

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Fisher, Fox, Halloran, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Doug Hughes, Joe Kinnucan, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, Marc Vanderstelt, and Ted Woodcock.

Absent: None

Agenda Public Comment

None

Agenda Amendment

Council Member Jurkas moved to amend the agenda to remove item 11e: Land Division – 5419 Martin Road, Dale Flaska. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

Minutes

25-168 Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the November 3 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

25-169 Council Member Fisher moved to approve minutes from the November 10 organizational meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

25-170 Consent Agenda

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) City Department Reports for i) Police, ii) Fire, iii) Public Works, and iv) Administrative Services, b) 2026 Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule, and c) Harmony Lake, LLC – Stormwater Agreement Transfer. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

25-171 New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Soils & Structures, 6480 Grand Haven Road

City Clerk Pavlich certified the October 31, 2025 mailing of notices and the November 7, 2025 publication. A public hearing was held.

Chip Toth, 13355 Forest Park Dr, Grand Haven, Director of Operations at Soils & Structures shared that the company has multiple branches in Michigan, promotes the Lakeshore as a place to live, and expects to fill full-time positions by April through college recruitment.

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the application from Soils & Structures for a new Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to real property within the Industrial Development District at 6480 Grand Haven Road for twelve (12) years. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

25-172 Appointment

Council Member Hylland moved to appoint Council Member Fox to the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) Policy Committee for an indefinite term. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

25-173 Class C Liquor License – Supermercado Rio Grande, LLC, 1084 E Sternberg Road

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the Class C Liquor License to Supermercado Rio Grande for use at 1084 E Sternberg Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously with Council Member Olson recusing.

25-174 Zone Change Introduction – 3290 Getty Street, Norton Shores MHP, LLC

Council Member Jurkas moved to introduce a zone change amendment to Chapter 48 of the City ordinance to rezone 3290 S Getty Street from C-3 Major Commercial to R-2 Single Family Residential. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

25-175 Land Division – 7312 Grand Haven Road, Darren Lachar

Council Member Sowa moved to grant permission to Darren Lachar to divide the property at 7312 Grand Haven Road to create one new parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

25-176 Zone Change Introduction – 7312 Grand Haven Road, Darren Lachar

Council Member Jurkas moved to introduce a zone change amendment to Chapter 48 of the City ordinance to rezone 7312 Grand Haven Road from General Industrial (GI) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher.

After discussion Council Member Jurkas moved to table the item. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Gene Lanore, 3674 Peninsula Drive, he thanked Council for installing the stop sign at the intersection and for relocating the trees in that area. He also inquired about a response to the letter he sent last month regarding the living fence ordinance. The Mayor confirmed that the matter has been forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Steve Ferris, 4327 Armstrong Road, he stated that the stop sign at Ross and Randall Armstrong is needed and shared examples of reckless driving in the area.

Don Fischer, 3868 Peninsula Drive, suggested the use of electronic tickets; the Mayor informed him that they are not permitted in the State of Michigan.

Bruce Kramer, 2178 W. Glen Ct., shared concerns about the managed deer hunt and how the City communicates related information to the public. City Administrator Chandler responded that signs are posted in the area when hunting is underway.

Holly Pelkley MADL Lead Librarian shared updates with Council in regards to the Norton Shores Branch Library.

Council Member Hylland asked whether the Lake Harbor Trail discussion would take place at next week's Work Session. Anthony stated that the Forest Park path will be discussed next week, and that feedback on the Lake Harbor Trail sketch is included in the General Information.

Anthony reported that 37 deer have been harvested to date, with the program suspended on November 15 and scheduled to resume December 1–15 in Lake Harbor Park. He also noted that the review of the fiscal audit will be held next week at work session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.


Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk