

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

At 6:05pm 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 1975, Chapter 231.

Municipal Clerk Canesi apologized for the delay; there were audio-related technical with Zoom.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

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

**Councilman Smith was present via the telephone.*

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief VonColln were also present.

Council President Leeds announced there will be an email coming out from the Solicitor regarding the shared municipal court. Until all have had the opportunity to review that email, the Council will not be publicly discussing the court.

Council President Leeds moved to committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Dewees – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works: Roads, Engineering

Councilman Dewees reported the fence had been replaced around the City Hall parking lot. He reminded residents that the City was now collecting e-waste, along with metals on the first Wednesday of the month.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Bucci announced the next insurance and safety meeting for February 15th, she was looking forward to meeting our new agent. There was no Planning Board meeting this month; they were continuing to work on the Master Plan. The Economic Development Commission was meeting quarterly. Councilwoman Bucci spoke at the Atlantic County Economic Alliance meeting last month.

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Councilman Polistina – Finance and Collections; Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Library; Municipal Alliance Senior Citizens

Councilman Polistina announced meeting dates would be chosen for budget meetings today. The Library meeting was scheduled for this week, and Coffee with a Cop will be held on the 29th.

Mayor Chau added that Coffee with a Cop will be held at Northfield McDonald's.

Councilman Smith - Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth; Northfield Community School; Shared Services

Councilman Smith announced Northfield Little League signups would continue through February 18th. He spoke with Mayor Matik of Linwood regarding EMS.

Councilwoman Carfagno - Technology / MRHS Channel; Cultural Committee / Veteran Liaison; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Carfagno noted the Mainland Board of Education meeting was scheduled for February 26th; the Cultural Committee Spring Flea Market will be held in April.

Councilman Notaro - Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)

Councilman Notaro reported there was an issue with a sinkhole on Mill Road, he commended Public Works Supervisor Boyd, he was very helpful; the County came out on scene. On Monday overnight, a small breach was found in the pipe, Supervisor Boyd was working on the repair. Councilman Notaro felt we should get this on the priority list for slip lining, it is an old pipe, but this should address the sinkhole.

Council President Leeds – Fire Department/EMS

Council President Leeds read the Fire and EMS calls for the year 2023 and for January 2024.

Council President Leeds moved to Ad Hoc Committee reports.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bucci announced meetings were scheduled this month for insurance and food trucks.

Councilman Polistina will be scheduling a meeting with the Engineer regarding electric vehicles.

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WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

- Stormwater Facilities Shared with Atlantic County–*Update if available, from the Engineer*
- Potential Sale / Development of City Owned Properties: Block 66 Lot 11; Block 69 Lot 1.02

There were no updates on the work session topics for ongoing business.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities
- FY2024 NJDOT Local Transportation Fund
 - LEAP Grant Opportunities:
 - Requested by Councilwoman Carfagno:
 - Annual Veterans brunch with local Veterans, school children, and businesses - “Building community engagement and consensus around the joint provision of services”
 - Disc golf project at BGP

Councilman Leeds referred to LEAP Grant opportunities; Councilmen Dewees and Notaro met with Engineer Mauro to discuss grants, they will be the committee for the LEAP grants as well. He noted that all suggestions for the LEAP grant should go through this committee.

Councilman Polistina added that he would coordinate the disc golf project with other projects in progress at the park, he was meeting with Public Works to discuss a plan to get the project moving. He had temporary baskets to set for a few of the holes, he would like to move forward; there would be no cost to the City.

Council President Leeds announced Engineer Mauro sent out a list of available grants, most are infrastructure, Councilman Dewees would be taking the lead.

- Selection of Budget Meeting Dates

Councilman Polistina suggested February 22nd, March 7th, and March 14th all at 4pm.

All members present agreed on the suggested dates.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Leeds reviewed the agenda and made the assignments.

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PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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

Joan Brennan – via the Zoom chat feature – The Northfield Neighborhood watch meeting will be held at Kensington Furniture tomorrow at 6pm anyone interested can contact Joan via Facebook or email. Thank you.

Seeing no one else, in person or on Zoom wishing to speak, Council President Leeds closed the public session.

At 6:23pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk