

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:32 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road. Council Member Morgenstern delivered the invocation.

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

Absent: Council Member Kasher

Agenda Public Comment

None

24-001 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the December 19 city council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

24-002 Consent

Council Member Morgenstern 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. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

24-003 Planning Commission Member – Judy Kell

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to appoint Judy Kell to the Norton Shores Planning Commission for the remainder of a three-year term expiring May 31, 2024. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

24-004 Land Division – 4677 Martin Road, Bill Carlston

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to grant permission to Bill Carlston, acting on behalf of the property owner, to divide the property at 4677 Martin Road to create a new parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

24-005 Land Division – 4788 Grand Haven Road, Russell Christensen

Council Member Morgenstern moved to grant permission to Russell Christensen, the property owner, to divide the property at 4788 Grand Haven Road to create a new parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

24-006 Zone Change Introduction – 4788 Grand Haven Road, Russell Christensen

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to introduce a zone change amendment to Chapter 48 of the City ordinance to rezone 4788 Grand Haven Road from C-2 General Retail to R-2 Single Family Residential. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

24-007 Authorize – Engineer of Record

Council Member Fisher moved to authorize a professional service agreement with Spicer Group, Inc. of Grand Rapids, MI, for Engineer of Record Services, for a term ending June 30, 2026, with a possible 1-year extension, if approved by both parties. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and passed 7/1 by a roll call vote with Council Member Moulatsiotis against.

General Public Comment

Council Member Hylland asked for series of updates. City Administrator Anthony Chandler stated that staff is looking into options for the Forest Park speeding issue. Jim Murphy informed him that MDOT will not allow a series of trees outside the fence as a cemetery barrier. Mr. Murphy also said that easements for the Lake Harbor Park trail would be presented by the end of the month. Council Member Hylland requested a list of projects that Council has approved.

Council Member Jurkas asked for an update on the Ross Park Pavilion, and Mr. Chandler said that a water hookup was the last necessity before it is completed.

Council Member Morgenstern questioned the status of the pension report. Finance Director Chris Lyonnais stated the annual report will be sent to the state. Mr. Chandler added that the form is completed by the city annually while the pension program is underfunded.

Council Member Moulatsiotis shared that he is receiving calls from residents stating the lack of side roads being plowed. He was curious if a GPS tracker could be made available to the public. Mayor Nelund responded that the city's media coordinator could look into that option.

Council Member Moulatsiotis also suggested the city review the ordinance in regards to marijuana licenses for businesses again.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk