

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2025

At 6:48pm 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 followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of former City of Northfield Mayor William Felton, who recently passed.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Chau, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were in attendance. Joel Fleishman was in attendance for Solicitor Facenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Notaro with a second by Councilman Polistina, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of July 15th, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and other organizations for their work on National Night Out, especially Shannon Campbell, Deputy Clerk, who did an excellent job. He was sure all would agree.

Mayor Chau thanked Councilman Notaro, Councilwoman Bucci, Superintendent Boyd, CFO Stollenwerk, BA/Clerk Canesi and Deputy Clerk Campbell for their work on information for the meeting with the ACUA. As Councilman Notaro said, we would be working on our solid waste rules. He announced anticipated costs associated with the various solid waste streams, for a total of approximately \$610,000.00. When he, Mayor Chau, first became a Council member more than 30 years ago, the bill for the same services was around \$5,100.00. The Committee met with the Engineer regarding Juniper Drive paving, the project was moved to later in the month of September, public notices have been sent out, he urged all to be aware and use caution. The Camden Diocese had approached the Planning Board more than a year ago to build a senior housing project on County land off of Dolphin Avenue, we need senior housing and he'd hoped it would start by now. The delays now were due to State requirements because the ground is historic, and a study must be done. He read the Police Report for July. He thanked Chief VonColln and his staff for

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keeping Northfield safe. He referred to discussion at the last meeting regarding e-bikes and associated safety concerns. He has asked the Chief to be more vigilant and aggressive and to put policies and procedures in place to address safety concerns regarding bikes and e-bikes. Mayor Chau was very concerned about children who are not wearing helmets, it is a law. Other towns, such as Ocean City are enacting new laws. He urged Council to be proactive. He deferred to Chief Voncolln who had a report he'd like to share.

Chief VonColln referred to ice cream and King Pin bowling coupons; the department promoted them at National Night Out. Michele Geiger from Safe Routes to School - Cross County Connection reached out to the Community School and will be doing a couple of assemblies on bike safety. Patrols and bike patrols are being vigilant and he is going to approach the coaches of our cheerleading and sports teams asking them to promote the issue, he believed the kids listen to the coaches. He had samples of signs that would be put up on the Bike Path, as well as post cards that will be distributed to children.

Councilwoman Kern believed at the last meeting we said once it started to be discussed throughout the community, it would help. She felt parents are talking about it and believed they were listening. People are talking about it and the Police Department has done a great job.

Chief VonColln ensured that the Police Department was taking it seriously, Chief VonColln stated he was available to the Council at any time. The ideas of our department are also being used as a model by other departments and communities. He also believed the legislation being proposed at the State level would pass and would help.

Mayor Chau thanked Councilman Dewees and Superintendent Boyd for putting signs on the bike path. He hoped Council would approve this; he thanked all.

Chief VonColln noted the signs weren't permanent, they would be put up, then relocated, but they are not permanent.

Councilwoman Carfagno asked how fast the scooters are going.

Chief VonColln reviewed data collected over the last 10 days. The average speed on bike path was 10mph; data does show that there are class 1 and 2's that have been modified, or that there are class 3's, because periodically the average speed is 28 mph. The highest number of bicycles on one day was 248 with average speed of 9 and max speed of 23.

Councilwoman Carfagno asked if e-bikes should be on bike path.

Councilman Dewees asked if e-bikes are motor vehicles. They should be prohibited.

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Chief VonColln read from chapter 111 of the municipal code; the way the ordinance is written no e-bikes of any class are permitted.

Councilman Notaro asked if there is any harm in having a speed limit, and a speed trap once a month.

Councilman Smith replied, you'd have to change the ordinance to allow them, and then add a speed limit.

Chief VonColln explained the Police can seize the e-bikes as opposed to issuing speeding tickets. The law considers class 1 and 2's as bicycles, he cautioned about the name of 'bike path.'

Councilwoman Kern understood the Assembly was considering passing a law; was it too soon for us to support a resolution for stricter laws?

Mayor Chau announced he would bring it up at the next Mayor's Association meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro referred to the Juniper Drive project; the low bidder was South State which was on the agenda this evening. Once approved the project is subject to final review by the DCA. The earliest date for the preconstruction meeting was September 10th, with a proposed start date of September 22nd, work hours will be 9am-5pm to avoid disrupting morning traffic.

Mayor Chau added that in a recent meeting with the Chief it was noted that there would be several police officers present during construction.

Engineer Mauro spoke with Superintendent Bretones, and they will be assisting us with communications.

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

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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 Fleishman read an amendment regarding the typographical error in the 4th ‘whereas’ in Resolution 183-2025: the reference to AE Stone should be South State, Inc.

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of amending Resolution 183-2025 as stated by Solicitor Fleishman.

Solicitor Fleishman confirmed that Resolution 183-2025 was a part of consent agenda, as amended.

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 183-2025 through 193-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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| 183-2025 | New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project Reconstruction of Juniper Drive (AS AMENDED) |
| 184-2025 | Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners to Proceed with the Project known as FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid Reconstruction of Juniper Drive – Cedar Bridge Road to Mill Road Project |
| 185-2025 | Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement |
| 186-2025 | Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-30 on Property known as Block 84 Lot 33 (2300 Cedar Bridge Road) |
| 187-2025 | Resolution Adopting a Prototypical Service Agreement |
| 188-2025 | Authorization for Negotiated Settlement |
| 189-2025 | To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities |
| 190-2025 | Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2025 Budget |
| 191-2025 | To Approve the Hiring of Adam Aquilino for the Position of Part Time Electrical Inspector |
| 192-2025 | Amending Resolution No. 160-2025 Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company |
| 193-2025 | A Resolution Approving A Universal Sidebar Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Northfield and PBA Local 77, IAFF Local 2364, GWU Local 410, GWU Local 420, GWU Local 430 |

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Councilman Smith motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, to adopt Resolutions 183-2025 through 193-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Carfagno motioned; Councilman Dewees seconded to adopt Ordinance 12-2025.

12-2025 Amending Chapter 128-3 Uniform Construction Code Fees,
Regarding Solar Panel Racking Units
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 08/16/2025

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

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 12-2025.

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

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

Councilwoman Carfagno motioned; Councilman Dewees seconded to introduce Ordinance 13-2025.

13-2025 Amending Chapter 97 of the City of Northfield Code, Article II
Animals and Fowl, Section 97-17, to Prohibit the Keeping of Fowl
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 08/16/2025
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 09/02/2025

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

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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 – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,156,223.58

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At approximately 7:30pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk