

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting has been properly advertised according to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, in the Press of Atlantic City on January 8, 2022.

FLAG SALUTE

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Bucci, Dewees, Leeds, Notaro, Smith, Utts, Polistina

MAYOR: Chau

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Dewees	Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works: Roads, Engineering
Councilman Utts	Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Cultural Committee, Veteran Liaison, Mainland Regional; Technology / MRHS Channel; Planning Board
Councilman Notaro	Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)
Councilman Leeds	Fire Department/EMS
Councilman Smith	Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth Northfield Community School; Shared Services
Councilwoman Bucci	Insurance and Safety; Library; Municipal Alliance; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce
Council President	Finance and Collections; Senior Citizens

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

- Northfield Avenue at Rt 9 Drainage –*Update* from Engineer Nassar*
- Stormwater Facilities Shared with the County of Atlantic – *Update* from Engineer Nassar*
- Potential Public Auction of City Owned Property Block 66 Lot 11 – *Pending*
- Changes to Sign Ordinance
- Joint Court – ACPO Proposal to Provide MCP Services
- Fire Pit Ordinance – DRAFT in progress

** if available*

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities
- Resolution in Support of 100% Smoke-Free Workplaces

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION/ FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

ADJOURNMENT

Smoke FREE A.C. Coalition

October 1, 2022

Dear Council President Polisitina:

Even though he never smoked cigarettes or used any other tobacco products, after working as a dealer and supervisor in Atlantic City Casinos for more than 25 years, Somers Point resident Vinny Rennich was diagnosed with lung cancer.

We are writing to you to ask your help today to right a wrong and bring fairness and equality back to all the citizens and visitors of New Jersey. When the New Jersey Legislature passed the Smoke Free Air Act in 2005, they let the casinos off the hook and gave them an exemption. This means that at least 20,000 people, many of whom live in Somers Point, have to go to work every day and breathe more than 4,000 toxic chemicals, more than 60 of which have been proven to cause cancer. And that is unfair, unjust and un-American.

Enclosed is a sample resolution that your governing body can pass to support 100% smoke free workplaces for all New Jersey workers. A group of close to 2,500 local casino workers are trying to get dozens of resolutions like this passed all across South Jersey. They are known as Casino Employees Against Smoking's Effects or CEASE.

Please do what you can to protect the lives of tens of thousands of other New Jersey workers, to make sure that they stick around for their children, husbands and wives, neighborhoods and communities.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Smoke-Free Atlantic City Coalition or CEASE on Facebook. Also, if your governing body passes a resolution, please send an e-mail to tobaccofreenj@atlprev.org so that we can get a copy. You may fax the resolution to (609) 272-1345 as well.

Thank you for considering doing something to really make a difference in the lives of so many New Jerseyans and our more than 40 million visitors.

Sincerely,

Smoke Free A.C. Coalition and CEASE

WHEREAS, in January, 2006, Acting Governor Codey signed the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act (SFAA), protecting 99% of New Jersey workers from exposure to secondhand smoke while at work; and

WHEREAS, the SFAA does not protect more than 20,000 men and women employed at New Jersey casinos and the tens of millions of non-smoking visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, there is an effort underway in the NJ Legislature to amend the "New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act" to eliminate the exemption that the casinos enjoy and bills in the NJ Assembly and Senate are sponsored by more than half of the members of each body; and

WHEREAS, these bills are based in part on studies conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health that conclude that casino workers are at a greater risk for lung and heart disease because of secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report on secondhand smoke declared that there is no safe level of exposure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlantic City enacted Ordinance 2006-86 limiting smoking to 25% of the casino gaming area, thus creating smoking areas that are 300+% smokier than before the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the public and casino employees deserve the same protection from smoking and secondhand smoke as others in the State of New Jersey **for more than 16 years**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by this Resolution, the City Council of Northfield, New Jersey, joins with the effort underway in the NJ Legislature and calls for the protection of all workers in the State of New Jersey from the hazards of secondhand smoke by requiring that casinos be smokefree workplaces.