

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 3, 2025

A rescheduled meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Fisher, Fox, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Tony Gutierrez, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, and Marc Vanderstelt, and Ted Woodcock.

Absent: Council Members Kasher

Agenda Public Comment

None

Minutes

25-158 Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the October 21 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

25-159 Council Member Morgenstern moved to approve minutes from the October 28 work session meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

25-160 CDBG 2021 Action Plan Amendment

City Clerk Pavlich certified the October 3, 2025 publication. A public hearing was held. There was no public comment.

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the amended 2021 CDBG Action Plan as proposed. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

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Appointments

Council Member Sowa moved to reappoint Ted Woodcock to the Norton Shores EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Board of Directors for a six-year term ending December 7, 2031. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

25-162 Traffic Control Order – Traffic Signal at Harvey Street and Farr Road

Council Member Jurkas moved approve the addition of a traffic signal on Harvey Street at Farr Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

25-163 Traffic Control Order – Stop Sign at Ross Road and Armstrong Road

Council Member Fisher moved to approve for the addition of a stop sign on the north leg of the intersection of Ross Road and Armstrong Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa. The motion failed with a roll call vote with Council Members Olson, Fisher, Hylland, and Jurkas against.

General Public Comment

Gene Lanore, 3674 Peninsula, referenced Ordinance 369 and stated he received a letter from the City regarding the Living Fence Ordinance.

Don Fischer, 3868 Peninsula Drive, shared concerns regarding the classification of the road as private versus public.

Council Member Jurkas inquired about the Forest Park meeting held last week. City Administrator Chandler reported that approximately 30 residents attended, provided substantial feedback, and that a summary will be prepared for the November work session.

Council Member Hylland asked if a traffic study was completed for Pontaluna. DPW Director Jim Murphy noted it is under MDOT's jurisdiction and Hylland expressed concern about the visibility of the new sign on the SB US-31 ramp to Pontaluna Road.

Council Member Sowa thanked Morgenstern for his years of service and expressed appreciation for his leadership during her first term.

Council Member Morgenstern shared that he has chosen not to seek reelection, as he will be serving as President of the Rotary Club beginning in July 2026. He thanked City staff for their efforts in making Norton Shores a great community and expressed appreciation to both past and present Council Members for maintaining respectful and productive meetings.

Mayor Nelund thanked Council Member Morgenstern for his thoughtful editorials included in the Council packets and for always being well-prepared. He acknowledged that serving as Rotary President is a significant commitment. Mayor Nelund noted that the election will be held tomorrow, commending the three incumbents for their dedicated service and adding that the other candidates also have their hearts in the right place.

City Administrator Chandler noted that the Trick-or-Treat event held on Friday was well attended and thanked staff for their efforts in organizing it. He also reported that the managed deer hunt began on November 1, with 13 deer harvested to date.

Mayor Nelund announced that, per the City Charter, the Organizational Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. He also thanked members of the public for their comments this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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

Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk