

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
February 26, 2019

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

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

Absent: Council Member Cross

1. Updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

At City Council's direction, a ranking system was created to categorize the projects proposed from staff and public input for the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update. Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek shared the criteria of the ranking system which consists of: non-duplication of amenities, coordination with street projects and linkage to schools, parks, neighborhoods and commercial nodes. The result included three tiers with each project earning 1 to 4 points. The tiers will serve as a guide in planning upcoming projects over the next several years as funding is available. Council members were pleased with the ranking system created and asked to have the Lake Harbor Road Trail and Pontaluna Road projects combined. Council members agreed with the request to seek the Planning Commission's recommendation at their March 12, 2019 meeting.

2. Ross Park Pavilion Grant Proposal

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Huston described his and Parks Supervisor Brian Clarke's efforts in improvements at Ross Park. Mr. Huston reported that the pavilion overlooking Mona Lake was constructed poorly in 1975 and the current condition is unusable due to deterioration and vandalism. They propose that the pavilion be demolished and a large deck be built for visitors to enjoy the beach and lake view. The deck could also be rented out to private parties and utilized as the stage for bands during the Arts & Drafts Festival. The pavilion was built with State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant funding requiring any change to be of a similar structure and Pat Cornelisse, Design Consultant, believes the deck would meet this requirement. The estimated \$32,000 demolition cost can be placed in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and a new grant application will be submitted for construction of the deck. The approximate cost to build a 50' x 80' composite deck is \$174,000 and, if awarded a grant, the City would be responsible for a 30% local match, or \$52,200. Consideration was given to building a 100' x 70' deck but the cost was prohibitive at over \$300,000. Council Member Moulatsiotis fears that the smaller deck won't be adequate for the

events we are hoping to accommodate. In answer to Council Member Jurkas' concerns regarding problems experienced in the past with vandalism, installation of lights and cameras is planned. Council members directed staff to move forward with demolition of the pavilion and application for a grant to construct a deck at Ross Park.

3. MCD 911 Phone Surcharge Presentation

Police Chief Gale and Fire Chief Gagnon detailed the importance of all Muskegon County residents voting on May 7th to approve the Muskegon Central Dispatch (MCD) 911 Surcharge. Muskegon County public safety and school officials are joining forces with MCD to get the word out to the entire community using social media, group presentations and individual interaction. Several short video clips depicting the dangers of poor communication systems will be uploaded to Facebook that the group is asking everyone to share on their pages as well. Shawn Grabinski, MCD Director, answered several of Council's questions about the \$2.75 per device charge, number of new towers and why switching from the current analog equipment to a digital system is crucial.

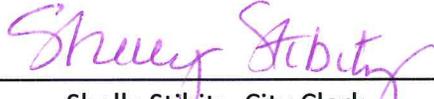
General Comments

Mayor Nelund made a quorum inquiry for the first meeting in April and four Council members will be out of town on April 2, 2019.

City Administrator Mark Meyers let Council know that, following a suggestion from Council Member Cross, Director of Administrative Services and MCD 911 Board Member Anthony Chandler will be setting up a tour of the Central Dispatch facilities. A tour of Tanglewood Park in the future was suggested as well.

City Attorney and Muskegon Area District Library Board Member Doug Hughes shared schematics of the Storyville projects and a completion date of October 2019 for all Library buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk