

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

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

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.

Council President Mazzeo reviewed the agenda. Councilman Turon asked how Resolutions 147 and 148 were to be funded. Mazzeo explained that 147 would come out of Capital and that 148 was up for discussion with the suggestion to use recreational impact fees. Council discussed the funding of these two Resolutions and it was suggested that number 148 be funded from the Buildings & Grounds budget. CFO Dolcy advised Council that the Buildings & Grounds budget had approximately \$15,000.00 remaining for the year, \$10,000.00 of which had been intended for a new sign at City Hall. A motion was made and seconded to fund Resolution 148 from the Buildings & Grounds budget. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was defeated.

Mazzeo advised Council that they were given copies of the proposed Library Agreement and to direct any questions to Administrator Bruckler. Turon requested to see the Library's financial disclosures. Mayor Perri noted that the minutes from Library meetings are also available.

Council discussed the closing of Burton Avenue for a charitable event. Jackie Somers, organizer of the Annual 5K Turkey Trot, came forward and explained the proposed race route and other details of the event. Administrator Bruckler advised that he was awaiting further information from the County regarding the Mill Road construction project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Turon, Administrator Bruckler and Engineer Ed Stinson discussed a property owned by the City at the corner of Dolphin Avenue and Harvey Drive. Stinson will look into the matter regarding the sewer lateral at that location prior to giving the approval to proceed with the repaving project. They also discussed a recommendation to designate certain streets within the City as one-way traffic. Stinson will look for a previous report on the matter. Turon asked if the City's Assistant Engineer was actively working for the City. Mazzeo responded in the negative.

Councilwoman Kern congratulated the Cultural Committee on receiving the Past Perfect Grant from the County. This grant will fund a new electronic data base that

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will inventory all of the museum's items and provide training to the staff. The Historical Society will be hosting an Antique Appraisal Night to benefit the museum on October 26th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at City Hall. The Cultural Committee will be hosting a flea market at the Northfield Community School on November 18th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Kern asked Bruckler to look into the possibility of installing Internet access at the museum. She reported that the Municipal Alliance had purchased whistles for the staff of the Northfield Community School at the recommendation of the Police Department. At the request of the Court Administrator, she will be attending a meeting on October 12th to discuss courtroom security.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri thanked the Governing Body, and Councilman Schlachter and Engineer Stinson specifically, for installing the pedestrian signs and line striping at Bike Path intersections; feedback from the community has been positive. He reported that there had been another serious accident recently at the intersection of Oak and Zion and that the County is moving forward with the requested traffic study. A meeting is scheduled to discuss the new courtroom security mandates and the Mayor's League is taking the position that the State should fund the new mandates. Perri reported that the Police Department has begun an anti-speeding campaign. Revisions to the promotional policies and procedures for the Police Department are being worked on and he advised Council that a confidential update was included in their packets. He thanked Council for their attention to the Library Agreement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The City Administrator reported on the following: Lawn Doctor will be treating the fields at Birch Grove Park with a Fall and Winter application; -----

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Councilman Turon thanked Councilwoman Kern for her work in securing the use of the Jewish Community Day School. He thanked Kern and Carew for their hard work in acquiring more playing fields in 2005. Regarding the Police Department, he expressed that Council was not being kept informed and requested an Executive Session in order to discuss police matters. Mayor Perri disagreed, pointing out that copies of correspondence from Labor Counsel were provided to Council.

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On a motion of Turon, second of Carew, all in favor of adding Resolution 144-2006, providing for an Executive Session to discuss police matters:

Roll Call: Carew- yes; Kern – yes; Martinez – yes; Notaro – yes; Schlachter – yes; Turon – yes; Mazzeo – no. Motion Carries.

Leonard Rataski of 108 West Oakcrest Avenue came forward and apologized for the lack of communication regarding the use of the Jewish Community Day School, but thanked Councilwoman Kern for her efforts in attaining the agreement.

Mike Ingram of 3 Leslie Lane came forward and thanked Council for the reconstruction of Leslie Lane; the problems have been corrected and the contractor did a great job.

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Council President Mazzeo called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Carew to adjourn, second by Martinez. All present in favor; this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk