

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD ANNUAL REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 3, 2017**

At 7:02pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi, who welcomed the audience. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, after which a moment of silence was observed.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline - yes; Motion carried.

Municipal Clerk Canesi announced that official oaths were previously administered and that the ceremonial oath of office for Councilman Lischin would be administered by Assemblyman Chris Brown.

Clerk Canesi introduced Assemblyman Brown and called forward Councilman Lischin and introduced his wife Margot, children Matthew and Rachel. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman Lischin by Assemblyman Brown.

Councilman Lischin thanked his constituents for their support and stated that he would do what was best for his family and people of Northfield.

Clerk Canesi announced the ceremonial oath for Councilman Dewees would be administered by Freeholder Maureen Kern. Councilman Dewees was accompanied by his wife Jacque and children Kelsey and Christopher. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman Dewees by Freeholder Kern.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline - yes; Motion carried.

Municipal Clerk Canesi opened the floor for nominations for Council President for the year 2017. Councilman Travagline nominated Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman O’Neill. Clerk Canesi called for other nominations; seeing none the floor was closed.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline - yes; Motion carried.

Council President Dewees recognized the following dignitaries who were in the audience: Keith Davis, Freeholder Maureen Kern, Assemblyman Chris Brown, Freeholder Alex Marino, Margate Commissioner Brenda Taube, Brigantine City Councilman Vince Serra and Freeholder John Risley.

Council President Dewees opened the floor for nominations for Council President Pro Tempore for the year 2017. Council President Dewees nominated Councilman

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Murray. Council President Dewees called for other nominations, seeing none the floor was closed.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline – yes, Mr. Dewees - yes; Motion carried.

At 7:12pm Council President Dewees called for a 10 minute recess.

At 7:20pm Council President Dewees resumed the meeting and announced Mayor Chau’s State of the City Address.

Mayor Chau thanked all for coming, he congratulated Council President Dewees on Council Presidency and Councilman Murray for being elected as Council President Pro Tempore.

MAYOR ERLAND CHAU’S 2017 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

“Thank you Council President Dewees and thank you all for joining us here today at our 2017 City of Northfield Reorganization meeting, and let me be the first to congratulate Councilman Dewees on your newly appointed position as our 2017 City Council President, I know you will do an excellent job. I also want to recognize Councilman Jim Travagline for his years of service and leadership while serving as our City Council President.

As always I want to thank all our city employees for their committed work and services. Every year I am grateful at the fortitude, commitment and heart of those individuals who serve this city. Side-by-side with our business community, our local School District, residents and neighborhoods, we are making Northfield a great place to live and raise our families.

This past year, I have enjoyed a strong partnership with City Council during my tenure as Mayor. I look forward to continue to work with the help of City Council to continue to drive more municipal improvements and to address goals that will keep us uniquely Northfield as an active and vibrant city for generations to come.

Despite the local economic losses we face in Atlantic County, our city is strong. We continue as with many municipalities in Atlantic County who are faced with economic challenges that are the same as last year: the economic impact of foreclosures, declining revenue base and declining revenues overall. But we are resilient, we are disciplined, we are working together and we are forging ahead to make our city even stronger.

President Franklin Roosevelt once said: ‘The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough

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for those who have little'. This city will not rest until Northfield's success is shared by everyone. This is my continued vision and my commitment to everyone. Each and every day, I am motivated to provide every resident with the opportunity to fulfill their potential, to provide well for their family and to have a path forward even if they stumble. I am up here today to talk about one thing, our people and our great city.

In the past year, City Council has instituted several measures to increase and improve both city services and city government infrastructure. For example, we are now contracted with the ACUA to collect our weekly trash. The elimination of this task within our Public Works department is an overall cost savings for our city and allows our staff to focus on other much needed work and projects. We recently renewed our 911 Emergency Communications contract with Egg Harbor Township. Once again a major cost savings that is providing us with a newer advanced communication technology for our police and fire departments. And we cannot forget our successful shared service agreements with the City of Linwood in the areas of our shared court system and interlocal sewerage department.

I am pleased that this City Council had supported me to bring back a full time Police Chief. Because of that, under the leadership of Police Chief Paul Newman, I believe that our police department staff morale is high and that there is leadership quality that is being fulfilled. Our police department reports and activity logs show an increase in service and protection for our community. I am especially proud of our Police staff in sponsoring our annual National Night Out, Hooked on Fishing program, Coffee with a Cop, and Shop with a Cop. As I had promised, I have now scheduled for this April the *long* overdue promotional testing for all ranks within the police department.

Great projects, ideas and great cities, do not happen by accident. They are the result of good planning, strong partnerships, a committed community and smart voters and volunteerism. This is how we get projects done, such as building our Veteran's Memorial Park, bus shelters for our veterans and commuters, the revitalization of our bike path bench program and the replacement of damaged and destroyed bike path trees, the NJ State DOT New Road side walk and curbing project, and the anticipated shared cost with Atlantic County government for sidewalk and curbing along certain portions of the county's Mill Road.

We live in a truly great city. The challenges we face today are not insurmountable. I know this city, I know you, and, together, we will continue to succeed. We must reach higher and dream bigger. We must aspire to help everyone, to knock down barriers and create pathways where today there are only minor roadblocks. That is the kind of city we must be. It is the kind of city I know we can be.

Opportunity is the right of everyone. Progress does not have to leave anyone behind, it should bring everyone along. And this I commit to you, we will take action to make this vision a reality. Northfield City will be with you every step of the way. We

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will show up. We will lean in. We will never give up. And with our Northfield City residents and community members, we will succeed. All of us together.

Thank you all, God bless you, and God bless this City and our Country.”

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Dewees reviewed the agenda.

Council President Dewees noted for the record that there was no Resolution No. 37-2017 and that Resolution No. 26-2017 had been tabled for further consideration.

Council President Dewees announced that 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, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Council President Dewees made the assignments for the evening and asked if Council had any questions.

Councilman Perri asked what Resolution No. 37-2017 was.

Clerk Canesi explained that it was intended to be the award of contract for the fire hose bid; CFO Stollenwerk would like to review the bids prior to the award.

Councilman Murray motioned to approve the minutes from December 13, 2016, Councilman Lischin seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline – yes, Mr. Dewees - yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to vote by consent agenda on Resolutions 1-2017 through 25-2017 and Resolutions 27-2017 through 36-2017 and Resolutions 38-2017 through Resolutions 40-2017.

Council President Dewees noted that the public session needed to be held prior to the vote.

Councilman Perri withdrew the motion.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Dewees opened this meeting to the Public. Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak the public session was closed.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to vote by consent agenda on Resolutions 1-2017 through 25-2017 and Resolutions 27-2017 through 36-2017 and Resolutions 38-2017 through Resolutions 40-2017.

Solicitor Facenda noted the exclusion of Resolution No. 26-2017 and 37-2017.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline – yes, Mr. Dewees - yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Piergiovanni seconded to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 1-2017 through 25-2017 and Resolutions 27-2017 through 36-2017 and Resolutions 38-2017 through Resolutions 40-2017.

- 1-2017** Annual Schedule of Meetings
- 2-2017** Temporary Appropriations
- 3-2017** Designation of Official Newspapers for the Publication of Legal Notices for the City of Northfield
- 4-2017** Annual Appointments
- 5-2017** To Authorize the Tax Assessor to File a Petition of Appeal or Appeals for the Tax Year 2017
- 6-2017** Safety and Health Committee Appointments
- 7-2017** Establishing Charges for Municipal Public Records
- 8-2017** Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 9-2017** Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 10-2017** Appointment of Risk Management Consultant in Accordance with the Bylaws of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 11-2017** A Resolution Authorizing the Contact Persons to Access the Employment Practices Liability Consultation Service (EPL) / ACMJIF
- 12-2017** A Resolution Adopting Robert’s Rules of Order
- 13-2017** Hazardous Materials Emergency Management Advisory Council Appointments
- 14-2017** To Authorize Northfield-Linwood Shared Service Committee
- 15-2017** A Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan
- 16-2017** To Establish the Rate of Interest for Nonpayment of Taxes or Assessments

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- 17-2017** Authorize Delinquent Tax Penalty Charges
- 18-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Registered Municipal Accountant as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 19-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Licensed Land Surveyor as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 20-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Bond Counsel as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 21-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Labor Relations Attorney as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 and N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 22-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Tax Appeal Attorney as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-5 and N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 23-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Municipal Engineer as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 24-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Municipal Solicitor as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 25-2017** Authorizing Award of Contract for Municipal Public Defender as a Professional Service through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4, Et Seq.
- 26-2017** TABLED
- 27-2017** Cultural Committee Appointments
- 28-2017** A Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
- 29-2017** To Confirm the Reappointment of Harold L. Bogie as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II
- 30-2017** To Confirm the Reappointment of George R. Clark as a Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II
- 31-2017** A Resolution Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary
- 32-2017** A Resolution Recognizing Northfield Volunteer Fire Company Members
- 33-2017** A Resolution Authorizing the Public Auction of Abandoned/Unclaimed Vehicles
- 34-2017** Authorizing Award of Professional Services Contract for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record
- 35-2017** Separation of Employment Department of Public Works Laborer

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- 36-2017** Separation of Secondary Position of Temporary Part Time Clerical Staff for the Construction Office
- 37-2017** DELETED
- 38-2017** Promotion of Qwin Vitale to Public Works / Sewer Supervisor
- 39-2017** Appointment of Qwin Vitale as Wastewater Licensed Operator in Charge of Sanitary Sewer System
- 40-2017** To Hire Public Works Laborer

Roll call: Mr. Lischin – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mr. O’Neill - yes, Mr. Perri – yes, Mr. Piergiovanni - yes, Mr. Travagline – yes, Mr. Dewees - yes; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded to introduce Ordinance 1-2017.

- 1-2017 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 330 Of The Code Of The City Of Northfield Governing Streets And Sidewalks
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 01/14/2017
Second Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 01/24/2017*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The public hearing date, and requisite publication dates were announced. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies will be available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Council President Dewees explained Ordinance 1-2017.

Roll call: Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes, Mr. Dewees –yes Motion carried to introduce Ordinance 1-2017

Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

At 7:34pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk