

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
October 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30 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 Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Bob Gagnon, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, Marc Vanderstelt and Ted Woodcock.

Absent: None

Agenda Public Comment

Linda Ingersoll, 3702 Mona Kai, shared her concerns with regard to the stormwater runoff and pollution, proposed channel, traffic, and easement of the 373 Seminole Road proposal.

Ryan McEnhill, the engineer from Eng., responded to Linda Ingersoll's concerns.

Darlene Collet, 3749 Mona Kai, asked about the pump near the waterfront. Ryan McEnhill responded that the pump will no longer be necessary.

23-145 Minutes

Council Member Morgenstern moved to approve minutes from the October 3 council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously.

23-146 Consent

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) Department Reports for 1) Police, 2) Fire, 3) Public Works, 4) Administrative Services, 5) Library, and, b) Amend 2024 MPTC Pay Plan. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried unanimously.

23-147 Approve – Deer Management Proposal

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the Deer Management Program as outlined in the program guidelines and as recommended in the City's Wildlife Management Plan. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

23-148 Approve – Consolidated Early Voting Center Agreement

Council Member Sowa moved to authorize the City Clerk to expend necessary funds budgeted to ensure Norton Shores can cover their shared costs in utilizing the Muskegon County Early Voting Center. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

23-149 Approve – Contract Change Order – Ellis Cemetery

Council Member Sowa moved to authorize the not-to-exceed change order for the current contract with Eng. Engineering in the amount of \$17,380 and a mid-year adjustment to the FY-2024 budget. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and failed 4/5 by a roll call vote with Council Members Hylland, Jurkas, Moulatsiotis, Olson, and Mayor Nelund against.

23-150 Special Use Permit – 373 Seminole Road, Fisher’s Landing

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the special land use amendment application to Eng., representing Bart Swider, to construct a 26-unit residential development at 373 Seminole Road. The proposed use will be harmonious with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and in accordance with the general objectives of the master plan and zoning ordinances of current adoption; the proposed use will be served adequately by existing essential public services and facilities, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal and schools, or the applicant will provide for those services and facilities; the proposed use or structures will not cause an overcrowding of land or undue concentration of population; the proposed use is consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Norton Shores; and the proposed use constitutes a socially and economically desirable use of the land when considering those who will use the land, residents and property owners of the immediately adjacent properties, as well as the community as a whole. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Council Member Morgenstern inquired about a potential dedication for the memorial benches that will be at Ross Park. Interim City Administrator Anthony Chandler responded that they will likely be dedicated the same day as the new Ross Park Pavilion.

Council Member Morgenstern also asked if the Ellis Cemetery will be dedicated. Mayor Nelund suggested staff consider that for the spring.

Council Member Olson asked about the open Planning Commission seats. Mayor Nelund stated there are two positions open with a lot of applications to filter through, but appointments will be made at the next council meeting.

Council Member Moulatsiotis asked for an update in regards to the City Administrator search. Mayor Nelund responded that the posting closes on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and Frank Walsh will update him accordingly.

Council Member Moulatsiotis asked for an update on the Lake Harbor Trail. Public Works Director Jim Murphy responded that easement documents are being prepared and an update will be presented at the next work session.

Mayor Nelund notified City Council that he will be attending the Michigan Municipal League conference in Traverse City this week.

Anthony Chandler notified the public that the digital library sign has been installed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk