

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2006**

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

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Perri, Jr. After the flag salute, Mayor Perri called for a moment of silence for those fighting for our liberties at home and abroad in our armed services that they may return safely home to their families and those fighting for our fire, rescue and police in our community that they may be kept safe.

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

Solicitor Alfred Scerni, Jr., Engineer Edward Stinson of Doran Engineering, and City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler were present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES/MARCH 7, 2006

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilwoman Kern to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 7, 2006. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Councilman Carew requested that the minutes reflect his absence was due to being involved in an automobile accident. All in favor, motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Turon congratulated the Mother's League on the success of their annual Spaghetti Dinner. Turon said the League faced additional insurance expense, as did other organizations, and an anonymous corporate sponsor had offered to pay the added expense this year. Turon also congratulated the Northfield Education Foundation on the success of their first annual Talent Night. The event was very well attended and, due to the number of participants, consideration is being given to having one night for elementary and one for middle school.

Councilman Martinez announced the Northfield Community School will be holding a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Martinez reported on attending the Rescue Squad drill held March 20th.

Councilman Schlachter reported the new playground areas at Birch Grove Park are approximately 90% completed. Finishing touches will include drainage clearing, sand to fill areas between equipment and add railroad ties to divert drainage from the picnic area.

Schlachter anticipates completion of the design of the new all purpose field to be completed shortly. He thanked the City Public Works Department for bringing the fill which the County supplied free of charge. Schlachter also thanked Councilwoman Kern

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for her efforts and communication with the Jewish Day School to obtain more fields for the City children.

Schlachter said benches have been installed at the First Street Playground. He also said a request has been received from the Historical Society for assistance with the design of an addition to the Museum. The Society has supplied plans for the project, which would be funded by the Historical Society. Council President Mazzeo suggested the project be discussed with CFO Dolcy and Administrator Bruckler. Mayor Perri also asked that an overview be presented to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Councilwoman Kern reported on judging the projects presented at the Northfield Community School Science Fair. The award winners from NCS presented their projects at Richard Stockton College the weekend of March 18th and were awarded one first place, two second place and several honorable mentions. Kern asked Council to invite the winners to a future meeting for recognition. She added that a new Junior National Society was formed and asked if those members could also be recognized at Council. Council President Mazzeo asked Kern to coordinate the dates with the City Clerk.

Kern mentioned the business signs being placed along Route 9 on the weekends and asked if they were legally placed. Perri and Carew responded they would bring it to the Zoning Officer's attention immediately.

Council President Mazzeo announced that Dr. Stepura and Dr. Dever would be making their budget presentations at the April 4th Council Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri acknowledged the successful dinner sponsored by the Mother's League and suggested the City assist with the increased insurance costs in the future.

Perri said the Talent Show was very professionally presented and the children were outstanding.

He extended his condolences to Acting Chief Carty and the families on the recent passing of his grandmother.

Mayor Perri presented the Police Department report for February: Calls for service – 1,578; investigation reports filed – 50; adult arrests – 31; juvenile arrests – 9; drug arrests – 2; property recovered - \$900.00; motor vehicle summonses – 181; motor vehicle accidents – 35; motor vehicle accidents with injury – 5; summonses for accidents – 22; and, radar enforcement summonses – 18.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Administrator Bruckler requested an Executive Session or a meeting of Council members prior to the regularly scheduled meetings at the April 4th Council Meeting for a review of safety issues with Acting Lieutenant Faden.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilman Turon, second by Councilman Martinez, all in favor of a Consent Agenda on Resolutions 48-2006 through 52-2006 as follows:

- 48-2006** Appointing Lawrence A. Pepper, Jr., Esquire, Labor Relations Attorney
- 49-2006** Appointing Matt Doran Land Surveyor
- 50-2006** Resolution Ratifying Inter-Local Services Agreement for 9-1-1 Services Between the Township of Egg Harbor and the City of Northfield
- 51-2006** To Hire Ray Adams, Jr. as Part-Time Payroll/Finance Assistant in the Finance Office
- 52-2006** Authorize the Northfield Fire Department to Apply for and Obtain a 2006 Matching Grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilman Schlachter to read Ordinance 3-2006 by title only, second by Councilwoman Kern, for introduction. All in favor. Motion carries.

- 3-2006** Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)
Introduction/No public input/Published in The Press 3/25/06

Roll call: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Councilman Schlachter to read Ordinance 4-2006 by title only, second by Councilwoman Kern, for introduction. Motion carries.

- 4-2006** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,132,000 Therefor, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,075,400 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
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Roll call: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes. Motion carries

Final adoption of Ordinance 4-2006 is scheduled for 8:30 pm at a regular meeting of Council to be held on April 4, 2006.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$1,399,784.59

Councilman Schlachter motioned for payment of bills in the amount of \$1,399,784.59, second by Councilman Notaro. Roll call: Carew – yes; Notaro – yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one, he closed the public session.

MEETING NOTICES/KERN

Work Session	April 4, 2006	7:00 pm
Regular Session	April 4, 2006	8:00 pm

Motion to adjourn, all in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk