

CITY OF NORTON SHORES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 6, 2016

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores City Council was held Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road. The invocation was delivered by Pastor Doug VanderMolen.

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

Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. James Riley of 1138 Elsa Avenue expressed concern about a report issued by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy regarding underfunded pensions in Michigan and, specifically, Norton Shores.

Mr. George Cannon of 1500 Rood Point Road encouraged the City Council to allow the Kiwanis Club to conduct their annual peanut sale previously approved for September 16 and 17, 2016.

16-136 Minutes

Council Member Dolack moved to adopt the minutes of the August 16, 2016 City Council meeting. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

16-137 Consent Agenda

Council Member Beecham moved to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of: a) Fiscal Year 2016 Year End Reports; b) Minutes of the July 27, 2106 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting; c) Bid Authorization – City Hall Corridor Carpet; d) Resolution scheduling a public hearing date of September 20, 2016 to consider an amended application from Johnson Technology, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for property at 6120 Norton Center Drive; e) Resolution scheduling a public hearing date of September 20, 2016 to consider an application from La Colombe Torrefaction, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for property at 6366 Norton Center Drive; f) Resolution scheduling a public hearing date of September 20, 2016 to consider revocation of a Class C liquor license held by Brew House LLC, 255 Seminole Road; and g) Resolution: Revocation of Intersection Solicitation Permission. The motion was supported by Council Member Martines.

Council Member Beecham moved to add item 8h – resolution scheduling a public hearing date of September 20, 2016 for approval of the CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The motion was supported by Council Member Dolack and carried unanimously.

Council Member Morgenstern moved to remove item 8g from the Consent Agenda for consideration under New Business. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

Council Member Moulatsiotis moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried unanimously.

16-138 Adoption of Ordinance: Zone Change – 615, 635, 645, 655, 675, 680, 685, 695, 707, 721, 747 and 749 Ellis Road

Council Member Jurkas moved to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning on the above listed properties from GO General Office to PUD Planned Unit Development. The motion was supported by Council Member Beecham and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

16-139 Bid Award – Mona Kai Water Main Replacement

Council Member Dolack moved to adopt a resolution awarding the bid for replacement of the Mona Kai water main to Accurate Excavators, LLC of Muskegon at a cost of \$298,195. The motion was supported by Council Member Martines and carried unanimously.

16-140 Special Use Permit Amendment – Mona Shores Public Schools, 1700 Woodside Road

Council Member Dolack moved to adopt a resolution granting a special use permit amendment to Mona Shores Public Schools for parking lot improvements in an SUD Special Use Development district for the property at 1700 Woodside Road in accordance with the submitted plan. The motion was supported by Council Member Jurkas and carried 8-0 with Council Member Hylland abstaining.

16-141 Bid Award – Engineering Services – Porter Road Culvert and Water Main

Council Member Martines moved to adopt a resolution awarding the contract for engineering services for the Porter Road water main and culvert replacement project to the low bidder, Prein & Newhof, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the not-to-exceed cost of \$49,100. The motion was supported by Council Member Dolack and carried unanimously.

16-142 Revocation of Solicitation Permission

Council Member Dolack moved to revoke permission to solicit near a roadway previously granted to the Kiwanis Club and the Old Newsies based on the Michigan Vehicle Code, Uniform Traffic Code, and legal opinion of Attorney General Bill Schuette. The motion was supported by Council Member Morgenstern and carried unanimously.

Comments

Mr. Jack Kennedy, representing the Kiwanis Club, reminded Council that the Attorney General's opinion is only an opinion, not a binding ruling. Mayor Nelund reiterated that staff would be happy to work with the Kiwanis and Old Newsies on an option to conduct their events on private property such as the former Kmart property.

Mr. James Riley of 1138 Elsa Avenue stated that anyone who would like verification of his previous statements can look for Norton Shores pension underfunding on the internet to find his blog. Mayor Nelund said staff would meet with interested parties about this issue and invited them to attend the November work session for the presentation of the FY 2016 audit. City Administrator Mark Meyers thanked audience members for attending to discuss pension funding. He added that this is a long-term issue that the City has been working on in an effort to decrease cost and increase funding.

Mr. T.J. Parker of 3546 Jeffrey Street also expressed his concern about the pension underfunding issue.

Council Members Martines encouraged audience members who may review the Mackinac Center report to compare all debt for municipalities because they may have chosen to bond or otherwise borrow money to increase funding levels. Council Member Hylland assured those in attendance that the City has not ignored this issue and continues to provide additional funding and cost saving measures.

Council Member Morgenstern thanked City staff for his tour of City facilities.

Council Member Flanders commended Chiefs Bob Gagnon and Jon Gale, Lt. Brandon Poel and Administrative Services Director Anthony Chandler for the Hunter Safety class, which he attended with his family, and encouraged others to participate.

Council Member Hylland asked about "road closed" signs at Seminole Woods Drive. Public Works Director Jerry Bartoszek explained that after Council approval to close the road the developer requested that the signs be placed temporarily until a gate is installed because school is back in session.

Council Member Hylland also asked about signs on Lake Harbor Road with a bicycle and the number 35 on them. Mr. Meyers explained that the signs mark the bicycle route 35 that extends from the Michigan/Indiana border to the Upper Peninsula.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

  
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Lynne A. Fuller, City Clerk