

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 31, 2026

At 6:22pm this meeting was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on August 19, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chau led the flag salute followed by a prayer for our citizens and community.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Smith

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern with a second by Councilwoman Carfagno, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of August 11, 2026, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reminded all that he sent emails regarding the possibility of a County Tax Assessor, he asked all to read the comments from our Assessor and others about the process. Regarding the Police Department Report, he mentioned Chief Pollak had consulted with him, there would be overtime costs due to officers out on leave, it has put a strain on the department. Resolution 199-2026 was on the agenda tonight, he along with others attended a meet and greet at the 177th; he was amazed that some of the jets were over 30 years old. They asked for a resolution in support.

Mayor Chau continued, announcing the Safe Routes to School Grant was opening – he suggested we have the painting of a bike and e-bike zone along the bike path, it would provide a route for our students to Northfield Community School and Mainland Regional High School. He attended the Cultural Committee Ice Cream Social, it was very well attended, it was a nice concert and event. He signed the title for the sale of the fire truck that was taken out of service, it was scheduled for pick up on Saturday. He also attended the Grand Opening of the disc golf course, it was also well attended, it was a very competitive course and was open to the public. He felt this was a very unique course and a plus for Birch Grove Park.

Mayor Chau announced he had been in communication with Superintendent Mark

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Marrone from Mainland regarding video-taping the Council meetings. He also contacted the Somers Point and Linwood Mayors. He felt it was a vital program, he suggested a supplement of \$3,000 from each sending district. He spoke with the business administrator who said funding was tight but he should be able to find funding. He had a business owner call him regarding the purchase of a liquor license, Mayor Chau contacted Solicitor Facenda who was doing research with regard recently signed changes for new legislation by the Governor.

Regarding written warnings for e-bikes riders, the Police Department was making contact with e-bike riders, beginning Monday, August 24th and continuing through September 30th, the Department would be conducting an e-bike education and enforcement campaign, with particular attention directed toward the bike path. Officers would be providing positive reinforcement and issue a voucher for a free ice-cream cone or bowling to those juveniles found in compliance. Those found in violation would be greeted with an educational encounter and a written warning. Mayor Chau shared a copy of the warning with Council members. He thanked Chief Pollak and his staff for the campaign.

Mayor Chau along with Chief Pollak and Councilman Smith attended two meetings regarding 911 shared services, one with Somers Point and one with Hamilton Township, both communities were receptive to taking on Northfield and were confident they could handle us, he was waiting on further information and proposals from both communities. He reminded all that our contract with Egg Harbor Township expires at the end of this year. Both municipalities noted they would not be soliciting other communities. Lastly, Mayor Chau had a plaque installed in Council Chambers that he donated to the City in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar had no report this evening.

Council President Bucci, referred to the Safe Routes to School Grant, as mentioned by Mayor Chau.

Engineer Nassar noted the bike lane on the bike path would be narrow, we would have to widen the bike path.

Council President Bucci asked could it be a part of this grant, she added that Linwood was approved.

Engineer Nassar did not feel there was enough room on each side, but we could apply.

Councilman Dewees described the path as asphalt 8 foot wide with 1 foot of cinder

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on each side.

Councilwoman Kern stated she thought Mayor Chau meant a bike lane in the street.

Mayor Chau confirmed, yes, his thought was on Wabash Avenue, if we can apply to expand the bike path that was up to Council.

Councilman Dewees replied he would meet with Superintendent Boyd and Engineer Nassar.

Councilman Polistina felt it would be better on Wabash.

Councilman Dewees noted it we would need enough road for a 2' wide bike lane.

Mayor Chau read the objectives of the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Mayor Chau announced he signed off on our agreement for the Municipal Alliance noting the grant funding was reduced again this year, usage has been limited more to in school programs.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Seeing no one 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 Councilman Polistina, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 197-2026 through 204-2026, by Consent Agenda.

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| 197-2026 | Authorization To Submit A Strategic Plan For The Governor's Council On Substance Use Disorders, And Acknowledgement Of The Terms And Conditions For The Municipal Alliance Grant |
| 198-2026 | Resolution Authorizing The Mayor to Execute Closing Documents for the Transfer of Dolphin Ave (Block 69, Lot 1.02 And Block 66, Lot 11) Between the City and Habitat For Humanity of South-Central |

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- New Jersey, Inc.
- 199-2026** A Resolution Of The City Of Northfield, County Of Atlantic, State Of New Jersey Supporting Landing The F-35 In NJ And Urging The United States Air Force To Base F-35 Fighter Jets At The 177th Fighter Wing In Atlantic County, New Jersey
- 200-2026** Refund Of Bingo And Raffle License Fee To St. Vincent De Paul Home & School Association
- 201-2026** To Hire Deputy Tax Collector
- 202-2026** Use of Facilities
- 203-2026** A Resolution Extending The Appointment Of Nadine Erwin As Temporary Part Time Finance Clerk
- 204-2026** A Resolution Of The City Of Northfield Appointing A Municipal Clerk

Councilman Polistina motioned, seconded by Councilman Dewees, to adopt Resolutions 197-2026 through 204-2026 by Consent Agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern to adopt Ordinance 14-2026, to be read by title only.

- 14-2026** Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1-2026, Providing For And Establishing Salary Ranges Of Officers And Employees Of The City Of Northfield, Atlantic County
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration
Published on the City Website, Public Notices Page 8/31/2026

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 14-2026.

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

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none.

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

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern to introduce Ordinance 15-2026, to be read by title only.

15-2026 An Ordinance Amending Section 2 Of Chapter 350 Governing
Towing – Definitions
Introduction/No Public Input/Published on the Municipal Website 8/31/2026
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration 9/15/2026

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication, public hearing, and final consideration dates. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same, up until the date and time of the public hearing.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 174,488.77

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

Councilman Polistina noted his abstention to Municipal Equipment Enterprise.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Councilman Dewees read the meeting notices noting the cancelation of the regularly scheduled Council meeting for tomorrow.

At 6:53pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk