

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
January 23, 2018

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Moulatsiotis and Sladick; also, Mark Meyers, Susan Franklin, Jon Gale, Bob Gagnon, Mike Huston, Jerry Bartoszek, Anthony Chandler and Shelly Stibitz

Absent: Council Member Morgenstern

1. Mona Lake Treatment Process

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Huston explained to Council members that the Mona Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) has requested the City's consideration in changing roles for the annual treatment of Mona Lake for weeds and algae. The MLIA has contracted for treatment of the lake for many years with financial help from the City of a yearly budgeted amount. Because the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will be introducing new regulations that would limit areas of treatment for the MLIA but allow the governmental unit more latitude the MLIA is suggesting that the City take over bidding of the contract. Following treatment, the City would be reimbursed by MLIA the difference of the City's budgeted amount. The financial commitment would not change from what has been done in the past. It was the consensus of the City Council that the City now provide for the weed and algae treatment of Mona Lake and bill the Mona Lake Improvement Association for the balance of the cost minus the City's contribution.

2. Street Solicitation Ordinance/House Bill 4160

Police Chief Gale shared new legislation that legalizes street solicitation once again. Local municipalities cannot prohibit this practice and Chief Gale is proposing an amendment to the "begging and soliciting" ordinance in place prior to it becoming illegal that would establish updated safety regulations. These changes are intended to increase participant's safety and include limiting solicitation dates of March 15 through December 15 only and removing the area of Henry St/Seminole Rd from the designated list of allowed intersections. Council members would like the ordinance to also limit approval to Muskegon-based non-profit organizations. This will be added to the draft ordinance and brought forward for formal action.

General Comments

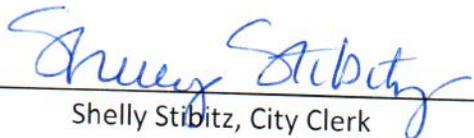
Mayor Nelund reminded Council that representation on the Board of Review is yet to be selected following Dick Dolack's resignation. Council Member Beecham plans to remain on the Board and Council Member Sladick offered to serve as well. Both will be added to the next Council agenda.

City Administrator Mark Meyers reported that a crosswalk at Mona Shores High School that the District had asked the City to consider funding has been awarded a Federal grant. The City will have no financial obligation for construction of the project but will maintain the equipment following placement.

Mr. Meyers shared his surprise of the media announcement that Wacker Neuson will move its Norton Shores' operations to Wisconsin as he was recently at the facility on a retention visit and there was no indication of this. There are several active tax exemptions for the company that will be subject to the claw-back provision. City and Muskegon Area First staffs are attempting to meet with company officials.

Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek updated City Council on the payment arrangement offer made to a homeowner featured on a local news program with a high water bill. This assistance is offered to customers when warranted along with the option to have their meter sent out for testing.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

  
Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk