

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

At 6:51pm 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 followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Bucci; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda and Engineer Nassar were also in attendance

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Notaro with a second of Councilman Utts, all members present, with the exception of Councilman Dewees who abstained from the March 8th minutes, were in favor of approving the minutes of March 8, 2022 and March 10, 2022 without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau did not have a report.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the Engineer's report as previously distributed to Council. Engineer Nassar reported that New Jersey American Water main project was almost complete along Shepherd Circle and Herbert Drive, they will then move on to the connections for the residents. After settling, the streets will be paved, one-half width.

Councilman Dewees reported that there was a sinkhole on Shepherd Circle West.

Engineer Nassar advised they would look at it when the water main was installed.

Councilman Notaro thanked Engineer Nassar for going above and beyond with Purple Heart Way; he thanked Deputy Clerk Campbell as well.

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.

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

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Council President Polistina closed the public comment portion of this meeting.

RESOLUTION/2022 BUDGET

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilman Notaro seconded, to adopt Resolution 84A-2022.

84A-2022 Introduction of the 2022 Budget
No public input on introduction
Budget Synopsis Published in the Press of AC 03/26/2022
Public Hearing and Final Adoption: 7:00 pm 4/26/2022

The Municipal Clerk read the Resolution by title, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The budget synopsis would be published in the Press of Atlantic City on March 26, 2022. The full budget has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. There would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption, at 7pm on April 26, 2022.

Councilman Smith stated that he supported the budget, he was happy with a zero increase. He wanted to clarify with regard to the addition of a full-time fire fighter that he did not support the addition of the position, without enough notice or discussion. We glossed over the history of negotiations from the past; the committee was also in discussions with Linwood for a shared service. Perhaps some members of Council weren't aware and should be apprised.

Councilman Dewees responded, and asked, just because it's approved doesn't mean we have to hire, correct?

Council President Polistina replied, correct.

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.

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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Council President Polistina asked if anyone wanted any resolutions voted on separately, there were no replies.

Solicitor Facenda read Resolution 90-2022, added to the agenda during the workshop portion of this meeting, for the record:

**“CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 90-2022**

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF SEWER FEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that a refund for overpaid sewer fees pursuant to the following is hereby authorized:

REFUND TO	BLK	LOT	PROPERTY ADDRESS	REFUND AMOUNT
Wigglesworth, Shaun D. 34 Virginia Avenue Northfield, NJ 08225	148	19	34 Virginia Avenue	\$180.00
Total Amount of Refund:				\$180.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate officials be and they are herewith authorized to sign the check to accomplish the refund authorized.

Michele L. Kirtsos, CTC

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 22nd day of March, 2022.”

- 85-2022** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield Appointing Municipal Clerk and Business Administrator Mary Canesi as Municipal Housing Liaison for the City of Northfield
- 86-2022** Bond Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Obligation Bonds or Notes of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, into a Single Issue of General Obligation Bonds in Aggregate Principal Amount of \$3,778,000
- 87-2022** Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$3,778,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale

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- 88-2022** To Accept Land Sale Bid for Block 92, Lot 31 After Public Auction
89-2022 Resolution of the City of Northfield Authorizing the Execution of
Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant (EMAA)
Questionnaire
90-2022 Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Sewer Fee

On motion of Councilwoman Bucci, seconded by Councilman Leeds all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 85-2022 through 90-2022, by Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilman Leeds 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.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt Ordinance 5-2022.

- 5-2022** Ordinance for Adoption of the Floodplain Management Regulations of the City of Northfield - Amending the City of Northfield Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 188-Flood Damage Prevention; to Adopt a New Chapter 189 Entitled Floodplain Management Regulations; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 3/26/2022

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 March 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.

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Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Utts seconded, to adopt Ordinance 6-2022.

6-2022 Amending Chapter 215-36 of the City of Northfield Code of Ordinances Entitled Floodplain Management
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 3/22/2022
Published in the Press of AC 3/26/2022

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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 \$ 1,193,965.31

Councilman Utts motioned, Councilman Smith 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.

Councilwoman Bucci read the meeting notices.

At approximately 7:05pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk