

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 9, 2026

At 6:46pm this meeting was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 10, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chau led the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Carfagno; Council Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith; Council President Bucci.

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Pollak were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Smith with a second by Councilman Notaro, all members present, with the exception of Councilman Polistina who abstained, were in favor of approving the minutes of May 19th, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau read the police report for May, he thanked Chief Pollak for the new plaque in Council Chambers for retired officers. He thanked Shannon Campbell, volunteers and employees who helped out with Hooked on Fishing, there were 44 individuals, it was a lovely day and a wonderful function that the City provided. Regarding the letter from Mainland Regional High School about videotaping of our meetings - this occurs in all 3 communities, he spoke with Mr. Marrone today, there were budget cuts, it was a very hard decision. The Board of Education needed to see what they could do moving forward, the cost of the program was around \$13,000.00 per year, each community donated \$1000.00 to help supplement the program. He spoke with the Somers Point Mayor and would speak with Linwood; he asked Council to consider donating more money to help supplement the program.

Mayor Chau continued his report, he announced the retirement of County Administrator Jerry DelRosso, he had done an outstanding job for the City and the County- he was always quick to respond, he wished him well in his retirement. Council was sponsoring the July 4th Parade and Run, there were over 800 runners last year, Council would meet at Jackson Avenue at 9:30am. He thanked Joan Brennan for taking over the reigns of her mother Joyce Brennan. Regarding the Northfield Community School Graduation, he has not received any communication, he'll share once he receives it. He told a story from his recent vacation where he met gentleman who traveled to the disc golf course – he praised Sean Smith and the

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volunteers; he complimented them on developing the course.

Councilman Notaro added, when first presented with the proposal, we were told it had the potential to be one best courses in NJ. It was a great addition to Birch Grove.

Councilman Smith gave kudos to Superintendent Boyd and Public Works, they have done as much, if not more, than the volunteers.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar had no report. He asked Council for guidance on upcoming Municipal Aid for street paving.

Councilman Dewees would reach out to him with his suggestions.

Engineer Nassar, regarding the decorative lights on Northfield Plaza, advised the islands were in the right of way, there were two different kinds of lights, his opinion was Atlantic City Electric should take care of the lights.

Councilman Notaro asked was it better to remove the islands and install regular pole lights?

Engineer Nassar, replied yes, the islands should be removed, they were not landscaped and don't give off much light. There is one existing pole by the entrance off Tilton Road.

Councilman Dewees noted the other two decorative lights were private.

Engineer Nassar did not see a reason for the islands.

Councilman Dewees noted the residents love the lights; they've always been there.

Councilman Notaro did not see a historical value since they have not been there since day one; they were added later on.

Council President Bucci felt there was an aesthetic value to the residents.

Councilman Notaro agreed, but, if we put another light in the same place it would happen again.

Engineer Nassar suggested two lights from Atlantic City Electric.

All members discussed the location of the lights.

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Councilman Notaro asked Chief Pollak to look at the light; Council would will need a recommendation from the Police Department.

Mayor Chau forgot to read the letter all received regarding Zion/Mill Road from County Executive Levinson, the County will not pay for paving they suggested the City put the paving in next year's capital.

Councilman Dewees asked Engineer Nassar how much it would cost?

Engineer Nassar explained they were County roads but we caused the issue so they would not help repair them.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Bucci opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

Joan Brennan, Northfield - regarding Jersey Cow, she asked were they paying for the seating outside? There was more traffic when people were outside in the summer – she felt Council could ask them to remove the seating during the summer.

Councilman Notaro noted the seating was approved by the Planning Board; it was part of their business he did not feel it was possible to ask them that.

Mayor Chau recalled when they came before the Planning Board, they considered the number of seating in regard to parking. He had never heard of the Planning Board going back and asking someone to remove seating.

Discussion ensued regarding seating and parking.

Councilman Notaro offered praise for the great job Ms Brennan did on the yard sale.

Ms Brennan felt the City should eliminate the fee for yard sales.

Council President Bucci explained it allowed us to track the sales, so people aren't selling stuff every weekend.

Ms Brennan suggested people were trying to find a way to make money, she again suggested eliminating the fee.

Mary Canesi, Northfield – felt Ms Brennan's suggestions were good; it's not just yard sales, it's estate sales, the cost of the permit was nominal, all fees were designed to offset the task.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bucci read the following statement: “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, it will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

On motion of Councilwoman Carfagno, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 161-2026 through 170-2026 by Consent Agenda.

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| 161-2026 | Governing Body Certification Of The Annual Audit |
| 162-2026 | Acknowledging The Notice Of Resignation Of Nadine Erwin, Deputy Tax Collector |
| 163-2026 | To Authorize Liquor License Renewal For The Year 2026-2027 - ACCC |
| 164-2026 | Resolution Authorizing Cancellation And Refund Of Taxes Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 & N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 On Property Known As Block 92 Lot 18 (259 W. Mill Road) |
| 165-2026 | Amending Resolution 146-2026, 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 |
| 166-2026 | Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Northfield, County Of Atlantic, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution Of A Race Timing Services Agreement With JB Sports Services |
| 167-2026 | To Authorize Liquor License Renewal For The Year 2026-2027 – Ventura’s |
| 168-2026 | A Resolution Authorizing The Northfield Office Of Emergency Management To Apply For And Obtain A Building Resilient Infrastructure And Communities (BRIC) Grant From The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) |
| 169-2026 | Authorizing Schaeffer Nassar Scheidegg Engineers To Proceed With Engineering Services For Project Known As Building Resilient Infrastructure And Communities Grant (BRIC) New Pump Station Project |
| 170-2026 | A Resolution Authorizing The Northfield Fire Department To Apply For And Obtain A Grant From The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) |

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Councilwoman Carfagno motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, to adopt Resolutions 161-2026 through 170-2026 by Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Councilman Dewees motioned; Councilman Polistina seconded to adopt Ordinance 12-2026, to be read by title only.

12-2026 Amending Chapter 215:17 (B) of the Code of the City of Northfield, Article III, Land Use and Development Fees
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published on the City Website, Public Notices Page, 6/10/2026

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing, after which the matter will be considered for final passage. Deputy Clerk Campbell announced the date and location of final publication if the ordinance was approved. Since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance would have been provided with one free of charge in the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours up until the time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 12-2026.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Council President Bucci closed the public hearing.

Council President Bucci asked if there were any comments from Council. There were none.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees- yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,390,775.73

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to approve payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

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MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At 7:20pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk