CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA JUNE 24, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Chau, Dewees, Devine, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

PRESENTATION OF CLOCKS

- Former Mayor Vincent Mazzeo
- Former Councilman Timothy Carew

7:30PM PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

- MISS JULY 4TH Miss Annie Goodman
- CITIZENS OF THE YEAR
 - o Northfield Volunteer Fire Chief Henry Martinelli
 - o Northfield Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief Edward Hackett
 - Northfield Volunteer Deputy Fire Chief Robert Leeds
- NORTHFIELD'S 1ST BABY Alexander Dionisio
 - BORN January 9, 2014 to parents Bryan and Angela Dionisio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 27, 2014

<u>COMMITTEE_REPORTS</u> <u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u> <u>CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT</u> PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

RESOLUTIONS

- **112-2014** Refund of Overpayment of 2014 Sewer Taxes
- 113-2014 Authorize Police Chief Robert L. James to Buy Back His City Issued Service Handgun
- 114-2014 To Authorize Liquor License Renewal for the Year 2014-2015
- 115-2014 Release of Escrow Monies and Application Fees from the Planning Board
- 116-2014 To Hire a Laborer in the Public Works Department
- **117-2014** Refund of Overpayment of 2014 Taxes
- 118-2014 A Resolution Encouraging the Boards of Education of Mainland Regional High School, Somers Point, Linwood and Northfield to Thoroughly Examine an Opportunity for a Shared Service which has presented itself as a result of the fact that Somers Point currently has an Interim Superintendent and the Superintendents of Mainland Regional High School, Linwood and Northfield have Announced their Intent to Retire; and to Schedule a Joint Meeting to Receive Public Comment on Such a Proposal

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- 119-2014 A Resolution Appointing Certifying Officer in Absence of Chief Financial Officer
- 120-2014 A Resolution Inserting an Item of Revenue in the 2014 Budget
- 121-2014 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Advertisement for Bids for the Supplying and Delivery of Vehicle Maintenance and Repair for the Cities of Linwood and Northfield
- 122-2014 Resolution to Amend the Agreement between Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC and the City of Northfield
- 123-2014 NJ Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant Application Two (2) Police Positions - \$60,000.00
- 124-2014 Acknowledging Military Leave of Absence for Employee Daniel Mitchell
- xxx-2014 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, Regarding Possible Anticipated Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality
- xxx-2014 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, regarding an Employment Agreement between the City of Northfield and Lauren W. Crooks, Assistant Fire Chief

ORDINANCES

- **3-2014** An Ordinance to Make it Unlawful for any Person Under the Legal Age to Knowingly Possess or Knowingly Consume an Alcoholic Beverage on Private Property Without Legal Authority and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof in the City of Northfield County, of Atlantic and State of New Jersey Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption Published in the Press of AC June 28, 2014
- 4-2014 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 91-5 of the Northfield Municipal Code, as Adopted by Ordinance 3-1989, Regulating the Possession of Alcohol in Public Places Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption Published in the Press of AC June 28, 2014
- 5-2014 An Ordinance to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees by the City Council of the City of Northfield Pursuant To C.52:15-15F Et .Seq. Introduction/No Public Input/Published in the Press of AC June 28, 2014 Second Reading/Public Hearing/Final Adoption July 29, 2014

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ TBD

MEETING NOTICES

City Council

July 29th

6:00pm Work Session Regular Session Immediately Following

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 112-2014

REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2014 SEWER TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that overpayment of 2014 sewer taxes on the following be refunded as follows:

BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	AMOUNT
49	17	518 Chestnut Avenue	Spudsy Properties P.O. Box 179 Northfield, NJ 08225	\$ 26.56

Cindy Ruffo, CTC

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 113-2014

AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF ROBERT L. JAMES TO BUY BACK HIS CITY ISSUED SERVICE HANDGUN

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2014 Police Chief Robert L. James will have retired and has requested to buy back his City issued service handgun; and

WHEREAS, this request is per Article XXII of the current PBA collective bargaining agreement and is a benefit that has historically been extended to Chiefs of Police upon their retirement; and

WHEREAS, City of Northfield Detective of Police William Ward received a quote in the amount of \$300.00 from Lawman Supply Company of Egg Harbor City for Chief James' gun buy-back; and

WHEREAS, Lawman Supply Company agreed to handle the transaction and purchase of the Glock Model 36, serial number WLL998, and return the money to the City of Northfield in the form of a check from Lawman Supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield that as of July 1, 2014 that retired Chief of Police Robert L. James receive his service handgun in this manner. Said transaction and purchase to include proof of all required licenses and permits for possession of said weapon and handled through Lawman Supply of Egg Harbor City.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 114-2014

TO AUTHORIZE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

WHEREAS, an application was submitted on behalf of LGM Enterprises, Inc., for a liquor license renewal for the year 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed by the Police Department, Municipal Clerk and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate has been received from the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Northfield that license number 0118-33-001-002 shall be granted to LGM Enterprises, Inc. effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 115-2014

RELEASE OF ESCROW MONIES AND APPLICATION FEES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Northfield has recommended to the Governing Body to return remaining escrow monies and application fees to the following applicant:

DESCRIPTION	BL	LOT(s)	PROPERTY	PAYABLE/MAIL TO	AMOUNT
Escrow Monies	110	31&32 &33	1002 New Road	Yvonne Johnson 12 Springton Circle Mays Landing, NJ 08330	\$ 564.50
Application Fees	110	31&32 &33	1002 New Road	Yvonne Johnson 12 Springton Circle Mays Landing, NJ 08330	\$ 200.00

Robin Atlas, Planning Board Secretary

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 116-2014

TO HIRE A LABORER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the need exists to fill the position of Laborer in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, having first been satisfied that the applicant has the necessary qualifications required for the position, Department of Public Works Manager Jim Clark has recommended that James Robert McClain be hired as Laborer.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield that James Robert McClain be hired as Laborer, effective June 25, 2014, and subject to understanding and completion of the following:

- 1. Compliance with the Policies and Procedures of the City
- 2. Satisfactory results of Physical Examination
- 3. Probation period 90 days from date of hire
- 4. Longevity not included in negotiations since May 1996
- 5. Satisfactory driving record
- 6. Qualify for CDL License within 120 days of hire
- 7. Not Entitled to Chapter 88

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield that the hiring of James Robert McClain is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for James Robert McClain shall be based on an annual salary of \$23,500. Said salary shall be separately set forth in the Municipal Salary Ordinance as required by NJSA 40A:9-140.10.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION NO. 117-2014

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REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2014 TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that overpayment of 2014 property taxes on the following be refunded as follows:

BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	AMOUNT
57	6	705 Burton Avenue	Douglas Krause Jr. 705 Burton Avenue Northfield, NJ 08225	\$ 1,311.43

Cindy Ruffo, CTC

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION 118-2014

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE BOARDS OF EDUCATION OF MAINLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, SOMERS POINT, LINWOOD AND NORTHFIELD TO THOROUGHLY EXAMINE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A SHARED SERVICE WHICH HAS PRESENTED ITSELF AS A RESULT OF THE FACT THAT SOMERS POINT CURRENTLY HAS AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AND THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF MAINLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, LINWOOD AND NORTHFIELD HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENT TO RETIRE; AND TO SCHEDULE A JOINT MEETING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUCH A PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Northfield are exploring shared service opportunities within the limitations of state law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Atlantic County and the Atlantic County Executive are exploring opportunities for County wide shared services such as a centralized Dispatch System; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that an opportunity for shared services among the Boards of Education of Mainland Regional High School, Somers Point, Linwood and Northfield has presented itself as a result of the fact that Somers Point currently has an interim Superintendent and the Superintendents of Mainland Regional High School, Linwood and Northfield have announced their intent to retire; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body recognizes that the Northfield Board of Education and the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education are each autonomous bodies over which this Governing Body has no control or oversight except in the limited context of reviewing any Budget rejected by the voters which, as a result of the change in election date has been virtually eliminated; but

WHEREAS, the members of the Northfield Board of Education are elected by the voters of Northfield as are the designated members of the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education this Governing Body encourages those members to diligently and thoroughly explore this opportunity to achieve a result which would reduce the tax burden without adversely affecting the provision of a "thorough and efficient education" to our students in compliance with the State standards; and

WHEREAS, consolidating up to four School Superintendent positions through a Shared Services agreement could save the taxpayers of the Sending Districts as much as \$450,000 in the aggregate.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield to:

1) Encourage the Northfield Board of Education and the Administration to actively pursue this Shared Service opportunity with the Administration and Board of Education of Mainland Regional High School, the Board of Education of the City of Linwood and the Board of Education of the City of Somers Point;

2) Encourage the Governing Bodies of the City of Linwood and the City of Somers Point to support this proposal;

3) Encourage the Northfield Board of Education and Administration, the City of Somers Point Board of Education and Administration, the City of Linwood Board of Education and the Administration and Board of Education of Mainland Regional High School to work together to identify additional potential shared service opportunities which will benefit the taxpayers of the Sending Districts without adversely impacting the ability to provide a "thorough and efficient education" to our students in compliance with the State standards; and

4) Call upon the four Boards of Education to diligently examine the cost saving potential and to schedule a joint public meeting in a timely fashion to address the topic and receive public input within the time frame provided due to the impending retirements in order to protect and preserve what may otherwise be a one-time opportunity.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is requested to send a certified copy of this Resolution to:

A) the Secretary of the Northfield Board of Education and the Secretary of the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education requesting that a copy be distributed to each Board member,

B) the Clerk of the City of Linwood and the Clerk of the City of Somers Point requesting that a copy be distributed to the Mayor and Council,

C) the Secretary of the Linwood Board of Education and the Secretary of the Somers Point Board of Education requesting that a copy be distributed to each Board member,

D) the Atlantic County Executive, and

E) the Secretary of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders requesting that a copy be distributed to the members.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION 119-2014

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTIFYING OFFICER IN ABSENCE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3 states the chief financial officer of a local unit shall be responsible for determining the availability of sufficient funds for all contracts and purchase orders, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield employs a part-time chief financial officer and needs to ensure a qualified individual is available to process encumbrances and certifications in the absence of said financial officer, and;

WHEREAS, such a delegation of authority does not relieve the chief financial officer of her responsibility, but rather provides a mechanism whereby City business can continue and funds can be appropriately encumbered and certified in her absence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mary K. Smith, Financial Assistant for the City of Northfield, is hereby granted the authority to encumber and certify funds.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 120-2014

A RESOLUTION INSERTING AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of equal amount,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has been awarded a \$1,861.02 Grant from the NJ Administrative Office of the Courts and wishes to amend its 2013 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

SECTION 1:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Northfield County of Atlantic hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014:

Miscellaneous Revenue Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

State of New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts 2013 Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund

SECTION 2:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$1,861.02 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations (a) Operations Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Program Off-Set by Revenues:

State of New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts 2013 Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted as a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 27th day of May, 2014.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Adopted:

Gerard McGee, Mayor

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 121-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SUPPLYING AND DELIVERY OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FOR THE CITIES OF LINWOOD AND NORTHFIELD

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is desirous of participating with the City of Linwood in a public bid for the supplying and delivery of Vehicle Maintenance and Repair for the Cities of Linwood and Northfield; and

WHEREAS, specifications for same have been prepared and are on file and available for inspection in the Offices of the City Clerks for the Cities of Linwood and the City of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Joint Purchasing System Agreement between the City of Northfield and the City of Linwood, the City of Linwood shall be the Lead Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey that the aforesaid specifications are hereby approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Northfield reserves the right to reject all bids.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted as a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 122-2014

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JEFFREY R. SURENIAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC AND THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD

WHEREAS, on 5/1/2014 the City of Northfield Council adopted Resolution 81-2014 awarding a professional services contract to Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC,707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle, New Jersey, 08730, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Northfield City Council desires to amend the contract from the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield that this Agreement between the City of Northfield and Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle New Jersey, 08730, be increased from an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certification of funds has been received from the Municipal Finance Officer.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Special Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 123-2014

NJ SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – TWO (2) POLICE POSITIONS - \$60,000.00

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey wishes to apply for funding a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant No. P-5807-14); and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and City of Northfield for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that:

- (1) As a matter of public policy, the City of Northfield wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the department of Law and Public Safety.
- (2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- (3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- (4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

I, MARY CANESI, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. 124-2014

ACKNOWLEDGING MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEE DANIEL MITCHELL

WHEREAS, Daniel Mitchell has been a full time employee of the City of Northfield Police Department since August 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Mitchell has been a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard since 1992; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Mitchell has accepted an extended military duty assignment with the New Jersey Air National Guard from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2017 and in accordance with the City of Northfield's Military Leave Policy and with N.J.S.A. 38A:4-4(a), he shall be entitled to a leave of absence to allow him to participate in his obligations to the United States Armed Forces.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, state of New Jersey, that Daniel Mitchell shall be on a military leave of absence from June 1, 2014 through May 31. 2017.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of Northfield held this 24th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. xxx-2014

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 REGARDING POSSIBLE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AND MATTERS FALLING WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REQUIRING CONFIDENTIALITY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Northfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council of the City of Northfield to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to potential and/or anticipated litigation and matters falling within the attorney client privilege requiring confidentiality.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting is to provide privileged and confidential legal advice with regard to potential and/or anticipated Mount Laurel litigation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Northfield that Council move into Executive Session, closed to the public.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be released when a decision with respect to the matter has been made and all rights to litigate or appeal are exhausted; provided, that material entitled to Court protection or subject to attorney-client privilege shall not be disclosed.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24^h day of June 2014.

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CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ RESOLUTION NO. xxx-2014

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. 10:4-12b(4), REGARDING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND LAUREN W. CROOKS, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Northfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council of the City of Northfield to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b(4), specifically, a proposed employment agreement between the City of Northfield and Lauren W. Crooks, Assistant Fire Chief.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Northfield that Council move into Executive Session, closed to the public.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be released when a decision with respect to the matter has been made and all rights to litigate or appeal are exhausted; provided, that material entitled to Court protection or subject to attorney-client privilege shall not be disclosed.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Northfield, held this 24th day of June, 2014.