

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
MARCH 27, 2018**

At 6:04pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council President Dewees.

ROLL CALL

Present: Korngut, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline, Dewees
Absent: Lischin

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance. Mayor Chau arrived at 6:06pm.

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

Council President Dewees deferred to Solicitor Facenda for an update on the potential land sale.

- Potential Land Sale – Update

Solicitor Facenda did not have an update; we are still working on COAH issues.

Council President Dewees asked if anyone had questions; there were none.

- Request for County Assistance - Signs for the Casto House and Museum on Shore Road and Rt. 9

As to museum signs Council President Dewees advised that he had established the locations for sign placement and this was moving forward.

Councilman O'Neill asked if anyone had reached out to Mr. Webb about the park.

Councilman Dewees responded that he was still working on filling the positions on the Parks and Recreation Committee; we want to formalize the relationship with the veterans' park volunteer committee and the City. They will be part of an advisory board, but do not have the authority to spend city funds.

Councilman Perri asked about the punch list items for SJ Gas.

Engineer Nassar replied that he has been talking with Gas Company and every time they had a date, there was a weather issue; the new date is April 16th.

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Council President Dewees suggested that residents who are not getting satisfaction be encouraged to contact SJ Gas directly.

Councilman Perri thought we should have some sort of inspection quality, through the engineer's office, to have a standard in place.

Engineer Nassar replied there was a standard.

Councilman Perri did not feel it was acceptable in the long run. The work was not going to last. There were humps in the road, surfaces were uneven. He gave the specific example of the state aid project on Broad Street, and an area on Putting Green. The restoration did not match what was there before. There should be no seams; the surface should be flush.

Engineer Nassar noted there were about 28 items on the punch list.

Councilman Perri added that there was puddling.

Councilwoman Korngut advised that she received a call from Craig Tanzola after the last meeting; he wanted input on the issue of the hours of operation to the public for City Hall. She said she hoped it was a productive call. Mr. Tanzola suggested that he was going to submit a petition; Councilwoman Korngut said she'd responded to Mr. Tanzola that she felt that any complaints could bring the matter back to the Council's and the Mayor's attention. A petition was not needed for residents to be heard. Ms Korngut said she had not heard any additional complaints, but had now heard from Mr. Tanzola and wanted to bring that up.

Councilman Murray attended the Mainland Regional High School Board of Education meeting, their tentative budget is 1.2%; the Northfield increase is 3.5 cents. The increase is largely due to tax appeals and loss of valuation and ratables. The County still had to approve that, which will be towards the end of April.

Councilman Travagline announced that Northfield Board of Education was about the same, at 2%; also due to tax appeals.

Councilman O'Neill asked about the Mill Road sidewalks.

Council President Dewees made contact with one of the last residents; project was moving forward. He should have the parcel maps by next week.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any topic.

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Tom Wolfe, 317 Davis Avenue, asked when they were going to fix his driveway.

Engineer Nassar explained he had been given several dates; this was now scheduled for April 16th. He asked Mr. Wolfe to call the person at SJ Gas directly, so they can hear it from him.

Mr. Wolfe expressed his dissatisfaction with the work that was done; the elevation of the street was changed. He listed various complaints about the quality of work that was done. He asked about the outcome of fire study.

Council President Dewees replied that the study has not been completed yet.

Mayor Chau believed it would be done in the summer; the gentleman doing the study had been in touch with the fire company.

Mr. Wolfe asked why when paid firemen retired they were not replaced.

Mayor Chau responded that was a Council decision.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Council President Dewees closed the public session.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Dewees reviewed the agenda and made assignments.

Councilwoman Korngut asked for Resolution 90-2018 to be voted on separately.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session for Resolution 92-2018 would not be needed.

At 6:25pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk