

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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 Thomas Subranni in place of City Solicitor Alfred Scerni, 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/October 3, 2006

Motion by Councilman Martinez, second by Councilman Turon to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 3, 2006. 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 Martinez thanked the tree service company for their work in preparing Birch Grove Park for the Halloween festivities.

Councilman Schlachter reported that the condition of Birch Grove Park's lakefront boardwalk was the topic of discussion at a recent committee meeting. The City Engineer was consulted on the matter and quotes have been received for repair costs. In the interest of public safety, the boardwalk may need to be closed pending repairs. The Family Hayrides at the Park began last week and are a success. Volunteers are needed for the Halloween festivities. Schlachter thanked the Police Department for their increased patrols and continued attention to the communities traffic problems. He urged the County to take action on the Zion & Oak intersection matter.

Councilman Carew wished the best of luck in the General Election to candidates Zlotnick, Vain and Schlachter. Schlachter, in turn, wished the same for Carew.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Perri announced there will be a walk-a-thon on October 28th from the Northfield Community School to Linwood and back to benefit children with Dyslexia; registration is at 9:00am and the walk begins at 10:00am. He commended Clem Sharff for becoming involved in the fundraising as the program is great enhancement to the school and children. He offered congratulations to Officer Trimble on 29 years of service in the Police Department and wished him well in his retirement. He thanked Court

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Administrator, Donna Clark for her work in preparing reports regarding the new courtroom security measures. He reported that Captain James will be attending a seminar about the 'Safe Routes To Schools Grants'.

Mayor Perri gave the September Police Department Report as follows: Total adult arrests – 33; Juveniles arrested – 4; Drug offense arrests – 5; Total calls for service – 1387; Investigations opened – 40; Recovered stolen property - \$600.00; Motor vehicle summons issued – 185; DWI arrests – 1; Summons issued as a result of MV accidents – 18; MV accidents investigated – 50.

Councilwoman Kern reported that the Northfield Community School was planning a walk-a-thon in remembrance of Jacqueline and Christina Becker, daughters of the school's principal, who were tragically killed in an automobile accident. The school is requesting permission from the City to hold the walk along the Bike Path. Council, the Administrator and the Mayor discussed insurance requirements that must be met.

Councilman Carew asked the Mayor about school safety and if it were possible for Council to be educated on what safety and emergency response plans are in place. Captain James came forward and explained to Council the various practice drills that take place during the school year. He also described a recent event at a private school in Northfield during which the Police Department's emergency response plan was successfully utilized to manage the situation. In addition to emergency drills, Captain James also explained that programs are in place at the school to promote positive relationships between the officers and children. Mayor Perri thanked surrounding communities for their assistance during the recent event described by James.

Councilman Carew expressed concern that Council was not informed about a situation involving theft in the Rescue Squad. The Mayor, Council and City Administrator discussed the issue of communication when an issue such as this arises and is under investigation. Solicitor Subranni cautioned Council that it would be dangerous to continue the conversation; it would be prudent to move on and discuss concerns over communication after the case is concluded.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ed Stinson of Doran Engineering reported on the following: Additional work was required during the Reconstruction of Lesley Lane and a Work Change Order is on the agenda for approval; A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled in the near future for the Davis Avenue and Harvey Drive project and the Utility Companies have been requested to provide service to the City's property located at the corner of Harvey & Dolphin Avenue; Construction is substantially complete on the 2006 Community Development Block Grant and a punch list has been forwarded to the contractor; A bid opening of October 20th is scheduled for the Revere Avenue Drainage project; Proposals have been requested for the Inlet Repair at Cedarbridge Road and the repairs will be similar to those that were done on Ridgewood; A meeting was held with representatives of K. Hovnanian to discuss the proposed agreement between the developer and the City

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for repairs to the basins – the agreement is being prepared by the attorneys and will be forwarded to the City for execution; Construction of the line striping at Bike Path intersections is substantially complete and some of the yield to pedestrian signs will be relocated; Construction has begun on the Babe Ruth Field project.

Stinson also provided Council with an update on the Burton Estates matter, explaining that the developer’s engineer has contacted his office and a meeting will be scheduled to visit the site.

RESOLUTIONS

152-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Return of a Performance Guarantee for the Tilton Theater 1998 Expansion Project

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

153-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize Work Change Order No. 1, Reconstruction of Lesley Lane

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

154-2006 On a motion of Turon, second of Carew, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Authorize the Return of Escrow Monies as Recommended by the Planning/Zoning Board

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

155-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Turon, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to give Authorization to Close Burton Avenue on November 23, 2006 for a Special Event

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

156-2006 On a motion of Martinez, second of Kern, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Permit Union and Non-Union Employees of the City of Northfield to Take the Day Following Thanksgiving as a Holiday

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

157-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Providing For the Combination of Certain Issues of General

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Improvement Bonds of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$4,999,000 in Principal Amount

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

158-2006 On a motion of Schlachter, second of Notaro, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$4,999,000 General Improvement Bonds of the City of Northfield, In the County of Atlantic, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale

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

159-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Turon, all in favor of adopting a Resolution providing that the City of Northfield Recognizes the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act

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

160-2006 On a motion of Turon, second of Martinez, all in favor of adopting a Resolution to Act Upon the Proposed Amendments to the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Bylaws in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 11:15-2.1 et seq.

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

161-2006 On a motion of Kern, second of Carew, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Kim Hegenbart as Substitute School Crossing Guard

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

162-2006 On a motion of Carew, second of Turon, all in favor of adopting a Resolution In Support of the Sale of the B.L. England Generating Station and Encouraging Approval by the Appropriate Regulating Authorities

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

163-2006 On a motion of Notaro, second of Martinez, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Bingo License to the Church of St. Bernadette

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

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164-2006 On a motion of Notaro, second of Martinez, all in favor of adopting a Resolution Authorizing a Bingo License to the Church of St. Bernadette's Sodality

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 14-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

14-2006 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the Code of the City of Northfield / Promotional Procedures in the Police Department

Introduction/Not Opened to the Public/Advertised in the Press by Summary on October 21, 2006

Full copies are available to the public in the City Clerk's office and can be viewed on the City of Northfield's web site.

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

Motion by Councilman Kern, second by Turon, for Ordinance 15-2006 to be read by title only. All present in favor.

15-2006 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 7-1992 to Accept the new 2006 Drug-Free Zone Map For the City of Northfield

Introduction/Not Opened to the Public/Advertised in the Press on October 21, 2006 (map available in the City Clerk's Office for Viewing)

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Schlachter motioned for payment of bills in the amount of **\$3,113,530.42** second by Councilman Martinez. Councilman Turon and Councilwoman Kern announced that they would be abstaining on certain items. Both were duly noted by Council President Mazzeo and he requested that a copies be kept on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll call: Carew – yes, Kern – yes, Martinez – yes, Notaro – yes, Schlachter – yes, Turon – yes, Mazzeo – yes. All in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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Council President Mazzeo asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Robert Goldstein of Baywatch Builders came forward to discuss the patchwork and paving of Roosevelt Avenue and Mt. Vernon Avenue. He is in disagreement with the City Engineer regarding his responsibility to complete paving and patchwork. The matter was discussed by the City Engineer, City Solicitor, Mr. Goldstein and Council. In the absence of the original agreement to prove otherwise, Solicitor Subranni stated that cuts made in the street are the responsibility of the developer. Council is in need of more information therefore no decision was reached.

Robert Webb of 218 W. Revere Avenue came forward commended the Police Department for doing a fine job and commented on confidentiality.

Jim O'Neil of 7 Cara Court came forward and expressed his discontent about the situation regarding theft of funds from the Rescue Squad. He questioned the Mayor's relationship to the alleged perpetrator as well as the Mayor's comments to the press. Mayor Perri indicated that the comments made to the press were facts that had been approved for release by the prosecutor's office. Solicitor Subranni stopped the discussion and advised the Mayor to refrain from answering any further questions on the matter.

Ray Adams of 238 Mt. Vernon Avenue voluntarily came forward and explained that his son had been arrested and charged with theft. Solicitor Subranni advised him that he did not need to continue. Adams chose to continue and stated that the matter was discussed openly during a Rescue Squad meeting and was a matter of public record. He thanked Council for the opportunity to set the record straight and expressed disappointment with Councilman Carew.

Steve Corbin, as resident of Mill Road, came forward and expressed his discontent with Councilman Carew. Carew responded that his concerns were that of communication.

Robert Webb came forward again and discussed corruption at the highest levels of government.

Council President Mazzeo closed the public session.

MEETING NOTICES – Announced by Councilwoman Kern

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| General Election | November 7, 2006 | 6:00am – 8:00pm |
| Work Session | November 21, 2006 | 7:00 pm |
| Regular Session | November 21, 2006 | 8:00 pm |

On a motion made and seconded, the Regular Session was adjourned. All present in favor, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk