

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2007**

This regular meeting of Council began, with all members present, immediately following the work session.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Notaro, second by Councilman Martinez, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of May 8, 2007. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Turon thanked the Fire Department for putting up the flags along the parade route. Councilman Vain requested that a new flag be ordered for the front of City Hall because the current one is tattered.

Councilman Carew reported that all is well in the building department and at Birch Grove Park. He apologized for arriving late to the meeting and explained that he was volunteering as a youth baseball coach.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri reported that the City had received a grant for 'Click-It or Ticket' enforcement and he asked everyone buckle up. Police Chief Robert James stated that the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble Band will be donating money to fund the purchase of one bullet proof vest for the department. The Mayor told Council about a proclamation that was presented to Mrs. Meherun Salam for being named the '2007 Mother of Young Children' by American Mothers, Inc. He congratulated Jenna Rosado, a fourth grade student at Northfield Community School, for winning a student-author contest and having her article published in the Celebrate NJ! Kids Newspaper. Rosado was the only winner in Atlantic County. For the record, Mayor Perri corrected an error that was published in a local newspaper which stated that Ray J. Adams is his nephew. Adams is related to the Mayor by marriage, as he is the cousin of Mrs. Perri. Councilman Carew added that it is important for the facts to be correct when they are published. He explained that he was late arriving at the last meeting due to his commitment as a volunteer little league coach.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

- 90-2007** A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Escrow Monies from the Planning/Zoning Board
- 91-2007** Refunds of Overpayment of Taxes
- 92-2008** A Resolution to Authorize a Credit for the Overpayment of Sewer Charges on Block 36, Lot 2
- 93-2007** A Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Overpayment of Copies Fees for an OPRA request
- 94-2007** A Resolution to Authorize the Cancellation of Taxes on Block 152, Lot 3

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- 95-2007** A Resolution to Accept the Resignation of Raymond J. Adams, Part Time Birch Grove Park Grounds-Keeper
- 96-2007** To Hire Shannon Campbell for the Position of Part Time Secretary in the Northfield Police Department
- 97-2007** To Hire Ryan Friel as a Seasonal Grounds-Keeper for the City of Northfield
- 98-2007** To Hire Edmund Towle as a Part Time Birch Grove Park Grounds-Keeper/ Utility Maintenance Worker
- 99-2007** 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 Possible Litigation
- 100-2007** 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 Contract Negotiations
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - yes, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.

ORDINANCES

On a motion made by Councilman Turon, seconded by Carew, Ordinance 7-2007 was read by title only. All present in favor.

- 7-2007** An Ordinance Amending the 1986 Land Use and Development Ordinance Relating to Municipal Stormwater Management
- Final Reading/ Open to the Public/ Published in The Press 5/26/07*
- Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Council President Kern closed the public session.
- Roll Call: Carew - yes, Martinez – yes; Mazzeo - yes, Notaro - yes, Turon - yes, Vain - yes, Kern – yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Mazzeo motioned, Councilman Vain seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$1,624,141.87.

Council President Kern, Councilman Vain and Councilman Turon announced their abstention from certain line items on the bill list. Copies will be kept on file with the City Clerk.

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

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PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Robert Webb of 218 West Revere Avenue, Northfield, came forward and commented on the fighting between party lines and taxes. He congratulated the Mayor on twelve successful years of organizing the Memorial Day parade.

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

Councilman Turon announced the next meeting of Council will be held on June 12, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 99-2007

On a motion properly made and seconded, this Executive Session was adjourned and Solicitor Bonchi announced a summary for the public as follows: An Executive Session was held during which City Council discussed the current situation with Burton Estates. Council discussed recent correspondence and conversations that had taken place with the Developer as well possible resolution of the issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 100-2007

On a motion properly made and seconded, this Executive Session was adjourned and Solicitor Bonchi announced a summary for the public as follows: This executive session involved a potential inter-local agreement to provide sewer service to a portion of Mill Road in Egg Harbor Township. Various aspects of the possible agreement were discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 101-2007

On motion of Councilman Carew, second of Councilman Vain, all were in favor of adding to the agenda an executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation relating to the contract for Pipe Bursting at Revere Avenue & Bay Drive. On a motion properly made and seconded, this Executive Session was adjourned and Solicitor Bonchi announced a summary for the public as follows: This executive session has summarized issues relating to the pipe repairs Revere Avenue & Bay Drive where a slip line was installed and subsequent repairs were necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk