police Chief Gale introduced new Police Officer Curtis Colvin to the Mayor and City Council.

23-104 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the July 3 council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

23-105 Consent

Council Member Flanders moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) Department Reports for 1) Police, 2) Fire, 3) Public Works, 4) Administrative Services, and 5) Library; and b) Select MML Worker's Compensation Trustees; c) CDBG Lien Discharge – 4529 Thompson Rd; and d) Met Life Authorized Individual – City Administrator. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously.

23-106 Adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Sec. 48-66, Div 2, "Special Land Use Permits"

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the zoning ordinance amendment to Section 48-66, Division 2, "Special Land Use Permits" with the five standards as presented. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher. Council Member Olson made a motion to amend the standards to include the phrase "that each must be satisfied" in the preamble, and for the third standard to include the phrase "will not cause" in reference to overcrowding. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

23-107 Special Use Permit – 1831 W. Sherman Blvd., ProgressiveAE

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the special land use application to ProgressiveAE, representing the franchise owner, to renovate the existing building, add a second drive-thru, and a small building addition at 1831 W. Sherman Blvd. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

23-108 Special Use Permit – 4543 Grand Haven Rd., Suite D, Jason Norton

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the special land use application to Jason Norton, the lessee, to open a tattoo studio at 4543 Grand Haven Rd., Suite D. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried with 7 votes in favor with Council Member Moulatsiotis abstaining due to conflict of interest.

23-109 Land Division – 223 E. Mt. Garfield Rd., Justin Weare

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to grant permission to Justin Weare, the property owner, to divide the property at 223 E. Mt. Garfield Rd. to create a parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Richard Borgeson, 3746 Harris, thanked and complimented Council and staff for their work on the 5 revised special use permit standards.

Maryann Johnson, 3746 Harris, asked how we determine overcrowding. City Planner Ted Woodcock responded staff references the master plan.

Kouros Khatir, 3930 Braeburn, informed the public he will be running for an open Ward 1 seat in November.

Ann Vandermolen, 3194 Roosevelt, spoke against certain individuals participating in Dancing with the Local Stars and suggested City Council televise its' meetings.

Dan Mellema, 1179 W Hile, complimented Scott Ellison on his work during his wife's burial in the Ellis Cemetery. He inquired about the lack of open cemetery plots at the Norton Cemetery and the length of time it took for his wife to be buried in Ellis Cemetery. Mayor Nelund informed the public how quickly the plots sold from the Norton Cemetery once the city announced the new cemetery.

MADL Librarian Holly Pelkey informed Council of the success of the new teen space and events provided by the library. The library has had high attendance rates lately, and have 570 readers signed up for Summer Readings.


Council Member Olson encouraged others to attend Chief Gale's active shooter training.

Council Member Hylland inquired about any discussion for Lake Harbor Park to have overflow parking options.

Council Member Sowa encouraged others to sign up for the Arts & Drafts 5k.

Mark Meyers presented the APWA Project of the Year Award for the reconstruction and streetscape of Seminole Road.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Rachel Pavlich, Deputy City Clerk