AGENDA 6a
DATE 11-4-19

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Norton Shores Branch Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road. Pastor Doug Vandermolen delivered an invocation.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Morgenstern, Council Members Beecham, Hylland, Jurkas, Moulatsiotis, and Olson; also, Mark Meyers, Doug Hughes, Shelly Stibitz, Mike Huston, Jerry Bartoszek, Anthony Chandler, Marc Vanderstelt and Bob Gagnon

Absent: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Flanders and Sladick

19-160 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

19-161 Consent

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: a) Monthly Department Reports from 1. Police, 2. Fire, 3. Public Works, 4. Administrative Services; and Library. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

19-162 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption, Renishaw Fixturing Solutions, LLC, 5500 Grand Haven Road

The City Clerk certified the September 29 publication and September 27 mailing of notices.

A public hearing was held at which Drew Baker, General Manager for Renishaw Fixturing Solutions, LLC, thanked the Council for the opportunity to apply for a tax abatement on their new 52,000 square foot building in Norton Shores. Darryl Todd of Muskegon Area First (MAF) described support of the company based on their working relationship during this MAF attraction activity that will bring business and jobs into Norton Shores.

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for real property for Renishaw Fixturing Solutions, LLC for property at 5500 Grand Haven Road for 12 years and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a written agreement relative to the terms and conditions contained within the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously.

19-163 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2012-387 Transfer, Air Master Systems Corp., 6274 Norton Center Drive

The City Clerk certified the October 3 publication and October 1 mailing of notices.

A public hearing was held at which Don Nelson, President and Owner of Air Master Systems, Corp., relayed that the continuation of the two exemptions in place will allow the company to add 50-70 employees and expand into other markets. Darryl Todd stated that the company had considered moving operations out of state and Muskegon Area First (MAF) appreciates the company's decision to stay in Norton Shores and supports approval of the IFT transfers.

Council Member Beecham moved to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2012-387 transfer for real property for Air Master Systems Corp., for property at 6274 Norton Center Drive for the balance of the certificate and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a written agreement relative to the terms and conditions contained within the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-164 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2014-311 Transfer, Air Master Systems Corp., 6274 Norton Center Drive

The City Clerk certified the October 3 publication and October 1 mailing of notices.

A public hearing was held. There were no additional comments.

Council Member Beecham moved to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2014-311 transfer for real property for Air Master Systems Corp., for property at 6274 Norton Center Drive for the balance of the certificate and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a written agreement relative to the terms and conditions contained within the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-165 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2016-172, LaColombe Torrefaction, Inc., 1224 E. Pontaluna Road

The City Clerk certified the October 3 publication and mailing of notices.

A public hearing was held at which Jason Murray, Plant Manager for LaColombe Torrefaction, Inc., explained that their operation is growing and in need of a larger facility. Norton Shores offers the best logistics for growth and the facility at 1224 E. Pontaluna Road provides a great opportunity to reach those goals. On behalf of Muskegon Area First (MAF), Darryl Todd, supports the IFT transfer and described

LaColombe as having a great corporate system. Mr. Todd acknowledged their welcoming and inviting response to working with MAF and allowing tours of their operations.

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption 2016-172 transfer for real property for LaColombe Torrefaction, Inc., for property at 1224 E. Pontaluna Road for the remaining 9 years and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a written agreement relative to the terms and conditions contained within the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried unanimously.

19-166 Special Use Permit – 735 E. Ellis Road, EarthTronics

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the special land use application for EarthTronics to construct a 42,000 square foot general industrial facility located at 735 E. Ellis Road for the following reasons: 1) The Request is fitting with the Master Plan; and 2) Current Setbacks have been met; and with the following condition: 1) A landscape buffer be approved to allow for separation from the large building and the residential property owners' backyards. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas. Council Member Moulatsiotis amended the condition as follows: 1) A landscape buffer be approved consisting of at least what is in the Holland Engineering design to allow for separation from the large building and the residential property owners' backyards. The amended motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried 5/1 on a roll call vote with Council Member Olson against.

19-167 Site Plan – 735 E. Ellis Road, EarthTronics

Council Member Hylland moved to approve the site plan for EarthTronics to construct a 42,000 square foot general industrial facility on the property at 735 E. Ellis Road as per the submitted plans for the following reasons: 1) The request is fitting with the Master Plan; and 2) Current Setbacks have been met; and with the following condition: 1) A landscape buffer be approved consisting of at least what is in the Holland Engineering design to allow for separation from the large building and the residential property owners' backyards. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried 5/1 with Council Member Olson against.

19-168 Special Use Permit Amendment – 7381 S. Harvey Street, Atwater Springs

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve a Special Use Permit Amendment to Nederveld, Inc. for the Atwater Springs residential development, 7381 S. Harvey Street per the submitted plans. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-169 Site Plan Approval – 7381 S. Harvey Street, Atwater Springs

Council Member Jurkas moved to grant final approval for Phase I of the Atwater Springs Site Condominium Development, contingent on execution by the Livingstone Development, LLC, cash escrow agreement or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of $785,683 and the required permits and approvals. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried unanimously.

19-170 Special Use Permit Amendment – 961 Porter Road, Churchill Elementary School

Council Member Jurkas moved to grant a Special Use Permit Amendment to Holland Engineering, on behalf of Mona Shores Public Schools, for a building addition and other site improvements to Churchill Elementary School located at 961 Porter Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried unanimously.

19-171 Special Use Permit Amendment – 2951 Leon Street, Lincoln Park Elementary School

Council Member Jurkas moved to grant a Special Use Permit Amendment to Holland Engineering, on behalf of Mona Shores Public Schools, for a building addition and other site improvements to Lincoln Park Elementary School located at 2951 Leon Street. The motion was supported by Council Member Hylland and carried unanimously.

19-172 Police Patrol Vehicles – Macomb County Contract Bid

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the purchase of two 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles for a total cost of $70,428 from Signature Ford of Owosso, MI through the Macomb County Contract Bid and the sale of two vehicles. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

19-173 Building Division Budget Amendment – Building Inspector

Council Member Beecham moved to authorize an amendment to the FY2020 Building Division budget to eliminate the vacant part-time building inspector position and replace it with a full-time building inspector position and increase personnel appropriations by $63,400. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-174 Traffic Control Orders – Speed Limits on Various Streets

Council Member Hylland moved to approve designation of speed limits on: 1) Farr Road, Harvey Street to Prairie Street – increase from 25 mph to 30 mph, based

upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 2) Gateway Boulevard, Grand Haven Road to Norton Center Drive – post at 30 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 3) Judson Road, Grand Haven Road to Cul-de-sac – increase from 35 mph to 40 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 4) Martin Road, Meadows Drive to Pontaluna Road – increase from 35 mph to 40 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 5) Rood Road, Rood Point Road to Hendrick Road – remain 35 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 6) West Sternberg, Henry Street to Davis Road – remain 25 mph, pursuant to MCL 257.627(2)(d) and identified as a highway segment within the boundaries of a residential subdivision, consisting of a system of interconnected highways with no through highways and a limited number of dedicated highways that serve as entrances to and exits from the subdivision. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

Public Comment – General

Alison Purgiel, Lead Librarian, Norton Branch Library distributed materials and informed Council about the Michigan Organ and Tissue Donation Drive and places you can visit to register, including the Library. Muskegon Area District Library is participating in the ISmile campaign in partnership with Muskegon County Oral Health Coalition and have displays at all branches. Ms. Purgiel shared that the Storyville area is well underway and thanked the Public Works staff and, specifically, Facilities Supervisor Scott Ellison and Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek, for assistance with this project.

City Administrator Mark Meyers recognized City, County and MAF staff for all their work in retaining and attracting manufacturers and management of a great deal of construction within the city. Mr. Meyers also expressed appreciation to the Council for approval to reinstate the Building Inspector position.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk