

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 24, 2018

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Norton Shores City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

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

1. Muskegon Central Dispatch Surcharge Election/800MHz Radio Project

Muskegon Central Dispatch 911 (MCD911) Executive Director, Shawn Grabinski, explained to the City Council their county-wide ballot question approved for the November 6, 2018 election. MCD911 will ask voters to approve an increase from .42 to a not-to-exceed amount of \$2.75 per device monthly surcharge. Ms. Grabinski described this funding as crucial for operational necessities for the continued safety of our citizens and public safety responders. It will be used to upgrade to an 800MHz radio system, provide new mobile data computers, build infrastructure to house the equipment, establish a revolving fund and provide a wireless fiber backup to the public safety fiber network. Surrounding counties are utilizing 800MHz equipment which impedes our communications during widespread emergencies with use of older equipment. The final not-to-exceed surcharge amount fluctuates annually and is approved each year by the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners based on MCD911 recommendations. If approved by the voters in November, full collection of the surcharge should be in place by October 1, 2019 and could start as early as July 1, 2019. Ms. Grabinski was seeking City Council's support of their ballot question.

2. Petition to Accept Crestbrook Avenue, Circle Place and Buck Street into Public Road System

Item removed from agenda.

3. Presentation of 2015 International Fire Code

Fire Chief Bob Gagnon is recommending that City Council adopt the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC). The City is currently operating under the 2009 IFC adopted in 2011. Because the IFC cannot account for every topography type and municipal ordinance when setting code requirements, it is necessary for individual jurisdictions to amend areas of the document to better suit their needs. Chief Gagnon is recommending amendments to Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the code of ordinances to accommodate this. Fire Marshal Ted Karnitz addressed some of the significant changes in the 2015 IFC Edition consisting mostly of building design and meeting present day security challenges. Adoption of the IFC is optional and there is one Edition

between what is currently adopted and the one being recommended at this time. Use of the current Michigan Building Code is mandated and references the IFC throughout which makes adopting the most recent IFC the most practical choice. Introduction of the 2015 International Fire Code will placed on the next meeting agenda.

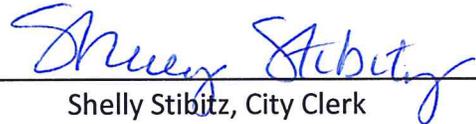
General Comments

Mayor Nelund reminded everyone that the next meeting is on Monday, August 6, 2018 due to the primary election.

Council Member Moulatsiotis stated that many surrounding municipalities have shorter time frames that political signs can be displayed. He remarked that several surrounding areas have a 30-day rule and he would like to see the 45-day time limit reduced.

City Administrator Mark Meyers mentioned that a limited number of “celebrity participants” can drive during the Snowplow Roadeo and those interested should contact Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Shelly Stibitz, City Clerk