

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:29 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund and Council Members Fisher, Fox, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Olson, and, Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Bob Gagnon, Doug Hughes, Jim Murphy, Lexi Stibitz, Marc Vanderstelt, and, Ted Woodcock.

Absent: Council Member Morgenstern

Agenda Public Comment

None

24-150 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve minutes from the November 26 work session meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fisher moved to approve minutes from the December 3 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Sowa and carried unanimously.

24-151 Consent

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) Department Reports for 1) Police, 2) Fire, 3) Public Works, 4) Administrative Services; and, b) Re-approval – Alley Vacation – East of 2906 Henry St. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

24-152 Approve – Special Use Amendment – 4900 Paul Ct., Newcorp Inc.

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the special land use amendment application to Newcorp Inc. to open a parts and materials distribution facility at 4900 Paul Ct. The City Council in the exercise of its discretion, reviewed the particular facts and circumstances of each proposal in terms of all of the following standards and each shall find adequate evidence showing that each much be satisfied. The proposed use will be harmonious with 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 five standards were met due to the Special Use Permit's original conditions still being in effect. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

24-153

Approve – Special Use Amendment – 676 E. Ellis Rd., InterDyne

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the special land use amendment application to InterDyne for an addition to their industrial facility at 676 E. Ellis Rd. The City Council in the exercise of its discretion, reviewed the particular facts and circumstances of each proposal in terms of all of the following standards and each shall find adequate evidence showing that each must be satisfied. The proposed use will be harmonious with 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 five standards were met due to the Special Use Permit's original conditions still being in effect. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

Dan Mellema, 1179 W Hile Rd., requested an update for the Managed Deer Hunt Program with City Administrator Anthony Chandler stating approximately 69 deer have been harvested thus far. Mr. Chandler remarked the City has received approval to harvest a total of up to 100 deer from the Department of Natural Resources.

Marsha Hovey-Wright, 3430 Pigeon Hill Ct., encouraged Norton Shores to maintain an open perspective regarding the Muskegon Area Transit Systems and has advocated for obtaining additional information from them.

Council Member Hylland expressed interest in the findings of the statistics pertaining to the deer study currently being conducted in Kent County by the Department of Natural Resources.

Council Member Hylland asked for a Lake Harbor trail update with Department of Public Works Director Jim Murphy explaining that they have shifted on working on the retaining walls while the weather permits.

Mayor Nelund met with a resident residing on Forest Park Road to discuss potential strategies to address speeding concerns. He also gave an update in the interviewing process for the Fire Chief position.

Mr. Chandler congratulated Fire Chief Bob Gagnon on his retirement and acknowledged this would be his final meeting with City Council.

Mr. Chandler also gave an update on the negotiations of the sale of the library to MADL.

Two project of the year awards from the American Public Works Association were presented by Mr. Murphy.

Council Member Fisher remarked on the occasion of her one-year anniversary serving on the City Council.

Mayor Nelund wished everyone a happy holiday and also reminded everyone that there will be no work session in December.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Lexi Stibitz, Deputy City Clerk