

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

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

Councilman Martinez reported that some of the community's parents are interested in organizing a parents association to help with fundraising and sponsorship of the proposed City Skateboard Park. While he and Councilman Vain are evaluating the feasibility of the project, he wanted Council to be aware of the parent's support.

Councilman Notaro reported that the County has said yes to the City's request for additional street lighting on certain sections of Dolphin Avenue. A request to the County for street lighting at Birchfield Court has not been approved. Notaro commented that the County would give the matter further consideration if Northfield City Council passed a resolution, as was done with the Dolphin Avenue request. Engineer Stinson confirmed that the proposed location of the street light at Birchfield Court was not included in the developer's site plans, and therefore, it is the responsibility of the resident, the City or the County to have one installed.

Mayor Perri announced that Police Sergeant Dan Mitchell has returned home safely from active military duty in Afghanistan. Perri reported that the Police Department conducted a mobile inspection checkpoint earlier in the day, which resulted in 102 motor vehicle stops, 113 traffic summons and 2 arrests. He commended the department for a job well done.

Council President Kern announced the following community events: the Cultural Committee is sponsoring the Ocean City Pops Orchestra in concert at Mainland Regional High School on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm; the Cultural Committee's annual flea market/garage sale is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Northfield Community School; the Historical Society is hosting an Antique Appraisal Night at Northfield City Hall on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm; Family Fest is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Birch Grove Park.

Kern thanked the Jewish Community Day School for allowing the All Sports Association to utilize their fields for soccer again this year. Regarding the Northfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, she reported that the committee has met on two occasions, and another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. She invited Mayor Perri, President of the Rescue Squad, to attend the next meeting.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Turon, second by Councilman Mazzeo, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 14, 2007 and September 4, 2007. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

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**RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA**

- 144-2007** Drainage Improvements at Revere Avenue, Final Change Order No. 1
- 145-2007** Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for Block 21, Lot 35
- 146-2007** Authorizing the Release of a Performance Guarantee for Block 116, Lots 9.06, 9.07, 9.09, 9.13, 9.15, & 9.17
- 147-2007** Authorizing Reduction of a Performance Guarantee for Block 30, Lot 23
- 148-2007** A Resolution Authorizing Participation in a Shared Services Feasibility Study with Atlantic County Government
- 149-2007** Approval to Enter Into and Memorialize a Settlement Agreement with the NJDEP
- 150-2007** Authorizing the Hiring of Rita Pagnoni as a Substitute School Crossing Guard
- 151-2007** A Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Eastern Sign Company for Purchase of 'Welcome to Northfield' Signs
- 152-2007** Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Certain 2007 Projects
- 153-2007** Authorization to Begin Formal Bidding for Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Installation Services for the Cities of Northfield and Linwood
- 154-2007** Authorize Reduction of Performance Guarantee on Block 40, Lots 18, 19, 20

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilman Mazzeo motioned, Councilman Martinez seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$2,060,278.68. Council President Kern, Councilman Turon and Councilman Vain announced their abstention from certain line items on the bill list. Copies will be kept on file in the City Clerk's office.

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

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**PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Retired Northfield Police Officer Robert Bergmeister came forward to address Council. He explained problems he is having getting dental bills paid, which date back to the beginning of 2007. He described his attempts to get the matter rectified through Administrator Bruckler and expressed discontent at the lack of response he received. He was upset that the bills are well overdue and mentioned that he would pay them himself and seek reimbursement from the City. Solicitor Bonchi and Council reassured him that the matter would be rectified and Council President Kern stated that she would be his direct point of contact going forward.

Mayor Perri introduced special guests, businessman Jake Glassey and talk-show host David Spats, of Atlantic Coast Productions in Northfield. Mr. Glassey and Mr. Spats were thrilled and surprised to receive an Emmy Award, and delighted in sharing their experience at the recent Emmy Awards in Philadelphia. They won the Emmy Award in the 'interview program' category and proudly displayed the Emmy to all present at this evening's meeting.

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 October 9, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk