

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 22, 2015

A regular work session of the Norton Shores City Council was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 4814 Henry Street.

Present: Mayor Nelund, Council Members Beecham, Dolack, Flanders, Hylland, Jurkas, Martines, Moulatsiotis and Ostrom; also Mark Meyers, Mike Huston, Jerry Bartoszek, Jon Gale, Bob Gagnon, Lynne Fuller, and Susan Franklin

1. Proposed Tobacco Ordinance

Police Chief Jon Gale proposed a City ordinance prohibiting the possession of tobacco products by minors. He introduced Jill Montgomery Keast, Muskegon County Public Health, who presented a variety of health statistics related to smoking in Muskegon County. She also discussed the use of electronic delivery devices such as e-cigarettes, vape pipes and vape pens. Currently minor in possession of tobacco products is not addressed in City ordinances except for prohibition on school property. The proposed language will assist officers in providing a civil infraction option instead of using State law. If a civil infraction citation is utilized, the charge will not appear on the minor's criminal history. The proposed ordinance would also make it a misdemeanor for an adult to sell or furnish tobacco products to a minor. Language was also added to include the sale and possession of vapor products that include nicotine. Currently vapor products are not addressed in State law. The City of Whitehall has already adopted such an ordinance and Muskegon County is prepared to do the same. Two bills have been stalled at the State Senate and House level. City Council agreed to consider the proposed ordinance at the next City Council meeting.

2. Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Local Street Improvement Program

Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek reviewed the list of proposed projects to be completed in year eight of the Municipal Road Fund. The plan calls for investing \$1,600,000 in local roads next year which includes using fund balance. In addition, Mr. Bartoszek proposed the use of \$200,000 toward the grant match for reconstruction of Harvey Street from Ellis Road to Hile Road. The streets are chosen each year using a variety of criteria, including the Asset Management condition rating, traffic volumes, maintenance history, utility availability and continuity.

Proposed reconstruction projects include Norton Hills Road, Norcrest Drive to Applewood Lane and Hendrick Road/Stanwood Street, Henry Street to Churchill Drive.

The City has completed five years of using the hot-in-place recycling process on resurfaced streets. This process recycles in place all of the bituminous material. This year, streets proposed for this process include: Cherry Avenue, Thompson Road to the east end; Davis Road, Brookwood Drive to Hile Road; Brookwood Drive, Rood Road to east cul-de-sac; Grand Avenue, Grand Haven Road to East Byron Road; and Oak Hollow Court, Treeline Drive to cul-de-sac. Mr. Bartoszek also proposed an “ultra-thin” overlay to finish the surface on these streets due to lower traffic volumes.

Streets proposed for a milling of the existing surface and resurfacing of the roadway are Norton Hills Road, Applewood Lane to Applewood Lane; and Lakeshore Boulevard, Green Street to cul-de-sac. This process is recommended due to the existing pavement condition and/or pavement thickness.

Council Member Beecham asked if the projects are chosen based on PACER ratings. Mr. Bartoszek explained that PACER ratings are used in addition to other criteria such as whether or not the street collects traffic from a number of other streets such as subdivisions. Mayor Nelund and the City Council agreed that there has been a good distribution of projects around the City and concurred with staff’s recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017.

Comments

Council Member Flanders requested a status report on comments received at the September 15 City Council meeting regarding properties on Lakeshore Boulevard. City Administrator Mark Meyers said staff would provide a written report on each property involved.

Council Member Martines asked if a rental inspection program would be discussed again in the future. Mr. Meyers explained that the City Attorney provided a legal opinion on whether it could be revisited. Council Member Martines requested that the matter be discussed again.

Mr. Meyers reminded City Council that a joint meeting of the Norton Shores and Roosevelt Park City Councils and the Mona Shores School Board is scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Park Community Center.

Mr. Meyers reported that the Army Corps of Engineers has issued a permit for the celery flats project to reduce phosphorus migrating into Mona Lake.

Council Member Martines asked for the status of the Franklin property on Getty Street. Mr. Meyers said the celery flats project will assist in resolving some of those issues.

Chief Gale reminded Council of the Public Safety Open House to be held on Saturday, September 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Lynne A. Fuller, City Clerk