

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2025

At 6:45pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2025, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Smith; Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Notaro with a second by Councilwoman Carfagno, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of September 16, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau was absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro reported they would be closing the USDA Grant. They accepted our report, now we have a plan to move forward for repairing various sections, with Superintendent Boyd's input. Engineer Mauro referred to sources of funding, the State is on furlough so she can't confirm whether grants or loans are available. Regarding the iBank, the interest is very low, she felt it was something to consider based on what happened on Zion Road and the priorities in the report. The Community Funding Grant through Congressman VanDrew's office was not awarded. Regarding the LRIG project for Birch Grove Park, her firm recommended no maintenance bond for the RFP; if we require a maintenance bond it will add to the cost, we could discuss tomorrow. The start date for Juniper Drive would be this Thursday, the Superintendent was notified, she hoped the weather would be good and the project would finish sooner than scheduled.

Solicitor Facenda asked if there was asphalt in the LRIG project?

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Engineer Mauro replied, no, just stone, the asphalt drive aisle was removed from the scope to reduce costs due to funding limits.

Solicitor Facenda suggested if there is no asphalt and it is the recommendation of the engineer that no maintenance guarantee is required, that Council take a straw poll vote.

All members present were in favor of not requiring a maintenance bond for the project.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Bucci opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Bucci read the following statement: "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, it will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds."

Council President Bucci asked if any member wanted anything voted on separately, there were no responses.

On motion of Councilwoman Kern, seconded by Councilman Polistina, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 211-2025 through 214-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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| 211-2025 | Authorizing Refund of Sewer Rents and Charges |
| 212-2025 | Authorizing Release of Performance Surety |
| 213-2025 | Resolution Amending Resolution 134-2022, Members of the City of Northfield Municipal Community Emergency Response Team |
| 214-2025 | Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Property Taxes |

Councilwoman Kern motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina, to adopt Resolutions 211-2025 through 214-2025 by Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Bucci moved to Ordinance 14-2025.

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ORDINANCES

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to adopt Ordinance 14-2025.

14-2025 Amending Chapter 215 the City Code, Land Use and Development –
 Chapters 215-9, 215-92 and 215-95
 2nd Reading / Public Hearing
 Consideration of Amendment

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing, after which the Council would consider an amendment prior to final adoption of the ordinance. Clerk Canesi announced the date of final publication if the ordinance passed this evening. Since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website, and any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance would have been provided with one free of charge in the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours, up until the date and time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 14-2025.

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

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilwoman Kern seconded to adopt Resolution 215-2025.

215-2025 Amending Ordinance No. 14-2025, as Introduced on September 2,
2025

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Bucci called for the vote to adopt Ordinance 14-2025, as amended by Resolution 215-2025.

14-2025 Amending Chapter 215 the City Code, Land Use and Development –
 Chapters 215-9, 215-92 and 215-95, as Amended by Resolution No.
 215-2025
 Published in Press of AC 10/11/2025

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

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Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to adopt Ordinance 17-2025.

17-2025 Amending Chapter 330 of the Code of the City of Northfield, Article II, Excavations in Streets
 2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
 Published in Press of AC 10/11/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing, after which the Council would consider the ordinance for final passage. Clerk Canesi announced the date of final publication if the ordinance passed this evening. Since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website, and any member of the public who requested a copy of the ordinance would have been provided with one free of charge in the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours, up until the date and time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 17-2025.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to introduce Ordinance 18-2025.

18-2025 Amending Chapter 111 of the City Code Entitled Vehicles and Traffic
 Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 10/11/2025
 2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 10/21/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication, public hearing, and final consideration 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 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same, up until the date and time of the public hearing.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – no; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Polistina motioned; Councilman Notaro seconded to introduce Ordinance 19-2025.

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19-2025 Amending Chapter 250, Article II of the City Code, Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, First Street Playground, and Northfield Bike Path Regulations
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 10/11/2025
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 10/21/2025

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Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 1,320,600.37

Councilwoman Kern motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, to approve payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – absent; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At 7:01pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk