

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2025

At 6:23pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2024, 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; Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith; Council President Bucci.

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilman Notaro all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of January 21, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau stated all have received a copy of the County Executive's budget message. He would be attending the meeting at the County regarding a possible upcoming revaluation; it is open to anyone from Council who wanted to attend. He referred to a Resolution to hire Daniel Gomez and said he hoped to have Council's support. Daniel attended Mainland Regional High School and is currently employed at another police department in Cape May County.

Mayor Chau received a letter from Mainland Regional High School Superintendent Marrone regarding state funding asking for support from the Council; Mayor Chau would copy the letter and distribute it. Superintendent Marrone offered to come to Council and speak about the status of state funding. He read the Police Department report for January. He also had a summary from Chief VonColln, from before he became Chief until now, he read statistics showing less instances of crimes involving theft, and more arrests, motor vehicle stops, and summonses. He believed it was a result of a more proactive approach and more visibility on the part of his staff. He thanked Chief VonColln for his leadership and the department in general.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro reported she submitted the Local Recreation Improvement Grant application for four pavilions at Birch Grove Park; the City received Community Development Block Grant money from the County in the past. This project would complement prior projects. Regarding the street excavation and sidewalk ordinance, she thanked Councilmen Dewees and Notaro for their work, it was nice to see it was

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getting adopted. She would have the slip line bid documents soon; the pitcher's mound would be installed tomorrow.

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 Smith, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 56-2025 through 64-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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| 56-2025 | To Approve the Hiring of Daniel Gomez for the Position of Police Officer |
| 57-2025 | To Approve the Hiring of John Holroyd for the Position of Part-Time Fire Protection Sub Code Official |
| 58-2025 | To Approve the Hiring of William Nagle for the Position of Part-Time Firefighter/EMT |
| 59-2025 | Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners to Proceed with Engineering Services for the Project known as 'FY2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid - Reconstruction of Juniper Drive, from Cedar Bridge Road to Mill Road' |
| 60-2025 | A Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey to Accept the Donation of Countertops and Sink for the Fire Department |
| 61-2025 | Amending Resolution No. 51-2025 Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company |
| 62-2025 | To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - Mainland Babe Ruth |
| 63-2025 | To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - South Jersey South Shore Baseball |
| 64-2025 | Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Agreement |

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Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt the 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.

ORDINANCE

Councilman Smith motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to adopt Ordinance 2-2025.

2-2025 Calendar Year 2025 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)
 2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
 Published in the Press of AC 2/8/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing. After the public hearing, Council would consider the ordinance for final passage. Clerk Canesi announced the date of final publication, if the ordinance passed this evening, and stated that 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 date and time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2-2025.

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.

Councilman Smith motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to introduce Ordinance 3-2025.

3-2025 Amending Chapter 330 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Article II, Excavations in Streets
 Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 02/08/2025
 2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 02/18/2025

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 of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,038,993.00

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Dewees 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

Councilwoman Carfagno read the meeting notices.

At 6:37pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk