

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2006**

This meeting was called to order by Carol A. Raph, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised under Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

Newly elected officials were sworn in prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL: Carew, Notaro, Kern, Martinez, Turon, Mazzeo

Engineer Edward Stinson of Doran Engineering, and City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler were present.

City Clerk Carol Raph called for a motion to elect a Temporary Council President for this meeting. Motion made by Martinez and seconded by Notaro, all in favor of appointing Councilman-at-Large Vincent Mazzeo as President.

Council President Mazzeo reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Carew questioned Resolution 7B-2006, appointing Bond Counsel. Mazzeo explained the appointments were based on responses and qualifications received from the professionals and contracts would be negotiated shortly.

Councilman Carew asked for clarification on Resolution 7D-2006, appointing an Assistant City Engineer. Mazzeo responded that new 2006 projects, not in the scope of City Engineer Doran Engineering, would be subject to competitive engineering cost negotiations. Carew brought attention to the fact that, during 2006, any project awarded to the Assistant City Engineer, would still need to be brought to Council by Doran Engineering.

Administrator Bruckler responded to questions on Resolution 24-2006, salaries for non-union employees, indicating the majority of the increases were 3%. The Resolution was included in tonight's agenda for timely payroll processing purposes. Councilman Turon motioned to withdraw Resolution 24-2006 from the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Carew. A brief discussion followed. Roll call vote: Carew – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Mazzeo – yes; Notaro – yes; Turon – yes. Motion carries.

Councilman Carew reported the playground equipment, which will be used in three different areas, has arrived for Birch Grove Park. Engineer Stinson estimated installation within two weeks, weather permitting.

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Mayor Perri reported on the drainage problems at Sutton Woods and requested the City Solicitor move forward with bond proceedings. Perri stated the problems with the Philmar Circle Project have not been resolved. There is no DOT update for Cedarbridge and Oak Avenue at this time, he added.

Mayor Perri requested no parking and time-restricted parking signs for Northfield Avenue. Municipal Clerk Carol Raph responded to questions from Mayor Perri regarding the contract for the police vehicle video recorders and documents requested from the vendor.

Mayor Perri asked the new Council Members to review the Consultant's report for the Police Department and recommendations from him prior to the next Council Meeting.

Council President Mazzeo opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one, the Public Session was closed.

Motion to adjourn by Carew, seconded by Martinez, all in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC