

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

At 6:32pm 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, on January 8, 2022.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present (in person): Councilwoman Bucci; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

Present (via Zoom): Councilman Leeds*

**Councilman Leeds arrived at 6:34pm.*

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Dewees with a second of Councilman Utts, all members present, with the exception of Councilman Notaro who abstained, were in favor of approving the minutes of February 3, 2022 and February 8, 2022 without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau announced we were all just introduced to our new SLEO, there were now two, and that expanded our services in the Police Department. He added that it had been a challenge to find applicants. The officer who had been doing code enforcement had been doing very well, Mayor Chau was happy we combined these services. Mayor Chau, Councilman Dewees, Councilwoman Bucci and Councilman Leeds attended the recent Atlantic County League of Municipalities meeting, there was a very good discussion regarding the PILOT program. It was an eye-opening presentation to see just how much money the County is losing. The next Atlantic County League of Municipalities meeting would be at the Atlantic City Country Club.

Council President Polistina asked why the money was being lost.

Mayor Chau replied, the terms were different than originally agreed upon.

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CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Nassar prepared the Engineer’s report and sent it but something went wrong, it appeared not to have been received by the Council. Engineer Nassar reported that he and Solicitor Facenda appeared before the Planning Board for the Zion Pump Station. The result will be that the City's infrastructure would all be on one lot. He received the flood damage prevention ordinance from the Department of Environmental Protection, their revisions were minor. Engineer Nassar would review it to see if it conflicts with any sections of our existing code, and would have it for introduction on the March 8th agenda.

Mayor Chau noted that he had been in touch with many realtors, there was no inventory in Northfield, he didn’t know whether or not that is a good thing. They were excited about the development of the Arthur Henry site.

Councilman Smith, to Engineer Nassar, advised he had a resident ask about the Merritt Drive project, he asked when it would start.

Engineer Nassar replied it was supposed to be in March but may be delayed due to utility work; it would likely be early in April.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that they state their name and address for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Clerk Canesi asked those in Zoom to raise their hand if they wished to speak.

Seeing no one wishing to make a comment Council President Polistina closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS

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

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RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Bucci all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 58-2022 through 69-2022 by Consent Agenda.

- 58-2022** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract without Public Advertisement for Bids, and in Accordance with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5, for Email Software and Installation Services
- 59-2022** To Accept Land Sale Bid for Block 92, Lot 30
- 60-2022** Authorizing Sale of City Owned Land
- 61-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Baseball Performance Center
- 62-2022** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – MRHS Pink Game
- 63-2022** Appointment of Cole Leeds to the Position of Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
- 64-2022** Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 37-2022 to Correct the Appointment of Deputy Tax Assessor
- 65-2022** Authorization for Internal Job Transfer, from the Position of Substitute Adult School Crossing Guard to Full Time Technical Assistant
- 66-2022** Adopting the Updated Atlantic County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 67-2022** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Lease Rider
- 68-2022** Resolution of the Common Council of the City Of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of Vendor Service Agreement
- 69-2022** Authorizing Award of Contract for Labor Counsel Services as a Professional Service Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(1) and N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5, Et Seq.

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Bucci seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes*; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

*Councilman Smith abstained from Resolution 62-2022.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt Ordinance 3-2022.

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3-2022 Amending Chapter 97, Article I, Section 6 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code
*2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 2/26/2022*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this was the second reading and that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk to any member of the public who requested same. If approved, final publication will be February 26, 2022.

Council President Polistina opened the public hearing.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Utts motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, to introduce Ordinance 4-2022.

4-2022 Amending Chapter 250 of the City of Northfield Municipal Code, Parks and Recreation Areas
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 02/26/2022
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 03/08/2022*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, there would be no public input, and announced the publication and public hearing 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.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 255,441.53

Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Bucci – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mr. Leeds – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Utts – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

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Councilman Dewees read the meeting notices.

At approximately 6:35pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk