



Internal Memo

July 30, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark C. Meyers, City Administrator *MCM*

SUBJECT: General Information Packet

Attached are general items of information you may find interesting. If you have any questions or comments regarding the information, please contact me.

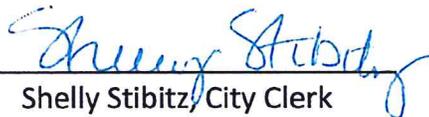
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Attachments



NOTICE
MEETING CANCELLATION

PLANNING COMMISSION

The August 11, 2020 Planning Commission meeting has been *cancelled* due to lack of business.


Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk

Posted: 07.27.20

PUBLIC e-mail NOTICE

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
Department of Public Works
4814 Henry Street
Norton Shores, Michigan 49441
Telephone: 231-799-6803
e-mail: jmurphy@nortonshores.org

DATE: July 27, 2020

PAGES: 1, Including this Sheet

FROM: Jim Murphy, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: City Wide 2020 HMA Pavement Milling and Resurfacing Project.

COMMENTS: The City of Norton Shores wishes to notify you that the 2020 HMA Pavement Milling and Resurfacing work is scheduled to start as early as August 3, 2020, at various locations throughout the City and should be completed by the end of September. The affected roadways are:

CITY 2020 HMA PAVEMENT MILLING AND RESURFACING PROJECT

Name:

Carol Street
Davis Road
Grand Haven Road
Hiawatha Drive
Lake Harbor Road
Lake Harbor Road
Leif Avenue

Limits:

Sternberg to Getz
Hile to the north end
Sternberg to North Gateway
Seminole to Norton
Ridgeview to Sunset Point
Mona Lake Bridge to Forest Glen
Estes to Wickham

These roads will remain open during construction with traffic controlled by flaggers and traffic cones. Delays should be expected within the work area

Updates to project progress can be found on the City's website and Facebook page as well as available on nixle.com.

Questions about the closure may be addressed to the Public Works Department, Municipal Building, 4814 Henry Street, Norton Shores, MI 49441 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 231-799-6803.

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FROM: Jim Murphy, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: City Wide 2020 Hot-in-Place Pavement Recycling and Pavement Overlay Work.

COMMENTS: The City of Norton Shores wishes to notify you that the completion of the Hot-in-Place pavement recycling portion of the work and adjustment of manhole covers and pavement overlay work is scheduled to start as early as August 4, 2020 at various locations throughout the City and should be completed by the end of September. The affected roadways are:

CITY 2020 HIP RECYCLING AND HMA OVERLAY PROJECT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Algonquin Drive	Seminole to Norton
Austin Street	Summit to Broadway
Brentwood Street	Seminole to Norton
Chippewa Drive	Seminole to Norton
Esther Avenue	Grand Haven east to cul-de-sac
Neece Drive	Summerfield to Rood
Ossad Drive	Neece to Summerfield
Rood Road	Seminole to Norton
Summerfield Drive	Porter to Neece
Valk Street	Broadway to Sherman

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Michigan Public
Policy Survey July 2020

Michigan local leaders expect mixed impacts from expanded voter registration and absentee voting reforms

By Natalie Fitzpatrick, Debra Horner, and Thomas Ivacko

This report presents the experiences and opinions of Michigan's local government clerks and other city and township leaders regarding three statewide voting and election reforms: 1) voter registration up to 15 days before an election via mail, online, and at a Secretary of State's office; 2) in-person, same-day voter registration up to and including Election Day at a local clerk's office, and; 3) no-excuse absentee voting. These findings are based on statewide surveys of local government leaders in the Spring 2020 wave of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS), conducted between March 30 and June 1, 2020.

>> The Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS) is a census survey of all 1,856 general purpose local governments in Michigan conducted by the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) at the University of Michigan in partnership with the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association, and Michigan Association of Counties. The MPPS investigates local officials' opinions and perspectives on a variety of important public policy issues. Respondents for the Spring 2020 wave of the MPPS include county administrators, board chairs, and clerks; city mayors, managers, and clerks; village presidents, managers, and clerks; and township supervisors, managers, and clerks from 1,342 jurisdictions across the state.

For more information, please contact: closup-mpps@umich.edu / (734) 647-4091. You can also follow us on Twitter @closup

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Key Findings

- Looking at three specific voting and election reforms approved through Proposal 3 on Michigan's 2018 ballot, 60% of city and township officials say no-excuse absentee voting has had positive impacts on their administration of elections so far while 14% report negative impacts. In addition, 45% report positive impacts from allowing mail-in and online voter registration up to just 15 days before an election compared to 19% reporting negative impacts. However, 40% say that same-day voter registration up to and including election day at local clerks' offices has had negative impacts overall, versus 33% who report positive impacts.
- Looking ahead to the November 2020 general election, local officials are more likely to expect these reforms to cause problems for their jurisdiction compared with their experiences so far, particularly in large communities.
 - » In terms of no-excuse absentee voting, less than a quarter (23%) expect problems, though it should be noted that most completed the survey before Michigan's Secretary of State announced absentee ballot applications would be mailed to all registered voters for the August and November 2020 elections. Concern increases to 32% among the state's largest jurisdictions—those with more than 30,000 residents.
 - » When it comes to shifting the mail-in voter registration deadline from 30 days to 15 days before an election, only 27% predict this will be somewhat of a problem or a significant problem, although this includes 45% in larger jurisdictions.
 - » Local leaders' greatest concerns for November are with the impact of in-person same-day voter registration, for which a majority (55%) expect problems. In the largest jurisdictions this rises to 75%, yet even in the smallest jurisdictions, almost half (47%) of local officials predict problems with same-day registration in November.
- There are differences in concerns about the November 2020 election among city and township clerks (who are responsible for administering elections) compared to each other and to other city and township officials.
 - » City clerks are more concerned about the changes to voter registration deadlines compared to their township counterparts, while township clerks are more likely than city clerks to expect problems from no-excuse absentee voting.
 - » For both cities and townships, clerks are less likely to expect problems with no-excuse absentee voting compared to other local officials such as city mayors and administrators or township supervisors.
- Local officials are particularly concerned about staffing and workload issues regarding these reforms. However, they see benefits from increased ease of voting and voter turnout. They also expect both benefits and challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
DETROIT FIELD OFFICE
477 MICHIGAN AVENUE, DETROIT, MI 48226-2592

July 22, 2020

Mr. Anthony Chandler
Director of Administrative Services
City of Norton Shores
4814 Henry Street
Norton Shores, MI 49441

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement Transmittal
City of Norton Shores
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
B-20-MC-26-0031

Dear Mr. Chandler:

The Detroit Field Office would like to thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low-and moderate-income persons through HUD programs. Enclosed are the Grant Agreements for the following programs:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	\$141,537
Total FY2020 Award	\$141,537

Transmittal of these Grant Agreement/s does not constitute approval of the activities described in your Consolidated Plan. You are reminded that you, as grantee, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and City of Norton Shores.

To establish a Line of Credit for Fiscal Year 2020 grants, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of the Grant Agreements. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055). Also, please ensure the IDIS Online Access Request Form is notarized and returned to this office with your Grant Agreements. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt

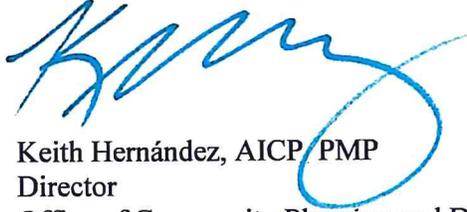
per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Please execute each attached Funding Approval and/or Grant Agreement and return a digital copy of each approval/agreement via email to DetroitCPD@hud.gov with a Cc to your CPD Representative (Darrick.T.Mallad@hud.gov) and Financial Analyst Cindy Vails (Cynthia.C.Vails@hud.gov). Please ensure the Chief Elected Official and/or authorized designee signs the CDBG Grant Agreement in the box directly across from the HUD CPD Director's signature. The CDBG Funding Approval/Agreement should **not** be signed in box 12c.

For additional information and guidance on grant-based accounting, please refer to the HUD Exchange at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/grant-based-accounting/>.

HUD congratulates the City of Norton Shores on its grant award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your programs goals. If you have any questions or need further information of assistance, please contact CPD Representative Darrick Mallad at (313) 234-7328 or Darrick.T.Mallad@hud.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KH", is written over the typed name and title of the sender.

Keith Hernández, AICP/PMP
Director
Office of Community Planning and Development

Enclosures

Second stimulus check updates: Coronavirus aid package talks stalemate as President Trump scorns relief for cash-strapped cities

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday dismissed Democratic demands for aid to cash-strapped cities in a new coronavirus relief package and lashed out at Republican allies as talks stalemated over assistance for millions of Americans. Another lawmaker tested positive for the virus.

Republicans, beset by delays and infighting, signaled a willingness to swiftly approve a modest package to revamp a \$600 weekly unemployment benefit that's running out. But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., roundly rejected that approach as meager, all but forcing Republicans back to the negotiating table. Without action, the aid expires Friday.

"We're nowhere close to the deal," said White House chief of staff Mark Meadows. He said they're "miles apart."

Stark differences remain between the \$3 trillion proposal from Democrats and \$1 trillion counter from Republicans, a standoff that is testing Trump and Congress ahead of the November election and putting aid for communities nationwide at risk.

Pelosi said the best way to reopen schools and the economy is to defeat the virus, and that can't be done with the "skinny" bill Republicans are rushing to cobble together. "They still don't get it," Pelosi said.

The virus toll continued to mount in the U.S., with 4.4 million confirmed cases and deaths passing 150,000. Outspoken Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, who often objects to mask-wearing, became the latest lawmaker at the Capitol to test positive for the virus.

Money for states and cities is a crucial dividing line as local governments plead for help to shore up budgets and prevent deeper layoffs as they incur COVID-19 costs and lost tax revenue in shutdown economies.

Trump complained about sending "big bailout money" to the nation's cities, whose mayors he often criticizes. "It's a shame to reward badly run radical left Democrats with all of this money they're looking for," he said at the White House.

Democrats proposed nearly \$1 trillion for the local governments, but Trump and Republicans are resisting sending the states and cities more cash.

Instead, the GOP offers states flexibility to use \$150 billion previously allotted for the virus on other needs. At one point this year, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said states could just declare bankruptcy.

Governors and mayors who have been urging Congress to help warned that inaction would hit hard. "If Congress fails to dedicate financial assistance to state and local governments, it will force deep cuts to the very programs workers and families need to get back on their feet," said Tara Lee, spokeswoman for Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat.

Most states have built up reserves since the Great Recession, but the pandemic stopped swaths of the economy in March.

Municipal cutbacks and layoffs began. By June, about 1.5 million fewer people were working for governments in the U.S. compared with February, according federal data. More than half the government layoffs have been in education, a sector facing daunting costs as schools prepare to reopen to students.

The differences between Democratic House and GOP Senate coronavirus relief bills »
Last month, Moody's Analytics said states were facing a cumulative budget gap of \$312 billion over the next two years and local governments would need nearly \$200 billion more. Some estimates have calculated the budget gaps as even bigger.

"These are not fancy actions," said Democrat Nan Whaley, the mayor of Dayton, Ohio, and vice president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "These are actions around emergency medical providers, fire, police, services the president claims he values."

It's clear that Democrats are trying to push an advantage in the negotiations because Republicans are so deeply divided over the prospect of big government spending.

Trump dismissed the GOP bill as "semi-irrelevant" as his team launched talks with Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

McConnell defended his approach as "serious," but he was unable to bring his majority on board. Many Republicans came around to the White House's pitch for a smaller package by Friday.

That's when the \$600 unemployment benefit boost as well as a federal eviction moratorium on millions of rental units expire, potentially sending households into devastating turmoil.

Speaking at the White House, Trump signaled his interest in reaching a deal and averting an eviction crisis.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who is leading the negotiations, said "the president is very focused" on unemployment aid and assistance for renters.

But the president said his GOP allies should "go back to school and learn" after they balked at \$1.7 billion for FBI headquarters in the bill. Trump wants the FBI's central building to remain in Washington, across the street from his Trump International Hotel. McConnell opposed the request as unrelated to virus relief.

But Pelosi showed no interest in going small bore on aid. Asked what she thinks of that approach, Pelosi said: "Nothing. Not even 'not much.' Nothing."

Republicans propose cutting the \$600 weekly unemployment benefit bump to \$200 a week as an incentive to push people back to work. On the eviction freeze put in place in March, Democrats proposed extending it, but Republicans did not include it in their bill and Trump hasn't specified what he's wants to do.

"There's no consensus on anything," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

At the Capitol, Pelosi used a zoo metaphor to explain to Mnuchin and Meadows the divide. You see a giraffe, you see a flamingo, Pelosi told the White House team late Tuesday during private talks. These two bills, she said, "aren't mateable."

The conversations were relayed by two people who were not authorized to publicly discuss the private session and spoke on condition of anonymity.