CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

At 6:00pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on Saturday, January 10, 2026, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Smith

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

6PM PRESENTATION -Atlantic City Country Club-donation to Fire and Police Departments

Councilwoman Kem announced Mr. Mike Burke was here from Atlantic City Country Club. Mr. Burke had reached out to her a couple weeks ago and told her that they were having a fun event between Doug Fraser and Jim Fraser, former owners of the County Club, they hadn't played golf against each other in thirty years. Mr. Ottinger, the current owner wanted to put up $5000.00 for the event. Mr. Burke advised Councilwoman Kem that they wanted to donate the money to Police and the Fire Departments.

Mr. Burke presented the check to Chief Cummings and Captain Nixon who were in attendance on behalf of the Fire Department and Chief Pollak on behalf of the Police Department.

Mr. Burke announced the partnership between the Country Club and the Police and Fire Departments had been for a long time before he was around, he wanted to continue that and this was just a simple thank you.

Mayor Chau and all members present thanked Mr. Burke for the generous donation and asked him to please extend their thanks to the Ottinger's.

Council President Bucci moved to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Polistina – Finance and Collections; Library; Municipal Alliance; Senior Citizens; Affordable Housing

Councilman Polistina reported that Rob Patrick from the Cultural Committee was the guest speaker at the last senior meeting, he gave a presentation about Birch Grove Park and the Somers Brick Company. They made 80,000 bricks a day, over 1 million of them were used at Convention Hall in Atlantic City. Regarding the sewer flow reports, it looked like we've been fluctuating around over the past couple years, we did drop a lot, but we were up about 14 percent this year, he wanted to make Council aware. He would meet with Superintendent Boyd to see if there was filtration somewhere, it was still lower than prior to the slip lining projects.

Councilman Dewees – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path,1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works; Roads, Engineering; Stormwater Sewer Operations: Cultural Committee

Councilman Dewees reported Public Works was busy working at Birch Grove Park, they were working on the trails and cleaning up the baseball fields for Fall Ball. The is an issue with one of the bridges by the lake, he would like to meet with Engineer Nassar, it was blocked off right now.

Councilwoman Kern – Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Northfield Sports (FAN); Library; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Kern thanked Captain Nixon, Chief Pollak, and Chief Cummings for coming tonight, as well as the Atlantic City Country Club. Regarding the library, they would will be getting anew automatic door on the front door. She thanked Mia Fabi, the new director at the library, she's been doing a great job. The Cardinals had their first football game this past weekend in Galloway. JV won, Varsity and Peewee lost in close games and the Taxi tied as always. Councilwoman Kem thanked Chief Pollak the very nice ceremony for 911. Finally, for Mainland, as reported last meeting, they opened September 1st first with the cell phone ban and Fall sports and activities were in full bloom. She offered congratulations to Councilman Smith; he was appointed the new head baseball coach last night.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Council President Bucci had no report this evening.

Councilman Smith - Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth; Northfield Community School; Shared Services; Grants

Councilman Smith was absent.

Councilwoman Carfagno - Fire Department / EMS; Technology / MRHS Channel; Veteran Liaison

Councilwoman Carfagno announced she still needed two more Home Town Hero flags to place the next order; those flags would be hung up next year. She read the Fire and EMS report for August; this month's drill was ladder operation and ground ladder placements. The Volunteer Fire Company's 'Not So Spooky' Hayrides were scheduled for October 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th from 5:30pm until 9pm, it was a great event last year.

Councilwoman Kem asked if the car show was this weekend.

Clerk Campbell replied it was scheduled for October 4th.

Mayor Chau added that unfortunately, this will be the last year for the car show.

Councilman Notaro – Sanitary Sewer Operations

Councilman Notaro thanked Councilman Polistina for attending the ACUA meeting, he heard it was a very interesting meeting. He reported there was a sewer lateral break on Davis Avenue last week, then another on Oak Avenue, he felt we needed to be diligent on repairs, he thanked Public Works for their hard work. To Council President Bucci, regarding no soliciting, he asked Council's thoughts on eliminating it altogether, he asked Solicitor Facenda for legalities.

Solicitor Facenda responded that he would have to check, it may be too restrictive he would look into it and report back.

All members present discussed a no-knock policy, penalties and enforcement.

Councilwoman Carfagno thanked Chief Pollak and members of the Police Department for their e-bike campaign, she saw several officers giving rewards and warnings.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Regulations regarding Keeping of Chickens – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Notaro*

Council President Bucci announced this would be looked at later this year.

Northfield Plaza – Decorative Street Lights - *Councilman Dewees, Councilman Notaro*

Councilman Notaro regarding Northfield Plaza is waiting for costs from Atlantic City Electric, noting the decorative pole would be more costly and involve infrastructure work and new wiring.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

- Changes to Road Opening Ordinance Fees – *will be adopted in 2026*

No update.

- Appoint new Municipal Housing Liaison

Council President Bucci announced CFO Bauer would be appointed as the Housing Liaison; once the new Business Administrator was hired, they would be the liaison.

- E-bikes on bike path

Changes to the Ordinance would be on the next agenda.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Kem, regarding Tunnels to Towers, reached out to Mayor Chau, she wanted to know if children from the Community School could be involved.

Councilwoman Carfagno stated she reached out to Gavin, to make sure the community was involved. The ground opening was open to all, she would share the information.

Clerk Campbell asked all to check their emails, information was sent this afternoon. Council members were welcome to reach out to Amy with Tunnels to Towers.

Council President Bucci moved to the regular meeting agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Bucci asked all to take out their Regular Meeting agenda.

There were no questions or comments.

Council President Bucci made the assignments.

PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Bucci opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, she asked that all persons state their name and city of

residence for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

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

At 6:20pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Municipal Clerk