

CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
JUNE 27, 2017

At 6:08pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Council President Dewees welcomed all to the meeting.

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Medicine Drop Box – Update

Council President Dewees asked Chief Newman if he had any update on the Medicine Drop Box. Chief Newman stated there was no update at this time.

- Potential Land Sale - Update

Solicitor Facenda stated that he had requested information from Tax Assessor Mark Sykes; that information is still pending.

Council President Dewees asked if any member of Council had any items they'd like to discuss.

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board would like the filings to be electronic in the future.

Engineer Nassar advised that other communities require the submissions on CD along with the package.

Councilman Lischin suggested also requiring the Building Department customers to do the same.

Clerk Canesi explained that the issues being discussed were two different things. What the Planning Board required and what we require in the Building Department

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are independent of one another; if one does it the other doesn't have to. That may not be in the Municipal Code; this may be something that the Planning Board may need to set. According to our Ordinance applicants are required to file paper copy.

Councilman Perri asks about the Library sign, he did not see it on the agenda. He needed to know if the Council was willing to move forward with endorsing the library's application for an LED sign as they are the owner of the building.

Mayor Chau advised that the Library had not presented anything to the Council for consideration.

Solicitor Facenda felt the Library should present something to the Council for approval; he asked who to contact.

Councilman Perri replied that the Board President was Shannah Smith.

Councilman Perri asked for an update on the small network nodes.

Solicitor Facenda reported that there had been no movement because we still didn't know how many there would be or where they would go; this is what we had been asking for.

Mayor Chau asked if Council had no objections he would contact Verizon for more information on locations, if it was available.

Councilman Perri had concerns regarding traffic and asked to address the Chief. Mr. Hornberger, a resident from Elder Avenue, had requested patrols, and another resident had requested a 4-way stop at Jackson and First Street.

Chief Newman acknowledged the request and said he too had spoken with Mr. Hornberger. The most recent traffic study in the area did not support the installation of a 4-way stop at Jackson and First Street.

Councilman O'Neill asked what the cost is to renew a liquor license in Northfield.

Clerk Canesi replied that the fee due to the City was \$2500 per license; that was the statutory maximum.

Solicitor Facenda referred to the filing by Max Gurwicz and Son for a TWA application to be approved. He asked if Council had any questions because the matter is on the agenda this evening for approval.

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Engineer Nassar stated that he had reviewed the connection plans and said that Tilton Road did not have to be opened. He made a few notes but nothing that would warrant not approving the application.

Mayor Chau referred to a letter from the Fire Department regarding the access to the development, and asked if that letter had any bearing on the TWA approval.

Engineer Nassar and Solicitor Facenda mutually agreed that it did not.

Councilman Piergiovanni entered the meeting prior to the review of the agenda, but the exact time he entered is not known.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Dewees reviewed the agenda and made assignments.

No members of Council had questions.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Dewees opened the meeting to public.

Bob Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue – had brick installation at Veteran's Park recently, he thanked Councilman Perri for being there. The Deputy City Clerk did many jobs, had raised and lowered the flag at Veteran's Park, painted a statue, etc. She was very underpaid. He had seen what she was paid and she deserved a big raise. The City employees should work like a family. No one should say something is not their job.

Bob Braverman, 13 Henry Drive – was a 29 year resident, he has had a problem for 29 years but the last 3 had been the worst. His neighbor's home had been condemned; it took weeks and weeks for the City to send letters. He felt the resident was being coddled.

Councilman Travagline asked for the neighbor's address.

Mr. Braverman replied that the address was 11 Henry Drive. He and other neighbors had been cutting the grass for years, but they stopped due to an insect infestation. The home was uninhabitable, no gas, electric, water, etc., the owner was Grace Eagan, but she lives with her daughter elsewhere. The home was also filled with mold. Mr. Braverman spoke with Mike Dattalo and felt the City's Ordinance required that the owner be coddled. There was literally trash and car parts in the yard; he asked what could be done.

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Councilman Lischin noted that Mr. Dattalo sent a notice on June 7th and had to wait a specific period of time before he could issue a summons.

Councilman Travagline stated that he would try to track down the owner and see what he could do.

Councilman Lischin agreed to do the same, and would follow up with Mike as well.

Jo Goukler, 14 Jack Sloan Court - emailed earlier about Jack Sloan Court. He explained the removal of a natural barrier by Public Works had resulted in the kids using the newly created clearing as a cut-through, and they were racing their bikes. It was a safety issue because there is a City-owned mechanical device there.

Council President Dewees advised Mr. Goukler that he would look at it tomorrow.

Clerk Canesi noted for record that she emailed the photos sent by Mr. Goukler earlier today to all of Council.

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

At 6:41pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk