

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2019

A rescheduled meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road. Pastor Doug Vandermolen delivered the invocation.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Cross, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis and Sladick; also, Mark Meyers, Doug Hughes, Shelly Stibitz, Anthony Chandler, Jerry Bartoszek, Mike Huston and Mike Kasher

19-001 Minutes

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

19-002 EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Reappointment

Council Member Beecham moved to approve reappointment of peter Brown to the EDC/TIFA/Brownfield Authority Board for a six year term ending December 7, 2024. The motion was supported by Council Member Sladick and carried unanimously.

19-003 Introduce Ordinance – Amend Chapter 10, Businesses, Prohibit Recreational Marihuana Establishments

Council Member Beecham moved to introduce an amendment to Chapter 10, Businesses, adding Section 37 as presented to prohibit recreational marihuana establishments in the City of Norton Shores. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and passed 6/3 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Council Members Beecham, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Sladick and Mayor Nelund; Nays: Council Members Cross, Flanders and Moulatsiotis.

19-004 Introduce Ordinance – Amend Chapter 22, Offenses, Prohibit Sale and Consumption of Marihuana

Council Member Jurkas moved to introduce an amendment to Chapter 22, Offenses, adding Division 3, Section 149 to prohibit the sale and consumption of marihuana in public places in the City of Norton Shores and Section 150 prohibiting purchase, consumption or possession of marihuana products by minors. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and passed 7/2 on a roll call vote. Ayes: Council Members Beecham, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Sladick and Mayor Nelund; Nays: Council Members Cross and Moulatsiotis.

19-005 Wacker Neuson IFT Clawback

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve a resolution to deny the request from Applicant/Wacker Neuson Corporation/Wacker Neuson Productions America, LLC to have the invoice #253015 rescinded and not to pursue the recapture of the abated taxes, the benefit they received under their Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Agreement(s) with the City. The motion was supported by Council Member Sladick and carried unanimously.

19-006 Street Light Installation Request – Pontaluna at Winter Creek Roads

Council Member Jurkas moved to approve a resolution to deny the request for installation of a streetlight at the corner of Pontaluna Road and Winter Creek Road. The motion was supported by Council Member Flanders and carried 8/1 with Council Member Morgenstern abstaining.

19-007 Traffic Control Orders – Speed Limits on Various Streets

Council Member Beecham moved to approve Permanent Traffic Control Orders for the designation of speed limits on: 1) East Ellis Road, Grand Haven Road East to Cul-de-sac – decrease from 35 mph to 25 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; 2) East Mount Garfield Road, Grand Haven Road to Cul-de-sac – remain 35 mph to 30 mph, based upon an engineering and safety study, pursuant to MCL 257.628; and 3) Plainfield Avenue, Leon Street to McCracken Street – remain 25 mph, pursuant to MCL 257.627(2)(e) based upon the number of vehicle access points within ½ mile. The motion was supported by Council Member Cross and carried unanimously.

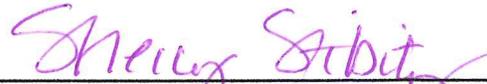
Public Comment – General

Shirley Westbrook, 5225 Henry Street, thanked the City Council for being proactive regarding marihuana laws.

Thomas Loss, 751 August Road, expressed appreciation of the discussion among Council members pertaining to the marihuana ordinances on the agenda and urged them to rethink limiting the sale of recreational marihuana.

City Administrator Mark Meyers shared with Council members that adjoining municipalities are open to the idea of redirecting the Mona Lake Trail along Getty Street by utilizing the outside lanes for bicycle traffic to avoid the high cost of relocating utility services. Several Council members indicated that they are interested in exploring this concept

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk