

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2008**

After a brief recess following the Work Session, this meeting was reconvened and called to order by Carol A. Raph, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised according to Public Law '75 Chapter 231.

Present: Carew, Kern, Notaro, O'Grady, Vain, Zlotnick, Martinez.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Vain, seconded by Councilman O'Grady, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 8, 2008. They have been posted, distributed to Council and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. All present in favor, motion carries.

Council President Martinez asked if there were any updates to the Committee Reports delivered by Council during the Work Session immediately preceding this meeting. Councilwoman Zlotnick inquired of Councilman Vain as to the results of the Northfield Community School Think Team Competition held today. Vain answered that Northfield placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 participating teams, missing 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 100 points, and 1<sup>st</sup> by 300 points. He added that he's very proud of the Team, and they've earned two 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards this year. Councilman Notaro asked City Engineer Doran about the progress of the Philmar Avenue Pump Station project; Doran replied that we are still working on funding, and that Public Works Supervisor Jim Clark is involved. Vain said he got a letter from Denise Kintish, of 9 Cara Court, regarding Mill Road traffic. He advised her that he will share her concerns with the County Roads and Bridges Committee during his scheduled meeting tomorrow. Council President asked Vain for a status update on a speed hump proposed for installation on streets that run towards Mill Road/the school. Vain replied that he should have a definitive update within 1-2 weeks; we have the speed hump but need to purchase signage.

**RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Vain said he wanted to inform the public that Resolution 76-2008, to enter into a contract to purchase 1913 Oak Avenue, is only a preliminary step in purchasing process. There are certain stipulations that must be met in order for the sale to be completed. Solicitor Scheffler concurred, adding that the City has been initially approved for funding, pending future criteria having been met. Mayor Mazzeo noted that the contract specifies that the property be cleaned of all greenhouses and of an oil tank. Scheffler continued, saying that the seller will incur costs upwards of \$100,000 to make the property suitable for purchase by Northfield; the contract is our demonstration of good faith, and requires no deposit.

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On a motion of Councilman Carew, second of Councilwoman Zlotnick, all present in favor of a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 65-2008 through 68-2008, and 70-2008 through 77-2008 as follows:

- 65-2008** Resolution to Amend the Hire Date of Seasonal Maintenance Employee at Birch Grove Park
- 66-2008** To Authorize Filing of 2007 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- 67-2008** Authorizing Doran Engineering to Proceed with Certain Projects
- 68-2008** Authorizing Refund of Planning/Zoning Board Application Fee
- 69-2008** Tabled Until Meeting of May 6, 2008
- 70-2008** Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- 71-2008** Resolution in Support of Regional Dispatch Center
- 72-2008** Resolution Adopting a Tort Claim Notice Form
- 73-2008** Release of Escrow Monies by Planning/Zoning Board
- 74-2008** 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 Personnel Matters
- 75-2008** 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
- 76-2008** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Northfield to Enter into a Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Seller for Purchase of 1913 Oak Avenue in Northfield
- 77-2008** A Resolution Adopting Personnel Policies and Procedures

Roll Call: Carew – yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O’Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries.

**ORDINANCES**

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On a motion of Councilwoman Zlotnick, second of Councilwoman Kern, all in favor of reading Ordinance 2-2008 by title only.

**2-2008**            Amending Ordinance 1-2004 Revising Certain Charges  
Under Chapter 60 of the Uniform Construction Code  
*Final Reading/Open to the Public/No Public Comments Were Received*  
*Advertise in the Press 4/26/08*  
Full copies of the ordinance are available upon request in the  
City Clerk's Office Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Roll Call: Carew – yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 2-2008.

On a motion of Councilman Notaro, second of Councilwoman Zlotnick, all in favor of reading Ordinance 3-2008 by title only.

**3-2008**            Amending Ordinance 27-1993 Establishing Hours Permitted  
for Soliciting or Canvassing Activity  
*Final Reading/Open to the Public/ No Public Comments Were Received*  
*Advertise in the Press 4/26/08*

Roll Call: Carew – yes, Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes. Motion carries for final adoption of Ordinance 3-2008.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Councilman Carew motioned, Kern seconded, for payment of bills in the amount of \$3,203,758.22. Kern and Vain announced their abstention from certain line items on the bill list. Copies are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Roll Call: Kern-yes, Notaro-yes, O'Grady-yes, Vain-yes, Zlotnick-yes, Martinez-yes.  
Motion carries for payment of bills.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

Ross Rando of 616 Jackson Avenue came forward, noting that the location of his home is very near the intersection of Jackson and Burton Avenues, the site of a recent traffic accident and of others in past years. Rando said cars are turning off of

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Tilton Road at 40 mph, onto streets that have a 25mph limit without reducing speed, and cars going the other way often run the stop sign at Jackson and Burton. Additionally, cars on Jackson have a limited view because of a tall hedge at a neighborhood restaurant, and must pull into the intersection in order to see oncoming traffic. Rando would like Council to consider the same type of flashing light that was installed at Cedarbridge and Zion Roads where they intersect Oak Avenue, and to ensure that the hedge at the restaurant is trimmed. Councilwoman Kern noted that she lives in the same neighborhood, and was a School Crossing Guard on that corner for 15 years. She agreed with Rando's opinion that cars coming from the West don't notice the stop sign at Jackson and Burton Avenues because they are focused on the traffic light at Tilton Road, and suggested the installation of a "no parking here to corner sign". Mayor Mazzeo added that as a result of the recent accident, Chief James is preparing a request for input from the County Engineer, because this area seems to be used as a spur, since cars heading East on Tilton Road can't turn left at Route 9. Councilman Carew suggested the interim solution of having the Department of Public Works use brighter paint, larger striping, 'stop ahead' signs, etc. to upgrade the intersection. James also pointed out that there is no signage in place identifying a certain stretch of Jackson Avenue as a 'no parking' zone, and said that we should have larger stop signs available for installation at this location. Councilman O'Grady added that he will investigate whether or not the City's sight triangle ordinance is being violated. Rando was thanked for bringing this matter before Council.

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

Councilman O'Grady read the meeting notices. The next Council Work Session will be held on May 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm, with the Regular Session immediately following. He added that the Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

On motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned and Council entered Executive Session 75-2008.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 75-2008**

After the discussion this Executive Session was adjourned and Solicitor Scheffler announced a summary for the public as follows: An Executive Session was held during which City Council discussed the terms of collective bargaining agreements that resulted from negotiations between the City of Northfield and the United Worker's Union. Council will vote on the contracts at the next meeting on May 6, 2008.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-2008**

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Motions were properly made and seconded, to go into an Executive Session not open to the public. After the discussion this Executive Session was adjourned and Solicitor Scheffler announced a summary for the public as follows: An Executive Session was held during which City Council discussed potential investigation of a complaint filed in Superior Court alleging certain acts by City employees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Raph, RMC/CMC