

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

At 6:00pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on May 12, 2012, in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Vince Mazzeo, City Solicitor Keith Bonchi, Police Chief Robert James, CFO Dawn Stollenwerk, and City Engineer Matt Doran were also in attendance.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Vincent Mazzeo. Following the flag salute, a moment of silence was observed.

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilman O'Neill inquired about rogue bikers. Chief James responded that the Police Department is working to address the issue; Pleasantville is aware of the activity.

Mayor Mazzeo mentioned the City's tree ordinance, and said perhaps, in light of storm, the ordinance should be reviewed and the restrictions lessened on individual homeowners. People are concerned about trees as a result of the aftermath of the June 30th storm. Discussion ensued amongst all members of Council.

Councilman Polistina inquired about the old exercise path at Birch Grove Park; Council President Carew stated that what is still there is being maintained, but it won't be put in new.

Councilwoman Brown referred to the Best Practices Checklist and asked why Northfield does not have a pay-to-play ordinance. CFO Stollenwerk explained. Brown asked about item 39 on the checklist; Mayor Mazzeo replied that the plan is to give that responsibility to the Municipal Clerk.

Council President Carew asked City Engineer Doran for an update on two severely storm damaged homes. Doran responded that the owner of the Cedar Bridge property has been issued summons, so action is being taken. The Davis Avenue owner has been issued two summonses with a court date pending. Solicitor Bonchi explained the procedure for condemnation / demolition by the City.

Councilman Perri asked about the results of the tax appeals. Mayor Mazzeo replied

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that there were 237 appeals with some still pending. The loss in valuation may be approximately 12 million. Mazzeo said he does not have the final report yet.

Council President Carew noted Davis Avenue between Route 9 and Second Street, with regard to parking concerns. He recommends residential parking only in that area. Discussion ensued with regard to the pros and cons, and of other similarly affected areas. Carew suggested moving forward with an ordinance and deciding where to apply it. He directed Solicitor Bonchi to work with Chief James on a proposed ordinance.

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

Curtis Bopp, 16 East Mill Road, asked about the Zoning Ordinance. Council President Carew explained that as a result of an amendment, no change will be made.

James Friehl, 6 Willow Drive, asked if sidewalks can be put in on Zion Road, between Locust Street and Juniper Drive. Chief James responded, and explained that all requests for the County's consideration must be done by Resolution of Council. He also asked that a traffic study at Mill and Burton be added to any Resolution for County consideration.

Debi Doherty, 405 Chestnut Street, said the Planning Board allowed a restaurant and now the City will restrict parking for Carluccio's. It is not fair to the business. Mayor Mazzeo explained that Carluccio's was not required to go before the Planning Board as it was a conforming use.

Craig Tanzola, 10 Magnolia Court, said he has been waiting for 20 years for sidewalks on Mill Road. This should be a priority.

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

Council President Carew reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

At 7:11pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk