

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION  
MARCH 24, 2020**

At 6:04pm this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2020, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilman Dewees; Councilman O'Neill; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Perri; Mayor Chau

**Absent:** Councilwoman Korngut; Councilwoman Madden

Solicitor Stein, Chief Newman and Deputy Clerk Campbell were also in attendance.

Council President Perri thanked all for coming out during this extraordinary time, he thanked Deputy Clerk Campbell and Municipal Clerk Canesi for setting up the live stream of tonight's meeting. He thanked employees, nurses, and doctors that were fighting on our behalf, and emergency medical services. He deferred to Clerk Canesi for explanation of the live stream service.

Clerk Canesi explained that this meeting was previously scheduled and advertised. We have extraordinary circumstances that may limit people's desire to come and participate in the public process, in person. Even though that is still an option we created a second option, and we were testing that option tonight via a web stream called Zoom. Any member of the public who wished to view the meeting, listen to the meeting, and then participate via making comments in the form of a chat can log on to the link provided on the City Facebook page and website. We welcome any feedback that there may be. For those opting to participate, their audio output has been muted as is their video, we can't see or hear them nor can any other participants. They can comment using the chat during any portion of the meeting but their comments will not be recognized until the Council President opens the public session; at that time the Deputy Clerk will read everyone's comments aloud into the record, Council could then reply. She explained there would be two opportunities for public comment, and there was also a public hearing scheduled for 7pm, as well as an Executive Session. You can join the live stream up until the time the meeting ends, no one is locked out. She then asked if anyone from Council had any questions.

Council President Perri asked if this was something we would consider in the future and could it be done where there was no public involved at all?

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Clerk Canesi explained that the State's rules do not allow for any governing body to meet and exclude members of the public. You can include them only electronically. As an example, if the council wanted to participate electronically, council and the public would log in via Zoom, but we aren't there yet. We can't have more than four council members convene without giving the public an option to participate, but it can be electronically.

**PUBLIC SESSION/ FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

Council President Perri opened this portion of the meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic; he noted a five-minute limit per speaker.

Deputy Clerk Campbell announced that three people were watching via the live stream; there were no public questions at the time.

Council President Perri called for last call for comments, seeing none he closed public comment.

**REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Council President Perri reviewed the regular meeting agenda and made the assignments.

Council President Perri asked for the sidebar agreement regarding the Crossing Guard; it was not attached to the agenda packet.

Clerk Canesi asked Deputy Clerk Campbell to get the document which had been signed by Mr. Tucker. She retrieved and distributed a copy to each member of Council. Council President Perri asked all to take a moment to read the Exhibit A that accompanied Resolution 81-2020.

Councilman Dewees asked if this referred to only workers that would have been scheduled to actually work.

Clerk Canesi replied, correct.

At 6:15pm, on a motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Utts, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk