

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION  
MAY 5, 2026**

At 6:01pm this meeting was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 10, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Council President Bucci.

**Absent:** Councilman Smith

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, and Chief Pollak were also present.

Council President Bucci moved to committee reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilman Polistina** – Finance and Collections; Library; Municipal Alliance; Senior Citizens; Affordable Housing

Councilman Polistina reported CFO Stollenwerk retired, last Thursday, the new CFO Alex Bauer will be starting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. For the Alliance, Movie Night is rescheduled for to the 15<sup>th</sup> and Hooked on Fishing will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am until noon.

**Councilman Dewees** – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1<sup>st</sup> Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works; Roads, Engineering; Stormwater Sewer Operations

Councilman Dewees reported municipal sprinklers were turned on with no issues. The vacor truck has been out cleaning storm drains, there have been a few deficiencies with the storm system that will need repairs in the future. Public Works did an overlay for a failed patch on Roosevelt between Maple and Tilton Road. Banners would be installed by Memorial Day, Public Works finished installing the remaining disc golf baskets at Birch Grove. Some site inspections are needed prior to starting the bleachers, he would provide an update as we get closer.

**Councilwoman Kern** – Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Northfield Sports (FAN); Library; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Kern, regarding Mainland Regional High School, reported there was a great turnout Saturday for the Pink game, it was the 18<sup>th</sup> year for the event. The

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girls JV Crew team and Golf team were SJ Champions, yesterday, they were escorted by Northfield and Linwood Police Departments and Fire Departments as well as AtlantiCare; she congratulated them. The girls track team won the Atlantic County Championship for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year. The Spring Concert would be held tomorrow night at Mainland. Regarding the library, they will be showing the movie Hamilton on May 23rd at 2pm, on May 9th from 11 to 12 they will have a program for Mothers' Day. For the Construction Office, they are looking at options for online permitting to comply with new state regulations. Councilwoman Kern, for the record, was not at the Special Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and wanted to correct that she meant to abstain from the minutes.

**Councilwoman Bucci** – Insurance and Safety; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Council President Bucci reminded all that they should have completed the elected officials training and cyber training, the next Safety Committee meeting was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am.

**Councilman Smith** - Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth; Northfield Community School; Shared Services; Grants

Councilman Smith was absent.

**Councilwoman Carfagno** - Fire Department / EMS; Technology / MRHS Channel; Cultural Committee / Veteran Liaison

Councilwoman Carfagno read the Fire and EMS reports for April, she thanked all first responders for all they do for our City and working together cohesively, they are appreciated. Regarding the Cultural Committee, they would be meeting this Saturday, all were welcome, she thanked Deputy Clerk Campbell for putting the parade registration on the website. As Councilman Dewees stated, the Hometown Hero's banners would be up by the end of May, she will contact the families to take photos with them.

Council President Bucci confirmed that parade registration forms will go to the Cultural Committee.

**Councilman Notaro** – Sanitary Sewer Operations

Councilman Notaro announced he was out at the trails last week, the disc golf course looked great, it was very popular. Regarding sewer operations, the project at Shore and Zion has been completed, the project at Mill and Zion has been completed as well, final restoration is still needed. Public Works has completed routine maintenance activities, he read a report for utility mark outs. Superintendent Boyd was also looking into getting quotes for non-AI based asset management software.

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To Solicitor Facenda, in reference to Mill Road and Zion Road, he would like him to look at the contract regarding removing the slip line portion of the contract.

Solicitor Facenda asked was he trying to cancel that agreement? He asked for further explanation.

Councilman Notaro noted that they did the restoration, part of the contract was to add slip lining to a certain section. Superintendent Boyd suggested that he did not think it was necessary.

Solicitor Facenda asked was the vendor ok with canceling the agreement? He confirmed that Council wanted to remove a portion of the bid for slip lining.

Councilman Notaro, replied yes, this was the balance of the contract that we are not doing.

Solicitor Facenda stated, if Council was in agreement, he would put together a termination agreement for the next meeting.

Engineer Nassar added, that a part of the system collapsed, it was replaced so there was no need to slip line it.

Council President Bucci took a straw poll; all members present were in favor of Solicitor Facenda creating an agreement and resolution for the next meeting.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Regulations regarding Keeping of Chickens – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Notaro*

**WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS**

- Changes to Road Opening Ordinance Fees – *will be adopted in 2026*

Council President Bucci announced Solicitor Facenda was working on the ordinance regarding chickens and the road opening ordinance.

**WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS**

Seeing no new business, Council President Bucci moved to the regular meeting agenda.

**REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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Council President Bucci asked all to take out their Regular Meeting agenda. Before she made any assignments, she asked were there any resolutions that anyone had questions about or would like to discuss?

There were none.

Council President Bucci made the assignments.

**PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Bucci opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, she asked that all persons state their name and city of residence for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

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

At 6:14pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk