

## **CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

At 6:22pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on Saturday, January 10, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Chau led the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Councilman Smith\*

*\*Councilman Smith arrived at 6:30pm.*

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

### **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern with a second by Councilwoman Carfagno, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of August 31, 2026, without formal reading.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau spoke about specifics for the Tunnels to Towers ground breaking. He thanked all for the 911 event and thanked Chief Pollak for filling in. He was invited to grand opening for Ken Schaffer Entertainment, it was a wonderful event, next to old 7/11, he thanked Mr. Schaffer and welcomed him to Northfield; he offered his services should we need him. Mayor Chau attended the last library meeting, they went over a few issues, all was going well. The board approved for AARP to conduct a driver safety course for seniors, there was a small fee for the 6hr program, attendees would receive a discount on their car insurance.

A resident contacted Mayor Chau regarding Verizon removing copper wiring, the resident was concerned for seniors who don't have cell phones, they depend on landlines. Mayor Chau called Verizon, they offered two options, one would be to give them a battery pack that would allow them to make calls, the other option was to go to another carrier.

Mayor Chau spoke with Chief Pollak regarding drones, the department was in the

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process of purchasing 2 types, 1 inside, 1 outside. Officers needed to be trained and certified. Mayor Chau received a few calls about recycling change from businesses, it seemed to be well received by most. Lastly, to Solicitor Facenda, regarding ABC licenses, did he have any information on the new legislation?

Solicitor Facenda did speak with Mr. Gurwicz and his attorney, Scott Silver. Mr. Silver volunteered to get something together regarding the law and their request. As soon as he gets that, he'll bring that to Council. But yes, there has been a significant change. Mr. Silver is the local expert in regard in liquor license laws.

*\*At 6:30pm Councilman Smith arrived.*

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar had no report this evening.

All congratulated Engineer Nassar on the marriage of his daughter.

**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."

On motion of Councilman Polistina, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 205-2026 through 207-2026, by Consent Agenda.

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| <b>205-2026</b> | Authorizing The Tax Collector to Conduct an Electronic Tax Lien Sale                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>206-2026</b> | A Resolution Requesting Permission Of The Director Of The Division Of Local Government Services For The Dedication By Rider For The Fire Department Donations Trust Fund, As Required By N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 |

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**207-2026**      A Resolution Requesting Permission Of The Director Of The Division Of Local Government Services For The Dedication By Rider For The Police Department Donations Trust Fund, As Required By N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Councilman Polistina motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to adopt Resolutions 205-2026 through 207-2026 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**

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern to adopt Ordinance 15-2026, to be read by title only.

**15-2026**      An Ordinance Amending Section 2 Of Chapter 350 Governing Towing - Definitions  
*2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration*  
*Published on the Municipal Website 9/16/2026*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing, after which the matter will be considered for final passage. Deputy Clerk Campbell announced the date and location of final publication if the ordinance was approved. Since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website. 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 time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 15-2026.

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

Council President Bucci asked if there were any comments from Council. There were none.

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**      \$ 2,223,054.09

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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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.

Council President Bucci congratulated Councilman Smith on his appointment as Head Coach of the Mainland Varsity Baseball Team.

Councilman Smith thanked everyone.

Council President Bucci asked Councilman Smith if he had a report for this evening, he did not.

At 6:35pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC  
Municipal Clerk