

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2012**

At 5:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. In accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, this meeting was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on Monday, June 2, 2012.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Dewees, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Perri, Mr. Polistina, Mr. Vain, Mr. Carew

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Mazzeo.

RESOLUTIONS

88-2012 To Authorize a Raffle License Application for the AMI Foundation

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilman Vain seconded, to adopt Resolution 88-2012.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

89-2012 A Resolution Approving Specifications for a Request for Proposal for Emergency Medical Services for the City of Northfield and the City of Linwood

Councilman Polistina motioned, Councilwoman Brown seconded, to adopt Resolution 89-2012.

Polistina reviewed changes that were made to the original RFP based upon feedback received from members of Council: on page 2, bidders can bid for just Northfield and just Linwood, or for both jointly, or they can bid all three ways. Northfield's call volume history was added to the last page. Item 17a was changed to the Cities, and in section B a fee to use Northfield's facilities was added as well as a price for any necessary infrastructure changes.

Councilman O'Neill questioned the insurance requirements and point evaluation system for the RFP. Polistina explained that the insurance is unchanged from the prior RFP, and explained how points would be assigned. Discussion ensued between Polistina and O'Neill with regard to point evaluation system. Polistina said point system cannot be eliminated as it is a statutory requirement. The length of contract will remain as is; a one year contract is not appropriate. The financial stability will

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not come out of the contract. The suggestion of multiple vendors on a rotation system will not be added, this would be a public safety issue.

Councilman Perri said someone just starting out in business should not be discriminated against for not meeting financial requirements. He said the City should tell the vendor what they can charge, and asked about the criteria for subcontractors.

Polistina replied that subcontractors would be held to same standard as contractor.

O'Neill said ambulance fees should be capped and Brown suggested no balance-billing beyond the Medicare-allowable amount. Polistina stated that bidders have to submit their rates and this will be part of the criteria.

At Brown's request, the words 'collection procedures' were added to item G, on page 22. Solicitor Bonchi stated that the RFP would be amended and this would become item 10.

Roll call: Mrs. Brown – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mr. O'Neill - no; Mr. Perri – no; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Vain – yes; Mr. Carew – yes. Motion carries.

Council President Carew opened the meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak.

Robert Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue, said Atlanticare should not be able to bid on EMS RFP. Seniors cannot afford ambulances.

Lynn Perri, 7 Haddon Avenue, asked if vendors would receive scores; they did not get them last time. Polistina replied that he will consider that as part of the question and answer period during the RFP.

Seeing no others wishing to speak, Council President Carew closed the public session.

Councilman Perri read the meeting notices.

Councilman Perri asked what section of Robert's Rules Northfield follows; Solicitor Bonchi replied that Northfield has not adopted Robert's Rules of Order, but instead follows the guidelines of the Open Public Meetings Act. Perri requested a resolution to establish rules of order. Bonchi referred to the Weinberg legislation that was supported by some members of Council, which would prohibit additions to the agenda that were not made public in advance.

At 5:57pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk