

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Fisher, Fox (5:32), Halloran, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Tony Gutierrez, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, Marc Vanderstelt, and Ted Woodcock

Absent: None

Agenda Public Comment

None

25-184 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the December 2 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

25-185 Consent Agenda

Council Member Fisher 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, and b) Termination of Notice of Special Assessment – Ellis Road Properties, LLC. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

25-186 Senior Millage Allocation Plan

Council Member Jurkas moved endorse the Senior Millage Plan concept, and support the use of \$115,402 in Senior Millage funding to the Safe Seniors Detective position. The motion was supported by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

25-187 Introduction – Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Commercial Fencing

Council Member Hylland moved to introduce a zoning ordinance amendment to Chapter 48 of the City ordinance to add Section 48-1326 “Commercial & Industrial Fencing”. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

25-188 Land Division – 6215 Norton Center Drive, Paul VanDyke

Council Member Sowa moved to grant permission to Paul VanDyke to divide the property at 6215 Norton Center Drive to create one new parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

25-189 Land Division – 5419 Martin Road, Dale Flaska

Council Member Sowa moved to grant permission to Dale Flaska to divide the property at 5419 Martin Road to create one new parcel. The motion supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

25-190 Special Use Permit – 6979 Grand Haven Road, Terrie Stratton

Council Member Fox moved to approve the Special Use Permit to Terrie Stratton to open a day care center at 6979 Grand Haven Road while incorporating Planning Commission's findings of the five standards. The motion supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Dan Mellema, 1179 W. Hile Road, thanked the Department of Public Works for snow plowing efforts and requested an update on the deer management program. City Administrator Anthony Chandler reported that approximately 60 deer have been harvested to date and that the program will continue through January 1.

Terrie Stratton, 6979 Grand Haven Road, shared information related to Item 11e, including her plans for fencing, playground improvements, and other State of Michigan licensing requirements.

Kim Cole, Mason County Sheriff, introduced himself and stated he is seeking election to the open 32nd State Senate District seat to be vacated by Jon Bumstead. He noted he is currently serving his fourth term as Mason County Sheriff.

Council Member Olson referenced Ottawa County communities contracting with Life EMS and the Mayor confirmed additional information would be forthcoming.

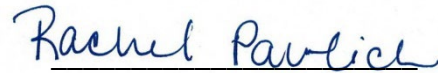
Council Member Hylland noted a stop sign at Sunset Point had been damaged and asked about snow plowing on the Lake Harbor Trail. Mr. Chandler stated DPW would review the matter. Department of Public Works Director Jim Murphy added that the trail leading into Hoffmaster State Park is not permitted to be plowed.

Council Member Fox commended the Clerk's Office for its performance during the audit and thanked the election inspectors for their work.

City Administrator Chandler reminded Council that there would be no Work Session and that City Hall and non-emergency offices would be closed on Wednesday and Thursday over the next two weeks for the holidays.

The Mayor wished everyone happy holidays, reminded Council that the first meeting of the new year will be held January 6, and encouraged everyone to enjoy time with family and friends.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Pavlich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk