CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 5:30p.m. in the Norton Shores Library Community Room, 705 Seminole Road. Pastor Doug Vandermolen delivered an invocation.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Olson and Sladick; also, Mark Meyers, Doug Hughes, Taylor Hobby, Jerry Bartoszek, Mike Huston, Anthony Chandler, Jon Gale, Brandon Poel and Bob Gagnon

Correspondence:

Police Chief Jon Gale introduced two new Police Officers; Officer Stephanie Alm and Officer Adam Ludovicz.

19-102 Minutes

Council Member Flanders moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

19-103 Consent

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: a) Monthly Department Reports for Police, Fire, Public Works, Administrative Services, Library and Finance – 3rd Quarter Update; and b) Application – Special License, Arts & Drafts Festival. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-104 Adopt Ordinance – Chapter 38, Sec. 134, Private Road

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to adopt an amendment to Chapter 38, Section 134 of the Code of Ordinances reducing the width of private roads to a minimum paved width of 22-feet and right-of-way as narrow as 40-feet providing that parking is prohibited. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern. Council Member Olson moved to amend Sec. 1(b), 6, to say "A sidewalk is to be included with the private roadway, the minimum width shall be four (4) feet." The motion to amend was supported by Council Member Moulatsiotis and carried 8/1 with Council Member Hylland against. The ordinance was adopted as amended by an 8/1 roll call vote with Council Members Beecham, Flanders, Jurkas, Morgenstern, Moulatsiotis, Olson, Sladick and Mayor Nelund for; and Council Member Hylland against.

19-105 Appointment – Planning Commission

Council Member Jurkas moved to appoint Joseph Bush to the Norton Shores Planning Commission for the remainder of a three-year term expiring May 31, 2022. The motion was supported by Council Member Olson and carried unanimously.

19-106 Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals

Council Member Morgenstern moved to appoint Morgan Carroll to the Norton Shores Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a three-year term expiring September 1, 2021. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-107 Land Division – 48 W. Pontaluna Road

Council Member Beecham moved to grant permission to the Baker Trust to divide the property at 48 W. Pontaluna Road as per the submitted plan. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

19-108 Fiscal Year 2020 MPTC Pay Plan

Council Member Sladick moved to approve a 2% increase in wage ranges for MPTC employees effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, while all other benefits remain status-quo. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

19-109 Class A New Vehicle Dealer – St. John Truck & Trailer, 5815 Grand Haven Road

Council Member Flanders moved to approve zoning and location requirements for St. John Truck & Trailer Service, Inc., 5815 Grand Haven Road for Class A New Vehicle Dealer classification. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously.

19-110 Property Assessment Program – Agreement with Muskegon County Equalization

Council Member Beecham moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the County of Muskegon extending the property assessment program administered by Muskegon County Equalization Department to perform property assessing services effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024. The fee for assessing services is $316,224 for the first year with an annual increase of 1% per year for years 2, 3, and 4 and 2% in the final year ending June 30, 2024. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

Public Comment – General

Librarian Alison Purgiel shared with Council information about the Summer Reading kickoff, MADL Thursday Night Music Club and, also, handed out the annual 2018 MADL report.

Council Member Sladick inquired about the Public Safety boat and if they were able to get it in the water and secured due to high water levels. Lt. Brandon Poel said they were able to move it closer to the sea wall and it is very secure even with the high water.

Council Member Hylland asked for clarification on the amendment made requiring sidewalks in the newly adopted ordinance and the difference between private drives and private roadways.

Council Member Beecham asked how long we allow homes to keep moving pods on their property. Storage containers are allowed for 30 days but a permit must be obtained to have one. Staff said if there are properties where this may be a concern of how long they have had one they will look into it.

Council Member Beecham also inquired about the new homes on Pontaluna and Wood Roads and if that is what they voted on. Staff will look into the definition of home and mobile homes. However, City Council solely voted on splitting the land.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Taylor Hobby

Taylor Hobby, Acting City Clerk