

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 3, 2025

At 7:12pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2025, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chau led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith Council President Bucci.

Absent: Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Sergeant Czaplinski (for Chief VonColln) were also present.

Council President Bucci announced that Council would be going out of order and doing the executive session for Resolution 150 now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Carfagno, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of adopting Resolution 150-2025.

150-2025 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(4) Proposed Terms And Conditions Of Employment For A Collective Negotiations Agreement, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7) Matters Falling Within The Attorney Client Privilege, And N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8) Regarding Personnel Matters

Clerk Canesi stated that Council would be moving into Executive Session. Members of the public who were in attendance would need to exit Council Chambers during the Executive Session and were welcome to wait in the lobby or vestibule if they chose. At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Council, the Council will resume the public portion of the meeting and welcome the return of members of the public. A statement would be made for the record at that time.

Engineer Mauro, prior to the executive session wanted to give her report. Regarding the Engineer's Report, for the ACIA CDBG application, she did receive the manufacturers specifications and was able to get an additional set of bleachers on field four, only field five will need to be removed and replaced, the new Engineer's estimate came in at \$72,883.00. The survey work for the Habitat project has been

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completed and the project was now in the drafting phase, she hoped to get the plans to their engineer by next week.

Clerk Canesi continued regarding the Executive Session of Council; she read the resolution by title and further stated that we are required to set forth as much information as possible as to the subject matter to be discussed as well as provide for the public the amount of time they can expect to elapse before the non-public portion of the minutes can be disclosed. She deferred to Solicitor Facenda or Labor Counsel Curio for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the matter to be discussed is the proposed terms and conditions of employment for a collective negotiations' agreement, matters of discussion require attorney client privilege, matters also include personnel matters. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. The timeframe for the release of those minutes is unknown. Council will remain in Council Chambers and return to the public session when the Executive Session is complete for a short statement. If official action is taken it will be made after the executive session.

Counsel Curio added that Council will also be discussing organizational issues of the department of Public Works that also fall under the attorney client section.

At 7:18pm Council entered Executive Session and remained in Council Chambers.

At 8:18pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. The matters discussed were terms and conditions of employment for a collective negotiations' agreement and the structure of the Public Works Department. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. The timeframe for the release of those minutes is unknown. No official action was taken.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Polistina with a second by Councilman Dewees, all members present, were in favor of approving the minutes of May 20, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau asked for support on Resolution 144-2025, he read a letter from the ACIA. He thanked all individuals involved in Memorial Day Ceremony such as the Northfield Community School Band, Mainland Band and guest speakers. He thanked Council members for attending. This Friday the Northfield Community

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School 3rd graders will be visiting City Hall for a tour of the Police and Fire Departments; he will have pretzels and water for them. He referred to resolution numbers 141 and 142 for liquor license renewals, it was ironic as he did receive a phone call from a local business owner regarding the status of our current liquor license. Mayor Chau offered that we don't meet the population threshold for an additional license, the person referred to new legislation for license transfers, he asked Solicitor Facenda to comment.

Solicitor Facenda believed the ABC has no idea how to interpret or enforce the legislation, it was his understanding, to make it operable.

Councilwoman Bucci added that she spoke with Assemblyman Guardian and it isn't going anywhere.

Mayor Chau, continued, he referred to a shared service with the County and the Police Department providing officers to the Prosecutor's Office; the contract has been signed. His last item, he attended the NJ Conference of Mayors and one of the representatives from NJ American Water told him there would be an event at Lincoln Park in Egg Harbor City, it was a free family event with various social services available, everyone was invited. Mayor Chau announced he won another \$1,000.00 at the conference and he has chosen the Post Crashers to donate the funds to this year.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Bucci opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bucci read the following statement: "All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine in nature, and having been reviewed by Council, will be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Council Member and if so removed, it will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds."

Solicitor Facenda announced that Resolution 147-2025 would not be voted on this evening.

On motion of Councilwoman Carfagno, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 141-2025 through 146-2025 and 148-2025 and 149-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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- 141-2025** To Authorize Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2025-2026 – LGM Enterprises
- 142-2025** To Authorize Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2025-2026 – Atlantic City Country Club
- 143-2025** To Approve an Application for a Coin Drop Family Association of Northfield
- 144-2025** Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority For The Administration of The Program Income From Small Cities Grants For Housing Rehabilitation
- 145-2025** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 146-2025** Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2025 Budget
- 148-2025** Authorizing the Waiver of Any and All Permit Fees Associated with the Installation of a New 30 Amp Circuit for Ladder Truck Equipment for the Fire Department
- 149-2025** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Lead Based Paint Inspection Services Agreement with LEW Environmental

Councilwoman Carfagno, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adopt Resolutions 141-2025 through 146-2025 and 148-2025 and 149-2025 by Consent Agenda

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – absent; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 10-2025.

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Dewees seconded to adopt Ordinance 10-2025.

- 10-2025** Amending Chapter 128-3 of the City Code, Uniform Construction Code Fees
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 6/7/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing. After the public hearing, Council would consider the ordinance for final passage. Clerk Canesi announced the date of final publication, if the ordinance passed this evening, and stated that since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website. Any member

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of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance would have been provided with one free of charge in the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours up until the date and time of the public hearing.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – absent; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith motioned; Councilwoman Carfagno seconded to introduce Ordinance 11-2025.

11-2025 Amending Chapter 111 of the City Code Entitled Vehicles and Traffic to Establish New Article IIIC, Otto Bruyns Public Library of Northfield and New Article XIID, Northfield City Garage
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 6/7/2025
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 06/17/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication, public hearing, and final consideration dates. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same, up until the date and time of the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – absent; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 945,736.08

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to approve payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – absent; Mr. Notaro – absent; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At approximately 8:47pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk