

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:31 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Mayor Nelund and Council Members Fisher, Hylland, Jurkas, Kasher, Khatir, Morgenstern, Olson, and Sowa; also, Anthony Chandler, Bob Gagnon, Doug Hughes, Chris Lyonnais, Jim Murphy, Rachel Pavlich, Brandon Poel, and Ted Woodcock.

Absent: None

Agenda Public Comment

None

24-080 Minutes

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

24-081 Consent

Council Member Morgenstern moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of City Department Reports. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

24-082 Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Kiel Reid

Council Member Sowa moved to appoint Kiel Reid to the Norton Shores Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a three-year term expiring September 1, 2026. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

24-083 Appointment – EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Board – Russell Larson, Daniel Olsen, and Jana Routt

Council Member Jurkas moved to reappoint Russell Larson, Daniel Olsen, and Jana Routt to the Norton Shores EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Board for six-year terms expiring December 7, 2029. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

24-084 Liquor License Transfer – El Cabos Mexican Grill and Bar LLC, 1811 W Sherman Blvd

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the Class C Liquor License to El Cabos Mexican Grill and Bar, LLC for use at 1811 W. Sherman Blvd. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

24-085 Award Bid – Riding Leaf Blower, Parks & Rec

Council Member Fisher moved to award the bid to Woodland Equipment of Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of \$10,249 for a 37hp Windstorm Riding Leaf Blower, requiring an amendment to the FY 2025 CIP budget for the excess \$249. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

24-086 Land Division – 431 E. Mt. Garfield Road, Eric & Sally Andrews

Council Member Fisher moved to grant permission to Eric & Sally Andrews, the property owners, to divide the property at 431 E. Mt. Garfield Road to create a new parcel. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried 8/1 by roll call vote with Council Member Hylland against.

General Public Comment

Lauren Hylland, 5663 Westwood, suggested keeping pickleball courts open until 11pm.

Ryan Davidson, 1099 Porter Road, shared his appreciation towards staff for looking into the short-term rental ordinance. Mayor Nelund notified him it is scheduled to be discussed during the September Work Session.

Dan Potts, 2352 S Hilltop, said he is a candidate for Muskegon County Commissioner in District 4 and is looking to serve the community with objectivity.

Council Member Kasher asked why the City closes Ross Park at 10pm? Mayor Nelund responded that the park hours are written in ordinance.

Council Member Olson asked about the weeds at the old House of Chan. Mayor Nelund stated staff could enforce the issue now that there has been a formal complaint.

Council Member Jurkas shared the success of the first free concert at the Ross Park Overlook Deck, with between 150-200 in attendance.

Council Member Hylland asked if staff could elaborate on the letter they received in regards to the Lake Harbor Park trails. City Administrator Anthony Chandler shared the Lake Harbor Park trails have been maintained once or twice per year for the past 2-3 years for safety purposes to keep trails visible and hikers safe.

Council Member Morgenstern asked if there was a date set to have a shared meeting with Muskegon County City Commissioners. Mr. Chandler stated there is no date set, but discussions have been held. Mayor Nelund said that the Muskegon County managers all meet once a month, and Anthony Chandler attends those meetings.

Council Member Sowa shared her appreciation towards George Maniates for his years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals. She also stated she is currently registering runners for Arts & Dash.

Anthony Chandler stated that the Ross Park Overlook Deck continues to be used and successfully hosted the Stand Up for the Cure paddleboard event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Pavlich". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk