

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road.

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

Absent: Council Members Jurkas and Morgenstern

Agenda Public Comment

Tim Burgess, 6336 S Walker, stated their need for the Special Use Permit for their medical facility Nature's Helping Hand.

Rich Kilpatrick, 1300 E Mt Garfield, the President of Paramelt, was present for his request for an IFT transfer from prior applicant, MHS Conveyor Corp, due to the business expanding after 15 years being in Norton Shores.

24-116 Minutes

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

24-117 Consent

Council Member Sowa moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of City Department reports. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

24-118 Transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2018-130, M. Argueso & Co. Inc. dba Paramelt, 1300 E Mt Garfield Rd

City Clerk Pavlich certified the publication date of August 23, 2024 and the mailing of notices on August 25, 2024.

Council Member Sowa moved to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a written agreement with the applicant relative to the terms and conditions contained within the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

24-119 Special Use Permit – 4788 Grand Haven Rd., Nature’s Helping Hand LLC

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the special land use application to Nature’s Helping Hands LLC to open a medical facility at 4788 Grand Haven Road and incorporate the Planning Commission’s findings of the five factors. The motion was supported by Council Member Kasher and carried unanimously.

24-120 Land Division – 5525 Martin Rd., Jim Fisher

Council Member Sowa moved to grant permission to Jim Fisher, a trustee of the estate, to divide the property at 5525 Martin Road to create four new parcels. The motion was carried by Olson and carried unanimously.

24-121 Amend – Special Use Permit – 513 W Pontaluna Rd., Ted Cerniglia

Council Member Kasher moved to approve the special land use amendment application to Ted Cerniglia to open a restaurant at 513 W. Pontaluna Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Fisher and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment

William Gibner, 2125 W Glen; Jerry Fitzpatrick, 2137 W Glen; Lisa Bayne, 2142 Ridgeway; and Dale Canfield, 2091 W Glen, all shared concerns regarding the managed deer hunt.

Holly Pelkey, lead librarian for MADL’s Norton Shores Branch, shared they set a record for their summer reading program and reminded everyone of the Big Fall Book Sale occurring October 3rd – 5th.

Jerry Fitzpatrick, 2137 W Glen, stated he was in favor of the Lake Harbor Trail and suggest paid parking at Lake Harbor Park.

Council Member Hylland questioned if the final Lake Harbor Trail plans are posted online with Public Works Director Jim Murphy exclaiming the bid section currently is but will work with media coordinator to post to website.

City Administrator Anthony Chandler shared an update in regards to the O.H. Scott Drain and the County Drain Commissioner, and reminded everyone about the employee appreciation picnic September 19th at 11:30 – 1:00 pm at the Ross Park Pavilion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Rachel Pavlich, City Clerk