

## **CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026**

At 6:34pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 10, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, and Captain Pollak on behalf of Chief VonColln, 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 January 6, 2026, without formal reading.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau announced he received communication from the County regarding the flu vaccine clinic, he announced the dates that remain. It was not too late to get vaccinated. He received communication from the ACUA regarding the annual CPI related cost increases, which would be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, recycling would be \$184,640.37 and for yard waste the cost would be \$168,921.64 and a pull charge of \$172.17. He read he the December Police Department report, as well as overtime figures for the month. Overtime was higher due to emergency work at Shore and Zion. He referred to the meeting mentioned by Councilman Smith and the Joint Court, Mayor Chau will also attend. He received notice from New Jersey American Water that there is a drought warning, they were calling for mandatory conservation of water. He would be attending an event at the Atlantic City County Club and noted the e-bike legislation that was signed by Governor Murphy. He looked forward to how the City will be enforcing these rules, it was a step forward. On February 10<sup>th</sup> Mayor Chau would be presenting a gift to outgoing Chief of Police VonColln in recognition of his 28 years of service. He would also be administering the ceremonial oath to Captain Pollak. He offered congratulations to Engineer Nassar and welcomed him back.

Council President Bucci did not believe we had an Engineers report this evening; she asked Engineer Nassar if he'd like to comment.

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### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar thanked Council for having him back, he reported he would be doing a dry run tomorrow for the Zion Pump Station generator.

Councilman Smith asked Engineer Nassar about water work being done on Catherine Place.

Council President Bucci noted that Darren Boyd was here as a member of the public if we are going to address him, he needed to come up to the microphone and identify himself for the record.

### **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."

Council President Bucci suggested that we review the Resolutions to consider approval of field use applications separately.

On motion of Councilman Notaro, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 39-2026 through 50-2026 and Resolutions 53-2026 through 57-2026 by Consent Agenda. Resolution 58-2026 was not being moved.

<b>39-2026</b>	A Resolution Authorizing the City of Northfield, NJ to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement
<b>40-2026</b>	Authorizing the Waiver of any and all Permit Fees Associated with the Installation of a 300 Amp Electrical Feeder on Property Owned by the County of Atlantic
<b>41-2026</b>	Amending Resolution 20-2026 Authorizing Award of Contract for Labor Relations Attorney Services through a Fair and Open Process Pursuant to N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5, Et Seq.
<b>42-2026</b>	Authorization to Submit a Strategic Plan For The Governor's Council On Substance Use Disorders, And Acknowledgement Of The Terms

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	And Conditions For The Municipal Alliance Grant
<b>43-2026</b>	Amending Northfield Municipal Alliance Committee Appointments
<b>44-2026</b>	Employment Status Change for Substitute School Crossing Guard
<b>45-2026</b>	Authorization to Hire Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard
<b>46-2026</b>	Authorization to Hire Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard
<b>47-2026</b>	Authorization to Hire Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard
<b>48-2026</b>	To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – NCS Field Day
<b>49-2026</b>	To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Mainland Babe Ruth
<b>50-2026</b>	To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – South Jersey South Shore Baseball
<b>54-2026</b>	A Resolution Creating the Title of Senior Mechanic/Operations Specialist within the City of Northfield Department of Public Works, Approving the Job Description for Same and Authorizing the Appropriate Officials to Engage in Negotiations Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Position
<b>55-2056</b>	Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers for Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
<b>56-2026</b>	Authorizing Award of Professional Services Contract for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record
<b>57-2026</b>	Extending Award of Contract for General Repairs and Construction of Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Facilities
<b>58-2026</b>	NOT MOVED

Councilman Smith commented that had an issue with the third group using our fields.

Solicitor Facenda suggested amending the consent agenda to remove Resolution 53-2026.

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to amend the consent agenda to remove Resolution 53-2026.

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to adopt Resolutions 39-2026 through 50-2026 and Resolution 54-2026 through 57-2026 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.

Councilman Notaro motioned to amend Resolution 51-2026.

Solicitor Facenda read the suggested amendment: AMEND 51-2026 for their use of the BABE RUTH FIELD from Monday-Friday 2/16 – 5/1 *to* Monday-Friday 2/1-3/31. This then eliminates the conflict with Mainland Babe Ruth.

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Clerk Canesi explained that a chart had been sent out by her office last week indicating where the conflicts were in terms of dates and the various groups. Her recommendations eliminated the conflicts in favor of groups that had been using our fields in the past, but of course the Council could choose to proceed in any manner they see fit.

Councilman Dewees seconded the motion.

**51-2026**      To Approve an Application For Use of Facilities, as Amended – Mainland Youth Lacrosse

Council President Bucci called all in favor. All members present were in favor to approving Resolution 51-2026 as amended.

Councilman Smith, regarding Resolution 52-2026, asked did anyone know anything about this group; did they approach anyone, are they here?

Clerk Canesi replied; all field users are advised to be present in case there are questions.

Councilman Smith asked if Miranda was here? There was no response.

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to adopt Resolution 52-2026.

**52-2026**      To Approve an Application For Use of Facilities – Skyhawks Sports volleyball

Councilwoman Kern noted that if someone was here, we could ask them questions.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – no; Mr. Dewees – no; Mrs. Kern – no; Mr. Notaro – no; Mr. Polistina – no; Mr. Smith – no; Mrs. Bucci – no; Motion failed.

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to adopt Resolution 53-2026.

**53-2026**      To Approve an Application For Use of Facilities – Skyhawks Sports field hockey

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – no; Mr. Dewees – no; Mrs. Kern – no; Mr. Notaro – no; Mr. Polistina – no; Mr. Smith – no; Mrs. Bucci – no; Motion failed.

Council President Bucci moved to Ordinance 1-2026.

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**ORDINANCE**

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance 1-2026, to be read by title only.

**1-2026**      Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of which are Inconsistent Herewith

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration  
Published in the Press of AC 1/24/2026*

The 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. Clerk Canesi announced the date of final publication. 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 1-2026.

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      \$ 2,482,324.22**

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk