

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2008**

After a brief recess following the Work Session, this meeting was reconvened and called to order by Carol A. Raph, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law '75 Chapter 231.

Present: Kern, Notaro, O'Grady, Vain, Zlotnick, Martinez.
Absent: Carew

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Vain, second of Councilwoman Zlotnick, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of March 18, 2008. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

ORDINANCE

On a motion of Councilman Notaro, second of Councilman O'Grady, all in favor of reading Ordinance 1-2008 by title only.

1- 2008 Calendar Year 2008 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Final Reading/Public Input/Advertise in the Press 4/12/08

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes,
Absent: Carew; motion carries to adopt Ordinance 1-2008.

RESOLUTION / 2008 BUDGET

On a motion of Councilwoman Kern, second of Councilman Vain, all in favor of reading Resolution 57-2008 by title only.

57-2008 Introduction of the 2008 Budget

*No public input on introduction
Budget Synopsis/the Press/April 17, 2008
Public Hearing and Final Adoption: May 6, 2008
Copies of the 2008 Budget are available in the City Clerk's office*

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes,
Absent: Carew; motion carries to introduce 2008 Budget on 1st reading.

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Councilman Vain noted that Council had agreed to review the budget one final time in the taxpayers' interest; said meeting will be scheduled and advertised per Council President Martinez.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion of Councilwoman Zlotnick, second of O'Grady to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Northfield and the Northfield Rescue Squad Incorporated, as written, and to proceed with the next step.

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-abstains, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes, Absent: Carew; motion carries.

Councilwoman Kern announced that the Northfield Education Foundation is holding a golf tournament at the Atlantic City Country Club on April 21st. The Foundation is responsible for raising funds for various programs at the Northfield Community School. On April 26th the Northfield Community School will be hosting the Happy Home Walk for the second time. This walk is dedicated to the memory of Christina and Jacqueline Becker, daughters of Northfield Community School principal Maria Caiafa, who were both killed in a tragic accident last year. Funds raised benefit an orphanage supported by Caiafa and her daughters. The event starts on the bike path in Northfield and concludes in Linwood; Police departments from both municipalities will be assisting the day of the event. Council members are encouraged to participate. The Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament is slated to be held on October 26th at Atlantic City Country Club; this will be the first year the tournament has been held in several years and we are anxious to bring it back.

Councilman O'Grady said that during the break between the Work and Regular Sessions of this evening's Council meeting he was able to locate the Minutes of City Council Meetings dating back to 2005 and link them to the Council web page section of cityofnorthfield.org.

Councilman Notaro relayed that he received a letter from the residents of Glen Cove Avenue thanking the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work in cleaning up the Bird Sanctuary.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mazzeo delivered the March Police Report as follows: investigation reports generated – 79; arrests – 64; motor vehicle stops – 710; traffic summonses – 292; motor vehicle crash reports – 31; property checks – 741; work hours scheduled – 2,928.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineer's report was distributed to Mayor and Council and is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Updates to the report are as follows: the 2007 Paving Project is well underway and should be completed, weather permitting, by next Friday. A meeting will be scheduled next week with the Mayor and appropriate personnel to move forward on the Storm Water Pump Station project. The Birch Grove Park Walkway project is still being reviewed by the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and we are awaiting their approval to award the bid. Work has begun on the preliminary design phase of the curbing and sidewalk improvements on the bike path along Cedarbridge Road as part of the 2007 Safe Routes to School Program. Councilwoman Kern asked for a status update on the Northfield sign that was to be erected by the NJ Department of Transportation at the corner of Tilton and New Roads. Mayor Mazzeo advised that he contacted the state about this sign but has not heard back from them; he will follow up and advise. City Clerk Carol Raph will review the Council Minutes from 2007 to locate the sign commitment.

Council President Martinez yielded to Police Chief Robert James to brief Council regarding enforcement of false burglar alarms. James stated that it has been approximately 10 years since the City addressed this issue; the current Ordinance dates to 1992. James is drafting a new Ordinance for Council's review.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion of Councilman Vain, second of Councilman Notaro, all present in favor of Resolutions 58-2008 through 64-2008 by consent agenda as follows:

- 58-2008** Self Examination of Budget Resolution
- 59-2008** Request to use County Roads for Parades and Other Functions
- 60-2008** Authorizing Participation in NJ Safe and Secure Communities Program
- 61-2008** Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for a Click It or Ticket Grant
- 62-2008** Resolution Supporting Click It or Ticket Mobilization
- 63-2008** Resolution Authorizing the Police Department to Apply for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Grant

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64-2008 Resolution to Hire Kevin D. Sawtelle as Seasonal Maintenance Employee at Birch Grove Park

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ORDINANCES

On a motion made by Councilman O'Grady, seconded by Zlotnick, Ordinance 2-2008 was read by title only. All present in favor.

2-2008 Amending Ordinance 1-2004 Revising Certain Charges Under Chapter 60 of the Uniform Construction Code

*Introduction/No Public Input
A synopsis will be published in the Press 4/12/2007*

Full copies of the ordinance are available upon request in the City Clerk's Office Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes, Absent: Carew; motion carries

On a motion made by Councilwoman Zlotnick, seconded by Vain, Ordinance 3-2008 was read by title only. All present in favor.

3-2008 Amending Ordinance 27-1993 Establishing Hours Permitted for Soliciting or Canvassing Activity
Introduction/No Public Input/Published the Press 04/12/2008

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes, Absent: Carew; motion carries

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Martinez opened this meeting to the public and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Frank Perri of 7 Haddon Avenue came forward to thank the original committee who worked on the Rescue Squad Memorandum, including Councilwomen Kern and Zlotnick, Council President Martinez and former Councilman Turon.

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

Councilman O'Grady read the meeting notices. The School Board Election will be held on April 15, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Northfield Community School. The next Council Work Session will be held on April 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm, with the Regular Session immediately following.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC