

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2007**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Carew, Martinez, Mazzeo, Notaro, Turon, Vain, Kern

Solicitor Jeff Light, Engineer Ed Stinson, CFO Marilyn Dolcy and City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler were present.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES / February 12<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Councilman Turon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

**ORDINANCE 6-2007**

On a motion made by Councilman Mazzeo, seconded by Carew, all in favor of reading Ordinance 6-2007 by title only.

**6-2007**            Calendar Year 2007 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget  
                         Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank  
*Introduction/No Public Input/ Advertise in the Press 3/17/07*

Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes, Mazzeo- yes, Notaro – yes, Turon – yes, Vain – yes, Kern – yes. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION / 2007 BUDGET**

**44-2007**            Introduction of the 2007 Budget  
*No public input on introduction*  
*Budget Synopsis/the Press/ March 24, 2007*  
*Public Hearing and Final Adoption: April 24, 2007*  
*Copies of the 2007 Budget are available in the City Clerk's office*

Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes, Mazzeo- yes, Notaro – yes, Turon – yes, Vain – yes, Kern – yes. Motion carries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Vain discussed the concerns of some residents of Burton Estates regarding the lack of crosswalks in front of the Birch Grove Park entrance, and recommended they be put into place. Police Chief James explained that the City can decide where and at what angle to paint the crosswalk lines. Councilman Vain also proposed that the speed limit on Burton Avenue be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. Public safety is a concern due to Burton Estates; the Yale School and sports activities at the recreation fields, Chief James explained that an Ordinance amendment is required to reduce the speed limit.

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Vain expressed concern over the speed limit and children's safety along Zion Road. He stated that he would like to ask the County and the DOT to reconsider their rejection of the City's request to reduce that speed limit. Council President Kern advised him to proceed. Mayor Perri requested that he and the rest of Council be kept informed. Regarding the intersection of Zion Road, Cedarbridge and Burroughs, Vain stated that he and Councilman Notaro had spoken with Engineer Stinson about ways to make it safer and would update Council in the near future.

Police Chief James gave the Police Department report for the month of February.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 45-2007** A Resolution Authorizing a Person-to-Person Transfer of a Liquor License  
On a motion by Notaro, seconded by Marinez, Vain abstaining, all present in favor. Motion carries.
- 46-2007** A Resolution Authorizing a Place-to-Place Transfer of a Liquor License  
On a motion by Notaro, seconded by Marinez, Vain abstaining, all present in favor. Motion carries.
- 47-2007** Self-Examination of Budget Resolution  
On a motion by Notaro, seconded by Marinez, all present in favor, Motion carries.
- 48-2007** A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant  
On a motion by Notaro, seconded by Marinez, all present in favor. Motion carries.
- 49-2007** A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, Regarding Land Acquisition  
On a motion by Notaro, seconded by Marinez, all present in favor. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

On a motion made by Councilman Carew, seconded by Vain, Ordinance 2-2007 was read by title only. All present in favor.

- 2-2007** an Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the Code of the City of Northfield Regarding Certain Positions within the Police Department  
*Final Reading/Open to the Public/No Public comments were received/ Advertise in the Press 3/17/07*

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On a motion made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Mazzeo, Ordinance 5-2007 was read by title only. All present in favor.

**5-2007** An Ordinance Approving a Multi-Way Stop Intersection at Cedarbridge and Oak Avenue

*Final Reading/Open to the Public/ No public Input received/Advertise in the Press 3/17/07*

Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes, Mazzeo- yes, Notaro – yes, Turon – yes, Vain – yes, Kern – yes, Motion carries.

**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Robert Webb of 218 West Revere Avenue, Northfield, came forward and commented on property taxes. He urged Council to find ways to save money and consider downsizing the City Council to another form of Government. He praised Police Chief Robert James.

Guy Schlachter of 14 Mazza Drive, Northfield, came forward and commended Council for trimming the budget. He asked Councilman Vain to add Mill Road to his list of streets needing safety improvements.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Council President Kern closed the public session.

Councilman Vain announced the next meeting of Council will be held on March 27, 2007.

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting of the Governing Body entered into Executive Session 49-2007.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 49-2007**

The summary of this Executive Session was given by Solicitor Jeff Light as follows: An Executive Session was held during which City Council discussed the potential to purchase property on Oak Avenue. Council seeks to obtain an appraisal of the property before deciding to proceed.

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk