

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 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., and following the flag salute, he called for a moment of silence to recognize those fighting at home and abroad for our liberties, as well as those who serve the community, that they may return safely to their families.

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

Solicitor Alfred Scerni, Jr., Engineer Ed Stinson of Doran Engineering, CFO Marilyn Dolcy, City Administrator Jeffrey Bruckler, and Deputy City Clerk Kim Hodsdon were present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AUGUST 22, 2006

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Turon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 22, 2006. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

PRESENTATION / Safety Recognition

Councilman Schlachter announced to the Public that Vicki Rutter and the Employees of Birch Grove Park were being given a Safety Certificate of Recognition for maintaining a safe and injury-free workplace for 3 consecutive years. The Certificate will be presented to Ms. Rutter at a later date as she was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Schlachter explained that, although the City received quotes for the improvements to the Babe Ruth Field that were under the bid threshold of \$21,500.00, the project needs to go out to formal bid because the contractor with the lowest quote has already been awarded a project this year and the aggregate amount of that contractor's awards would exceed the threshold if they were to be awarded the Babe Ruth project.

Council President Mazzeo reported that he met with Council President Donna Taylor of Linwood and Councilman Gregg Clayton of Somers Point on August 31st as a preliminary meeting on the shared services issue. It was agreed upon that the Shared Services Committee will consist of the City Administrators and three Council members from each of the municipalities. Some of possible savings and consolidations include public safety, infrastructure and health benefits. The next, more formal, meeting will be scheduled for in the near future.

Mazzeo, Carew and Martinez met with the Northfield School Board to discuss possible inter-community shared services such as the Mill Road Parking Lot project, health

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benefits, administrative/payroll services/ personnel. A follow up meeting is planned in the near future. He stated that committee members Carew and Martinez would not be included in the first municipal shared services meeting. The meeting would be attended by the Mayors and Administrators from the three municipalities. Carew and Martinez would be included in later meetings.

Councilwoman Kern questioned if the School Boards from Linwood and Somers Point will be involved as well. Mazzeo answered Kern by stating that meetings have not been planned with members of the Somers Point and Linwood School Boards at this point in time. However, a third committee has been formed between Mainland Regional High School and the three School Boards for the purpose of exploring consolidated services.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri read a letter written by Mrs. Margaret Murray thanking the Police Department and Rescue Squad for the caring way in which she was treated. The Mayor thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad for participating in Eckerd's birthday event. Regarding the recent tropical storm, Perri commended the Department of Emergency Management, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Public Works Department and volunteers for their response to calls and help with storm clean-up. He acknowledged that the storm was an inconvenience to residents and area businesses, stating that some were without power for over thirty hours and that many calls came in about blocked roadways and fallen trees. Thankfully, there were no major injuries or loss of life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Bruckler reported that he would be meeting with representatives to discuss possible Brownfield's projects in the City of Northfield. He will also be meeting with the ACUA Waste Water Facility to discuss the 2007 Waste Water Flow projections and the ACUA Waste Water Budget. Regarding Public Buildings, he stated that the video surveillance system will be installed shortly; bid specifications for the new fence at Public Works will be completed soon; he is receiving quotes for bio-metric attendance equipment. Bruckler stated that the solar-powered blinking lights for the four-way intersection at Oak and Cedarbridge have been ordered. He announced that the new Public Works employee has resigned and the position has been reposted; interviews will begin this week.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Ed Stinson updated Council on various City projects as follows:
The concrete work has been completed on the Reconstruction of Roosevelt Avenue, Phase 2, and roadway reconstruction is scheduled to begin this week- weather permitting; the punch list has been completed on the 2005 Paving Project (Country Club Drive, Bonnie Lee Drive, Blue Bell Drive, Heather Drive and English Lane) and his office will be preparing the final work change order for Council's review; the concrete work is

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complete on the Reconstruction of Leslie Lane and the roadway reconstruction is scheduled to begin this week – weather permitting. An additional gutter and curb needed to be replaced during this project and will be reflected on the final work change order; Bids were received for the Reconstruction of Davis Avenue and Harvey Drive and a letter recommending the bid award go to Arawak Paving has been given to Council; The Atlantic County Improvement Authority has approved the City’s application under the 2006 Community Development Block Grant. This will allow continuation of previously funded CDBG projects. Bids were received on July 28th and Doran Engineering recommends that the award go to L. Feriozzi Concrete Company. He has received the Basin Restoration Plan for Sutton Woods and has requested a few revisions. The plans are being revised and will be forwarded to Stinson by mid-month. A meeting has been requested with the developer to discuss the required repairs and associated timeline; Traffic Lines, Inc. will begin painting the line striping at various Bike Path intersections shortly – weather permitting.

Stinson reported that he was unsuccessful at his attempts to schedule a meeting with Mr. Trocki to discuss Burton Estates. Because Mr. Trocki was unwilling to meet with him, he has written a letter which outlines the repairs that are required. He will keep Council apprised of the situation.

Councilman Carew asked that Stinson stress to K Hovnanian the importance of meeting the deadlines set forth. Councilman Turon inquired as to the status of the Juniper Avenue repairs. Stinson responded that the paving was completed so as not to interrupt the school opening, but that some less intrusive items need completion.

RESOLUTIONS

129-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Turon all in favor of adopting a Resolution To Authorize a Refund of Overpayment of Taxes

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

130-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro all in favor of adopting a Resolution To Authorize a Refund of Overpayment of Taxes due to Disabled Veteran’s Status, Block 152, Lot 3

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

131-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Martinez all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Shared Services Committee

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

132-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Kern all in favor of adopting a

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Resolution to Authorize Formal Bidding for Improvements to the Babe Ruth Field

Discussion: Councilwoman Kern questioned the scope of the project. Councilman Schlachter responded that the majority of the work would be to repair the infield. The outfield would also be top-dressed and overseeded. Kern questioned if the monies for the outfield work were included in the project. Schlachter answered in the affirmative.

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

133-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Martinez all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorizing a Capital Budget Amendment

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

134-2006 On a motion of Notaro, second of Carew all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize Award of Contract for the Reconstruction of Davis Avenue and Harvey Drive

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

135-2006 On a motion of Notaro, second of Carew all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize Award of Contract for the Purchase of a New Refuse Truck for the Public Works Department

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

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilman Schlachter, second by Notaro for Ordinance 12-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

12-2006 A Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2006 Capital Improvements and Acquisitions of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$1,141,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,084,030 Bonds for Notes of the City of Northfield to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Introduction/No Public Input/ Published in Press 9/9/06

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

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, he closed the Public Session.

MEETING NOTICES/KERN

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| Work Session | September 19, 2006 | 7:00 pm |
| Regular Session | September 19, 2006 | 8:00 pm |

A Motion to adjourn made by Kern, second by Carew. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk