

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

At 6:01pm this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. 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:** Dewees, Lischin, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

**Absent:** Murray

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Kwapinski, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

- Grant for Museum Trailer

Council President Travagline deferred to Mayor Chau in regard to a grant application.

Mayor Chau explained that resident/student Bradley Ferguson applied for a grant for a trailer to be placed at Birch Grove Park. Mr. Ferguson and the Mayor discussed with the Cultural Committee the need for a classroom trailer. He explained that he did not know if the grant would be obtained due to another recent grant Bradley received.

*At 6:04pm Councilman Piergiovanni left the room.*

Mayor Chau asked Council for feedback regarding the grant, the winner of the grant would be announced the end of November.

Council President Travagline asked Mayor Chau if he knew about the grant.

Mayor Chau answered yes and explained how hard it was to get information on trailer specs; Mayor Chau told Ferguson to proceed due to the deadline of the grant.

Councilman O'Neill, Councilman Dewees and Mayor Chau discussed pricing of used versus new trailers and the need for it to be ADA compliant. Location of the trailer was also discussed.

Council President Travagline understood that the Mayor was looking out for the town, but accidents happen.

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Councilman Perri asked if there was an in kind match.

Mayor Chau noted that there does not seem to be one, but \$25,000 would not be enough. He suggested something could be installed where the garden club was, it would be a meeting place that the community could use to view artifacts, and could have workshops.

Council President Travagline thought it was a great idea, but, why not ask the library to display artifacts in their meeting room?

Councilman Perri asked why the snack bar wasn't used for meetings.

Mayor Chau reiterated that this would be for more than meetings, artifacts would be displayed too.

Councilman O'Neill suggested moving forward and wait to see if we got the grant.

Mayor Chau noted he would request Bradley withdraw the grant if Council did not see fit to move forward.

*At 6:11pm Councilman Piergiovanni reentered the room.*

Councilman Lischin agreed that Council should move forward and see what additional costs would be.

Council President Travagline did not believe it was necessary, thought other areas in town should be utilized. Artifacts should be displayed in high traffic areas where more people could see them.

Mayor Chau stated that Mr. Clark, curator of the museum, was hesitant in putting artifacts in other buildings. The idea is for more than display, storage, workshops, etc.

Council President Travagline asked Mayor Chau to report on more information at the next meeting.

*At 6:15pm Councilman Murray entered the meeting.*

- Purchase for New Speed Sentry, aka "Speed Box"

Council President Travagline stated that several residents had asked him for additional enforcement.

Chief Newman noted that the speed box is currently being utilized.

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Council President Travagline did not think that one box was not enough, would like another one, there is heavy traffic in the summer months; he did not think that insurance was needed for it.

Chief Newman explained that the \$1500.00 was not insurance but a yearly fee for damage, including the computer software to record information including times, rates of speeds.

Council President Travagline didn't realize the fee included the software, and recommended Council purchase another speed box.

Chief Newman explained how the data was collected and displayed, enforcement and traffic studies.

Council President Travagline noted he would reach out to CFO Stollenwerk to see if there was money for it this year, if not he asked that Council budget it for next year.

- Drainage Project – Cresson, Walnut, Pincus, Aster, Burton, Ridgewood

Engineer Kwapinski handed out aerial photos of the Cresson Avenue area; the pictures were taken on September 16<sup>th</sup> of this year. He explained that Cresson Avenue had an existing 12" pipe, and that it was failing after recent rains. The Pincus/Burton intersection was flooding onto the curb and sidewalk; resulting in water backing up. The velocity at Burton/Pincus/Aster was also a concern.

Councilman Dewees asked what the plan was for street width.

*At 6:24 Mayor Chau left the room.*

Engineer Kwapinski explained that he took comments and concerns from Council to come up with the new plan. He explained the size of the pipe and that inlets needed to be addressed. He reviewed the new proposal with 24" pipe; this would allow water to flow into the larger pipe. Existing pipes would be utilized in some areas. He looked into going into the sidewalk area to have minimal disturbance to newer paved areas. New gutters would help direct water, reducing water on Burton.

Councilman Dewees asked if the sidewalk option was a more complex design.

*At 6:31pm Mayor Chau returned to the meeting.*

Engineer Kwapinski replied that paving would be more complicated, they would look into which was the best option as plans developed.

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Councilman Dewees expressed his concern with manholes on the sidewalk, right of way, trees, and as to the maintenance bond, he was worried that settling could take longer.

Engineer Kwapinski continued to explain that the proposed price included relocating laterals; he did not see any trees that would be of concern. He also looked into both options, sidewalk is more costly per square yard, believed the prices would end up being comparable.

Councilman Dewees referred to Burton and Walnut; what happens to the water.

Engineer Kwapinski explained that Fabian had its own system, water runs down Walnut on the south side from Pleasantville noting there was not a large volume on the north side.

*At 6:35pm Councilman O'Neill left the room, reentering at 6:36pm.*

Engineer Kwapinski and Mayor Chau discussed the proposed new pipe size and the inlets at Walnut/Aster. Engineer Kwapinski noted that once more survey information is obtained the pipe size would be determined.

Councilman Dewees asked Darren Boyd, Sewer employee, if he had any questions regarding the design.

Mr. Boyd stated he did not have any questions as he had already discussed the plans with the Engineer.

Councilman Perri and Engineer Nassar discussed the inlets at Burton and Burton. Engineer Nassar pointed them out to Councilman Perri on the plans.

Councilman Dewees asked Council for their opinions on the sidewalk option.

Councilman Murray stated that he would like to see the pipes go under the sidewalk instead of having to open up the street.

Council President Travagline was not in favor of man holes on the sidewalk.

Engineer Nassar explained the pipe and box behind the curb. There was also a major crack in the pavement at Aster and Burton, the seams would be repaired in this design plan.

Councilman Dewees suggested moving forward with the survey to see where that takes the plans.

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Council President Travagline asked Council if they had anything to discuss.

Mayor Chau stated that he received a sample resolution not supporting North Jersey Casino's, he would send the draft to the Council for consideration.

Deputy Clerk Campbell noted that she would check to see Council had approved one previously.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Council President Travagline reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Councilman Perri questioned Resolution 175-2016 and asked if the insurance was for the operation of the business or the park itself.

Solicitor Facenda replied that it was for the operation of business.

Councilman Perri asked if the clerk position was run passed the union.

Councilman Lischin replied yes; the union agreed to it.

Mayor Chau explained to Council that Steve Vain asked to put a plaque at the Veterans Park. He explained that the plaque would state the POW Creed including the words "God Bless America and Our Troops". He asked Council and the Solicitor if there were issues with the language on the plaque.

Solicitor Facenda asked for the entire text so he could take a look at it.

Council President Travagline asked Council if they had any objections.

Bob Webb explained the plaque would cost \$500.00 and would be a part of the POW chair.

No one on Council had any objections to the plaque.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any topic.

Bob Webb, 218 W Revere Avenue – informed Council that the museum was full, Mr. Clark had looked into trailers; room was needed. Everything in the museum was labeled and organized; the volunteers did a great job over there. Council needed to carry on the history of Northfield. He expressed his disappointment that flags were

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not up. The plaque at Veterans Park would be dedicated on November 12<sup>th</sup>; would pay for it himself if he had to. The Veterans Park needed to be completed.

Mayor Chau explained he did not challenge having the plaque, it was the wording.

*At 6:56pm Councilman Dewees left the room.*

Mark Doherty, 405 Chestnut Avenue – explained that the Chair was a “Missing Man” chair; the wording that goes with it was standard.

*At 6:58pm Councilman Dewees returned.*

Solicitor Facenda inquired as to if anyone knew if there was one in Absecon.

Deputy Clerk Campbell replied yes, that there was one inside of Absecon City Hall.

Discussion ensued amongst Mr. Doherty and Council that there were two types of chairs: an indoor and outdoor chair. Rolling Thunder was purchasing the outdoor chair for the City.

Council President Travagline reiterated that Council did not have any objection to plaque.

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

At 7:01pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk