**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION**
**OCTOBER 6, 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 Council Pro Tempore Dewees.

## ROLL CALL

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

**Absent:** Mayor Chau

Solicitor Nassar, on behalf of Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, and Chief Pollak, were also present.

Council President Bucci moved to Committee Reports.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman Polistina had no report this evening.

**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 a temporary light has been installed at the football field on the visitor side, we were working on installing a new light. Public Works is getting the park ready for the hayrides, they have cleaned all of the storm drains in town, they are also repairing an inlet on Grove Road. For the Cultural Committee, the Flea Market will be held on November 21st from 8am until 2pm at the Community School, set up is the 20th from 6pm until 8pm.

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

Councilwoman Kern attended the last Mainland Regional High School board meeting, they approved their strategic plan for 2026-203, they have a link to their

plan for those interested in reviewing it. The cell phone ban is going well, Athletic Director Kern took the band and cheerleaders to the 3 sending middle schools. The board was struggling with rising health care costs; they were up 1 million dollars; they were concerned about future years. All four Northfield Cardinals Football teams won last week, this week would be their first home game, homecoming was scheduled for Saturday and the pep rally on Friday. She thanked Councilman Dewees for getting the parking lot lit. She reported the Construction Department has been busy addressing concerns with unkept properties around town, she thanked them for all they do. Regarding the Library, their Book and Bake Sale was scheduled for October 16th and 17th, they are still looking for someone to repair the sign out front. They brough up concerns about parking for the Tunnels to Tower ground breaking, they have two programs that day.

Chief Pollak replied that he has been in contact with James Preston from Tunnels to Towers to sit down and discuss a plan. He would address the concern tomorrow.

Councilwoman Kern advised the library has a meeting on Thursday and would like to provide them with an update.

Councilman Smith asked if we could shut down the street?

Chief Pollak replied they could shut it down if needed, as of today they were expecting around 250 people. He would like to get a plan together with them in case they need help from outside agencies.

Chief Pollak and members of Council discussed parking and coning off parking areas.

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

Council President Bucci attended Truck or Treat, she heard around 2000 people attended; she thanked the Police Department for taking over the event. She reported the ACEA received a $75,000.00 grant for the beautification of Tilton Road between Northfield and Egg Harbor Township. She and Clerk Campbell would be attending a Film Ready Community seminar hosted by the ACEA tomorrow, she felt it was a great opportunity for the community. Regarding Planning Board, Matt Doran announced he would be retiring at the end of the year. She also reached out Paul Forlenza with the JIF regarding the importance of insurance and was hoping to get some examples of claims to share with Council.

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

Councilman Smith gave an update regarding dispatch. He had discussions with Hamilton Township, we may have an agreement, there were some concerns regarding the cost of migrating the data.

Chief Pollak added that he has calls into ProPhoenix, he felt the price was high since both departments use the same software.

Councilman Smith noted any change was unlikely to occur prior to January 1st so we may need a contingency plan with Egg Harbor Township.

Council President Bucci asked how much we were paying now?

Councilman Smith replied, around $498,000.00, there is some savings with Hamilton Township. EHT will most likely increase their fee.

Chief Pollak spoke with Somers Point as well, they were trying to figure out how many additional dispatchers they need.

Councilman Smith advised that Somers Point has a different system than we currently use.

Chief Pollak added, due to that, we could need to change our e-ticketing system, the option was not as convenient.

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

Councilwoman Carfagno read the Fire Department report for September, their drill for the month was live fire, they used Class 5 Film and Encapsulator. She thanked them for visiting the Beth Israel Pre-School class.

**Councilman Notaro** – Sanitary Sewer Operations

Councilman Notaro thanked Superintendent Boyd for identifying the Davis Avenue Sewer issue as a New Jersey American Water issue; they reimbursed us for half of the repair costs.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Regulations regarding Keeping of Chickens – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Notaro*
No update.

Northfield Plaza – Decorative Street Lights - *Councilman Dewees, Councilman Notaro*
No update.

**WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS**

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

**WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Kern reminded all the Ladies Auxiliary Car Show will be next weekend, she hoped all would stop by on Sunday.

Councilwoman Carfagno added that the Volunteer Fire Hayrides would be held on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th.

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 6:23pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Municipal Clerk