

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 24, 2012**

At 6:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on May 12, 2012, in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Brown, Dewees, O'Neill, Perri, Polistina, Vain, Carew

Mayor Vince Mazzeo, City Solicitor Keith Bonchi, and City Engineer Matt Doran were also in attendance.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Vincent Mazzeo. Following the flag salute, a moment of silence was observed.

**WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilwoman Brown said she received an email from a resident who was willing to volunteer his time to clean the Welcome to Northfield signs. The Municipal Clerk explained the recent history of the sign program; all agreements are currently expired and the program costs the City money. Council President Carew said he and Councilwoman Brown would investigate and report in August on the future of the sign program.

Brown inquired about storm debris removal. Councilman Dewees responded that the ACUA and Public Works are addressing it.

Councilman Vain mentioned a suggestion from a resident about initiating bike path sponsorship for the care, planting and maintenance of that area. Dewees expressed concern; for the sake of consistency individual planting should be prohibited. Councilman Perri suggested cleaning and maintenance only, no adding or removing plants or decorations.

Mayor Mazzeo explained that he was contacted by Mr. Dominic Giannetti from MRHS about their volunteer work program for youths age 16-17. The school pays them and insures them, but parents would still have to sign waiver required by the City. Councilman O'Neill stated that as the Mainland Chair he would handle it.

Council President Carew reviewed the regular meeting agenda. He announced that the Certificates of Appreciation for the Massari girls would be postponed until the August meeting.

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Councilman Perri requested background information on the proposed new Judge, Mitchell Waldman. Solicitor Bonchi responded with details.

Councilman Perri initiated discussion regarding changes to Ordinance 9-2012. Solicitor Bonchi explained the exclusion of an overnight or inpatient medical facility in all zones except the regional commercial zone; the addition of whereas language with regard to existing Homeowner's Associations and drainage basins to ensure that they would be grandfathered. Perri stated that he remains concerned about the residential business zone and changes to Shore Road. Mayor Mazzeo spoke, offering that the parking requirements still must be met in these areas. Bonchi noted on the 1st page of Ordinance 9-2012 to strike the word condominium and change it to Homeowner's Association

Council President Carew opened this meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject.

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, feels Shore Road should be limited for business expansion.

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

At 6:40pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk