

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2018**

At 6:55pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Perri, second of Councilman Lischin, all were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of April 24, 2018 and May 4, 2018, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri reported that the seniors will meet Thursday at noon at the library, speaker Sabrina Brandon will give a new presentation on health care. The Planning Board memorialized a few resolutions at their recent meeting. He asked if there were any questions about the generator bid specification that was on the agenda this evening. He recognized the favorable audit report, saying it was a yearlong process and thanked all involved. He would like to see a presentation from the Tax Assessor or Collector about selling or foreclosing on some of the homes. He commended employees, the Mayor and the governing body.

Councilman Lischin, regarding the Sewer Department asked how it had been working now that we are on our own?

Councilman Perri advised that the Sewer Department is now shared jointly and cross trained with Public Works, including maintenance on storm drains. It was a pretty aggressive project and a big plus for us. There were still outstanding issues with Linwood. In talking with the Superintendent, they are catching up on years of issues that had been neglected. It seemed like it was working very well.

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Councilman Lischin replied that he was happy things are moving well.

Councilman Perri added that they were up to a full complement now, as far as stand-by employees, with one restriction at night.

Councilman Murray will reach out to the Assessor or Collector, regarding Mr. Perri's inquiry.

Councilman O'Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, Chamber of Commerce, Little League/Babe Ruth, Traffic Safety, Green Team Advisory Board

Councilman O'Neill was absent.

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilwoman Korngut was absent.

Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering

Council President Dewees noted the resolutions on the agenda approving seasonal snack bar workers, it will open tomorrow and will be staffed seven days a week.

Councilman Travagline – Insurance and Safety, Northfield School, FAN; Shared Services

Councilman Travagline had no report.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Traffic Safety, Economic Development

Councilman Murray had no report.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Lischin reiterated that the Cultural Committee did not want to lose control; he feels that City workers and the Cultural Committee could complement each other. Regarding the fire consultant, the meetings that had been held had taken longer than expected. The consultant was meeting with County fire personnel next week. He had met with our paid and volunteer staffs and had met with Linwood. It is moving forward, just slower than expected. He thanked Mr. Murray in the back for

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video services, the meeting will rebroadcast on Thursday.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reported that the Memorial Day committee met, he thanked Shannon Campbell and Mary Canesi for their help to coordinate the event. All looked good to go. Chief Newman and Mayor Chau met with NCS Superintendent Bretones to discuss options for using the Class II Specials as well as the regular police force; it was a very productive meeting. Mayor Chau said he would allow Chief Newman to speak to the plans at some point in the future, adding that the Chief would hopefully make a decision with regard to the Class II's in the coming weeks. There was an ambulance call at the 4 Seasons, and simultaneously there was another call, and Fire Fighter Fisher had to call Galloway to get a 2nd rig to come here. He referred to the KIA flag and asked Clerk Canesi to explain.

Clerk Canesi explained there was new legislation that the KIA flag, which stands for Killed in Action, is to be flown at the principal municipal building in every municipality. It was a nice tribute and looks good with the POW flag.

Mayor Chau also reported that Chief Newman was working on the specs for the new police vehicles. The 3rd graders from NCS will be visiting City Hall this Friday.

Councilman Lischin asked Mayor Chau to share the Police Department report at the next meeting, he liked to hear it.

Mayor Chau agreed.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as distributed to Council. He referred to the generator resolution, recounted the history of the purchase of the first unit via a FEMA grant. We will go out to bid for a 2nd unit and try to close that FEMA grant. He was working on NJEIT process and the asset management plan. South Jersey Gas Company was moving forward. They would be using infrared to fix some of the minor problems; they've been working for 3 weeks and will be here for approximately another 3 weeks. Hopefully they would be done by the middle of June. Engineer Nassar stated that when the summer heat hits the pavement, it would all blend in. He was also working on the 2018 NJDOT grant for Walnut Avenue, he thought we would come in under budget, and proposed doing alternate bids to see if we can get additional portions of Lake Avenue.

Mayor Chau asked had all punch the list items for utility company been addressed.

Engineer Nassar replied no, they started with 160 items, and have about 100 items remaining.

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PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Dewees 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 are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

The Executive Session of Council will be held at the end of the meeting, and we will come back in public session to make a comment for the record after the executive session has concluded. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public.

On a motion of Councilman Travagline, second of Councilman Murray, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 109-2018 through 114-2018.

Mayor Chau asked duration of the display referred to in Resolution No. 109-2018.

Clerk Canesi believed it was at 9pm and was a 6 minute display.

- 109-2018** Resolution of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Authorizing Fireworks Display on Private Property Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-3
- 110-2018** Approval of Application for a Coin Drop
- 111-2018** Approval of Specifications and Authorization to Proceed with Advertisement for Bids for the Purchase of a Portable Generator for the Office of Emergency Management
- 112-2018** Authorize the Hiring of Cheri Broschard as a Seasonal Snack Bar Attendant for Birch Grove Park
- 113-2018** Authorize the Hiring of Emily Kroger as a Seasonal Snack Bar Attendant for Birch Grove Park
- 114-2018** A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Regarding Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality – Mt Laurel Litigation

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Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, to adopt Resolutions 109-2018 through 114-2018.

Councilman Lischin referred to the application for approval of the coin drop, and said while he was initially not in favor, this is the 2nd this year and the Fire Department coin drop was very successful.

Council President Dewees announced his abstention from 110-2018.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – absent; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 440,778.46

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – absent; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill – absent; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL

114-2018 A Resolution Providing for an Executive Session Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Regarding Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality – Mt Laurel Litigation

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title, and stated that we are required to set forth as much information as possible as to the subject matter to be discussed as well as provide for the public the amount of time they can expect to elapse before the non-public portion of the minutes can be disclosed. Clerk Canesi then deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the matter to be discussed involved Mt. Laurel litigation and the Gurwicz project and the sewerage of that project. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law.

At 7:22pm Council moved to the Mayor’s Office for the Executive Session.

At 7:33pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

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Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. The matter discussed was the Gurwicz project and sewerage of same. Council was generally in favor of working with Gurwicz on this property service lateral. The minutes were kept but will not be released until the matter had concluded and they would be released when permitted by law. The matter remains subject to additional discussion between Gurwicz and the City.

At 7:33pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk