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CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 25, 2020

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

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

1. Mona Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) Cost Share Request

Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek explained a request from the MLIA to for the City to share in costs up to $60,000 for Mona Lake channel improvements and repairs to facilitate boat traffic and protect the south channel wall. The City has contributed to lake maintenance projects in the past, including dredging, and covers 50% of weed control expenses annually up to an appropriated amount. This year the City repaired the north channel wall at a cost of $71,000 and anticipates spending approximately $35,000 more to repair the walkway and clean up debris. Council members were interested to know if Maranatha is willing to participate in repairs to public property and City Administrator Mark Meyers relayed that they are planning on repairs to a part of the channel and he has met with representatives who are bringing a request for further repairs to their board for discussion. The storm and high-water level damage is extensive and many of the repairs are dependent on the repairs of the other entity. Council members agreed that the City should participate in the cost of repairs in some capacity.

2. Mona Lake Marine Patrol

In response to lakefront property owner concerns, Chief Jon Gale is proposing that the City provide marine enforcement and education by entering into a contract with the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department for additional patrol services, utilizing social media to promote education, adding a new rescue boat with money from the revolving fund and, possibly, installing a permanent docking system for both boats. Increased dock and seawall damage complaints were received due to high water levels during the last boating season and are expected in the coming season. Council members were in favor of the concept, encouraging education over citations and patrol schedules that coincide with lake use.

3. Cemetery Rates and Regulations

Cemetery rates and regulations were reviewed and compared to other areas and Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek presented revisions to current practices. Labor, equipment and irrigation costs have risen since the last adjustment to fees in 2014. Rules

and Regulations language was changed to reflect correct terminology and, most notably, permission given for some in-ground plantings. Signage is erected at the cemetery stating the Rules and Regulations and also provided when a plot is purchased. Council members advised staff to move forward with the revisions.

General Comments

Mr. Meyers informed Council that mediation with Wacker Neuson regarding their IFT clawback is scheduled for the next day and an update will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Shelly Stibitz

Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk