AGENDA 5a
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CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held remotely via video conferencing on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Nelund and Council Members Beecham, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Olson and Sladick; also, Mark Meyers, Doug Hughes, Shelly Stibitz, Jim Murphy, Mike Huston, Marc Vanderstelt, Bob Gagnon and Anthony Chandler (moderator)

Absent: Council Members Flanders, Hylland and Jurkas

Minutes

20-138 Council Member Beecham moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-139 Consent

Council Member Morgenstern moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: a) Department Reports for: 1. Police, 2. Fire, 3. Public Works, 4. Administrative Services and 5. Library. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-140 Amend Airport Business Park II Industrial Development District, EarthTronics, Inc., 755 E. Ellis Road

The Clerk certified the September 4, 6 and 8, 2020 publication and September 5, 2020 mailing of public hearing notices for the Industrial Development District Amendment and four (4) Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption requests.

A public hearing was held and one comment in support of the amendment was received from Morgan Carroll of Muskegon Area First.

Council Member Beecham moved to approve a request from EarthTronics, Inc., for property at 755 E. Ellis Road to amend the Airport Business Park Phase II Industrial Development District to add part of parcel 61-27-120-200-0004-00 to parcel 61-27-648-000-0031-00 as recorded with the Muskegon County Register of Deeds. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-141 Industrial Facilities Exemption Application, EarthTronics, Inc., 755 E. Ellis Road

A public hearing was held and one comment in support of granting the tax exemption was received from Morgan Carroll of Muskegon Area First.
Council Member Morgenstern moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption requested by EarthTronics for real and personal property at 755 E. Ellis Road for twelve (12) years. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-142 Industrial Facilities Exemption Application, Smart Vision Lights, 5113 Robert Hunter Drive

A public hearing was held and one comment in support of granting the tax exemption was received from Morgan Carroll of Muskegon Area First.

Council Member Sladick moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request from Smart Vision Lights for real and personal property at 5113 Robert Hunter Drive for twelve (12) years. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-143 Industrial Facilities Exemption Application, Canteen (Compass), 7010 Grand Haven Road

A public hearing was held and one comment in support of granting the tax exemption was received from Morgan Carroll of Muskegon Area First.

Council Member Sladick moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request from Canteen (Compass) for real and personal property at 7010 Grand Haven Road for ten (10) years to coincide with their lease term. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-144 Industrial Facilities Exemption Application, Pratt & Whitney Component Solutions, 1057 Judson Road

A public hearing was held and one comment in support of granting the tax exemption was received from Morgan Carroll of Muskegon Area First along with one comment from Jennifer Romanosky of Pratt & Whitney Component Solutions who stated that the company had considered locations throughout the United States and made the decision to remain in Michigan and expand in Norton Shores. Ms. Romansky expressed gratitude for Council's consideration of the tax exemption and the support of MAF and the City.

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request from Pratt & Whitney Component Solutions for real and personal property at 1057 Judson Road for five (5) years to coincide with their lease

term. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

20-145 Cemetery Mower/Snow Blower, MiDeal

Council Member Beecham moved to approve the purchase of a 2020 John Deere Select Series X590 Multi-Terrain Mower with deck and snow blower at a cost of $8,352 from GreenMark Equipment, Inc., of Holland, MI and the sale of a 2012 John Deere Select Series X540 Multi-Terrain Mower when it is removed from service. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

General Public Comment

None.

20-146 Closed Session – Pending Litigation, Wacker Neuson

Council Member Beecham made a motion to move into closed session at 6:06 p.m. to review pending litigation regarding Wacker Neuson. The motion was supported by Council Member Sladick and carried 5/1 with Council Member Moulatsiotis against.

Council Member Sladick made a motion to return to the regular Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Open Session

The regular Council meeting resumed at 6:41 p.m.

Council Member Morgenstern mentioned that the repainted railroad overpass in Muskegon looks great and asked about the status of the shared overpass in Norton Shores and Muskego Heights. City Administrator Mark Meyers responded that a fundraiser and discussions with Muskegon Heights to co-fund the improvement are in the works. Mr. Meyers shared that the City closed on the purchase of two properties on Grand Haven Road and they will be listed for sale as industrial property after demolition and cleanup. Mr. Meyers also informed council that the youth hockey program will move from the Mercy Arena to the Lakeshore Ice Arena.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Shelly Stibitz

Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk