

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

At 7:24pm, this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11.

ROLL CALL

Present: Korngut, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline, Dewees

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, Chief Newman, and Professional Planner Tiffany Morrissey were also in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill, second of Councilwoman Korngut, all present were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of August 21, 2018, without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Street Opening Moratorium Hardship Exception Request, Block 115, 1112 1st Street

Solicitor Facenda introduced Ms. Oxley and explained the City's Ordinance in regards to the street opening request and hardship waiver. He asked Engineer Nassar if he looked at the street.

Engineer Nassar replied that he had and that 1/2 width restoration with 30 feet on each side of the opening would be required.

Solicitor Facenda swore in Ms. Oxley and asked her to identify the property and why she was requesting the hardship. He asked Clerk Canesi if she had received any written objections.

Clerk Canesi replied she had received none.

Jeanine Oxley, 1112 First Street – advised that she had spoken in length with SJ Gas. She noted that typically they need a 4x4 opening in the street to install the gas lines. This was the first step in the process and she needed an approval before going further.

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Engineer Nassar spoke, and said he did receive an opening request from the gas company; the street was under moratorium. Council needed to approve the hardship so he could approve the application. He estimated the value of restoration work at \$3,125.00; a bond would be required.

Council President Dewees asked what kind of system Ms. Oxley had now.

Ms. Oxley replied that she currently had an oil tank.

Ms. Korngut noted that according to Ms. Oxley's letter a major reason was concern with health hazards.

Ms. Oxley explained that this was all new to her, she didn't have anyone to ask for help. The home she purchased needed many repairs, she would also like to install a driveway to get cars off the street.

Councilman Lischin asked when the moratorium was up.

Engineer Nassar replied it was up in 2022, he advised Ms. Oxley that her hardship request should also include the driveway apron.

Solicitor Facenda asked if the tank was formerly underground.

Ms. Oxley responded that she had no further action letter from 2011.

Engineer Nassar felt it was beneficial to the City to get rid of oil tanks.

Councilman Lischin asked if the restoration fell on the gas company or the homeowner.

Engineer Nassar explained that when the cost is more than anticipated they may ask the homeowner; restoration was part of deal the homeowner made with the gas company.

Council President Dewees reminded Council that they each received a letter, he asked them to please read it before voting.

Councilman Travagline asked if we send letters to residents when the area near them will be paved.

Engineer Nassar replied that utility company gets notice of streets to be paved.

Council President Dewees then opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak in regard to the street opening request.

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Ray Adams, 238 Mt. Vernon Avenue, explained that the property had been empty for over 8 years, copper lines were stolen and the tank was empty. He was glad to have neighbors in the house; he thanked Council for their consideration.

Councilman Lischin welcomed Ms. Oxley to the neighborhood, he did not live within 200' but was a resident of the area.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Council President Dewees closed the public session for the street opening request.

Solicitor Facenda summarized the application for hardship; notices were provided, there were no objections, a motion in the affirmative would grant the request with the following conditions: restoration of the opening in accordance with Ordinance 330-15 and the applicant posting a cash bond.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded, to adopt Resolution 160-2018.

160-2018 A Resolution Ruling on a Request for a Hardship Exception from Road Opening Moratorium for Block 115, Lot 5 Located At 1112 1st Street

Solicitor Facenda verified Ms. Oxley's address.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut -yes; Mr. Lischin -yes; Mr. Murray -yes; Mr. O'Neill -yes; Mr. Perri -yes; Mr. Travagline -yes; Mr. Dewees - yes; Motion carried.

Clerk Canesi advised Ms. Oxley that she would call her tomorrow to go over the next step.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri reported that the Planning Board had approved two applications last week, one was a variance for a fence permit and the other for a psychic reader on New Road, there are more applications scheduled for next month. He spoke with the Planning Board in regards to the cell nodes and they were interested. The next seniors meeting will be at the library; RVSP to Councilman Perri. The sewer interlocal with Linwood was still being worked on.

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Councilman O’Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, Chamber of Commerce, Little League/Babe Ruth, Traffic Safety, Green Team Advisory Board

Councilman O’Neill reported that the court had an issue with the camera system that coordinated with the jail, it had been corrected but it may need to be replaced in the near future, anticipated cost is around \$4,000.00. The current system is 13-14 years old.

Councilman Perri asked if the cost would be split with Linwood.

Clerk Canesi replied that they pay a flat fee.

Councilman Perri asked if the contract renewed and suggested we renegotiate it.

Clerk Canesi replied that it was up in 2019.

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilwoman Korngut reported the next Library Board meeting was on the 13th, three people had applied for the board member vacancies.

Mayor Chau announced that Mr. Daniel Reardon had resigned.

Councilman Travagline – Insurance and Safety, Northfield School, FAN; Shared Services

Councilman Travagline had no report.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Traffic Safety, Economic Development

Councilman Murray had no report.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Lischin read the fire report for August: 3 total fire incidents, 12 false alarm calls, 1 good intent call, 6 hazardous condition calls, 2 service calls and 1 mutual aid call, for a total of 24 dispatched incidents. He congratulated the Babe Ruth team and announced that he would give the EMS report at the next meeting. The Cultural Committee had their final event and had a great season.

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Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering

Council President Dewees reported that Public Works made some improvements to Cove Avenue where residents had complained about sand; they moved some dirt and laid some stone. The residents were pleased. 'No overnight parking' signs had been installed at Veterans Park.

Councilwoman Korngut thanked Council President Dewees for expediting the Ordinance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau noted letters from the County regarding mosquitos, and said Council received copies. West Nile had been found in Northfield, he reminded residents of hazards that breed mosquitos. He also received a letter regarding the court systems, suggesting shared judges. The third letter was in regards to Senior Transportation services that were available to residents. Cross Country Connection - English Creek Shuttle was available in Egg Harbor Township and Northfield. He read the OEM report as provided by Coordinator Joo and the Police Department report as provided by Chief Newman. In August the Police Department had: 23 arrests, 313 citations, 476 motor vehicle stops, 41 crashes (5 with injuries), and, 688 property checks. He reported the vehicle mileage. He was happy to report that the banner program was up and running and he received the first donation from Kensington Furniture. He would like the banners installed as soon as possible. Mayor Chau then deferred to Chief Newman in regards to the new Class II Officer.

Chief Newman reported that the Class II Officer was to work Mondays-Fridays and some Saturdays, not to exceed 20 hours, court included. Additional duties include Northfield Community School; he will be on location during drop off and pick up, lunch, etc. Chief Newman had a good meeting with school officials. The officer will attend Northfield Cardinal home games, he was waiting on the community school to provide a list of special events. Permission was needed from the superintendent for special events.

Mayor Chau extended his thanks to Council for hiring the Class II Officer. His goal was to increase police presence; they were here for our residents' protection. He added that Mainland hired an additional Class III Officer.

Councilman Lischin commended Mayor Chau and Chief Newman along with the Superintendent. He felt it was a great idea to have community involvement

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CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as distributed to Council. He reported that Gurwicz had requested that the City hold off on the Cresson Avenue paving project until they finished a portion of their project. Gurwicz needed to install curbing prior to our paving project; they were working on it. We had the bid opening for the Cresson Avenue Paving Project and had two bidders. Arawak was the lowest bidder. Engineer Nassar also recommended that Council approve the alternative bid to pave Burton Avenue from Cresson to Pincus. The bid opening for the Davis Avenue Pump resulted in six bidders, Sub-Level was the lowest bidder. He recommended that Council approve the bid.

Mayor Chau asked for an update on the Mill Road paving project.

Engineer Nassar advised that the water company would be paving half width but did not have a start date. The project was not ready to go, there were still additional approvals.

Mayor Chau asked for an update to the punch list items for the gas and water company in regards to work that was done earlier this year.

Engineer Nassar had a meeting with the contractor and the County, the County will make the repairs.

Solicitor Facenda advised that all title searches in regard to the Mill Road Paving had been received today.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any subject.

Marg Keen, 259 W. Mill Road – spoke in regards to a letter she received about Mason Properties. She inquired about who would enforce the age restrictions.

Tiffany Morrisey, Professional Planner - stated that in regards to the Mason Properties, the rezoning would allow for age restricted, and there will be deed restrictions filed and it would be self-enforced.

Mrs. Keen felt that 95% of age restricted developments had grandparents raising their grandchildren. She did not want that to occur in the neighborhood. She spoke regarding the Gurwicz project and the number of children that would be entering our schools. She felt the City needed to make sure no children were allowed to live there.

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Solicitor Facenda reassured Mrs. Keen that the City did their best to negotiate; the City did everything it could to comply with State statutes. In regards to the Mason Property, the City did everything it could to get it age restricted, the owner negotiated for non-age restricted; the Council said no and insisted on age restricted to try to limit density in that particular area.

Mrs. Keen lived in Northfield for 43 years and asked that Council be more involved; she was trying to protect her hometown. She wanted a guarantee that the age restriction would be enforced; the town needed to be policed.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Solicitor Facenda advised that he spoke with Councilwoman Korngut and Council President Dewees in regards to a consent agenda; they agreed to revise Resolutions 169-2018 and 170-2018 to include "no field lights will be utilized".

Councilwoman Korngut agreed to vote by consent agenda as long as the changes were made.

Councilman Murray asked if we will change all future field use requests including the mens leagues in the summer.

Council President Dewees replied they were trying to control the lights.

Council President Dewees stated that 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, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

On a motion of Councilwoman Korngut, second of Councilman Perri, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda on Resolutions 161-2018 through 170-2018.

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| 161-2018 | New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid And Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project Reconstruction of Cresson Avenue |
| 162-2018 | Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2019 – June 2020 |
| 163-2018 | Stormwater Contract Language Amendment |

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- 164-2018** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a License Agreement
- 165-2018** Authorizing Schaeffer, Nassar, Scheidegg Consulting Engineers to Proceed with Certain Projects, Test Bores for 2018 Road Paving Project
- 166-2018** Award of Contract Davis Avenue Pump Station Renovations
- 167-2018** End of Seasonal Employment Birch Grove Park Employee
- 168-2018** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - 9U Sandsharks (Sutley)
- 169-2018** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - 10U Sandsharks (Burke)
- 170-2018** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities - 13U Hammerheads (Russo)

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman Perri seconded, to adopt Resolutions 161-2018 through 170-2018.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

- 7-2018** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 215 of the Code of the City of Northfield Governing Land Use and Development
2nd Reading / Public Hearing

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the public hearing. This is the 2nd Reading, there will be a Public Hearing on the ordinance as introduced. Since introduction the Ordinance has been has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance was provided with one free of charge in the office of the municipal clerk.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION

- 171-2018** Authorizing an Amendment to Ordinance No. 7-2018, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 215 of the Code of the City of Northfield Governing Land Use and Development Introduced August 21, 2018
Published in the Press of AC 9/15/2018
Public Hearing 9/25/2018
Final Consideration on Ordinance 7-2018, as amended, 9/25/2018

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Solicitor Facenda announced that Resolution 171-2018 would amend ordinance 7-2018. The amended resolution provided verbiage that golf villas were allowed on certain portions of the country club and that the club house and golf course must remain.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded, to adopt Resolution 171-2018.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title. It will be Published in the Press of AC on 9/15/2018, there will be a Public Hearing on 9/25/2018 after which Ordinance 7-2018, as Amended, will be considered for final adoption.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded, to postpone final adoption of Ordinance 7-2018 until September 25, 2018.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 6-2018, to be read by title only.

6-2018 An Ordinance of the City of Northfield, NJ Implementing the City’s Third Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan in Compliance with the City’s Third Round Affordable Housing Obligations in Accordance with In Re: N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, and Relevant Regulations and Policies Adopted by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title. This is the 2nd Reading, there will be a Public Hearing after which it will be considered for Final adoption. Since introduction the Ordinance has been has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance was provided with one free of charge in the office of the municipal clerk. The ordinance will be published a final time, if adopted, on September 15th.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

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Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of Ordinance 8-2018, to be read by title only.

8-2018 An Ordinance Providing for and Authorizing the Acquisition of Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easements by the City of Northfield, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title. This is the 2nd Reading; there will be Public Hearing after which it will be considered for Final adoption. Since introduction the Ordinance has been has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. Any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance was provide with one free of charge in the office of the municipal clerk. The ordinance will be published a final time, if adopted, on September 15th.

Council President Dewees opened the public hearing, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public hearing.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilwoman Korngut motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the introduction of Ordinance 9-2018, to be read by title only.

9-2018 An Ordinance Amending Chapters 250 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Governing Parks and Recreation Areas and Chapter 111 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Governing Vehicles and Traffic
*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 9/15/2018
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 9/25/2018*

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication and public hearing 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 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,886,956.72

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, for payment of bills.

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Council President Dewees read the meeting notices.

At 8:26pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk