CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2026

At 6:20pm 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

Mayor Chau led the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Smith*

**Councilman Smith was absent during roll call, he arrived at 6:28pm.*

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of October 6, 2026, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau Police, regarding the Police Department, statistics were reported for August and September, including 2,472 total calls, arrests, motor vehicle stops, summonses, crash reports, and gun permit processing. The Mayor thanked the Police Department, Clerk Campbell, and staff for coordinating the successful Trunk or Treat event, which drew a large turnout, he estimated 1700 children. He thanked the vendors as well. He reminded Council of the upcoming League dinner in Galloway this Friday. He received a letter from the Chief, Egg Harbor Township would like to meet November 6th regarding dispatch services.

Mayor Chau advised that he received word from Linwood that they were not in favor of contributing to MRHS for the filming of Council meetings; we would not move any further. The Mayor also spoke with Superintendent Boyd who attended a presentation on a wastewater treatment pilot that captures microplastics, with the project described as the first of its kind and funded without taxpayer money.

At 6:28pm, Councilman Smith entered the meeting.

Mayor Chau, to Solicitor Facenda, asked if there had been any movement on the liquor license.

Solicitor Facenda explained there was nothing for the City to do at this time. The customer would need to find an available pocket license. Mr. Silver's client and the holder of the license would make an agreement. After that this council and the municipality where the license is coming from would pass resolutions approving the transfer. It would not cost us any money according to Solicitor Facenda' s knowledge.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the engineer's report as previously distributed. He received confirmation that Habitat for Humanity would be on the Planning Board agenda for December; he thanked Council President Bucci for stepping in and helping. Habitat is anxious to start the project. Regarding the bleachers, he and Councilman Dewees met, they were working on the budget and came up with 3 locations. He was obtaining an estimate for the museum step replacement and hoped to be under the threshold. He received a letter regarding the local freight grant, he did not believe Northfield qualified, he would look into for the next meeting.

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."

Councilman Dewees asked to vote on Resolution 225-2026 separately.

On motion of Councilman Notaro, seconded by Councilman Polistina, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 223-2026 and 224-2026, by Consent Agenda.

223-2026 Authorizing The Purchase Of Rifles And Related Equipment For The Northfield Police Department Using Federal Equitable Sharing Funds

224-2026 Appointing Musa A. Malik As City Administrator On A Part-Time Basis

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina, to adopt Resolutions 223-2026 and 224-2026 by Consent Agenda.

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

Councilman Dewees asked that the resolution be rejected, he wanted to discuss the salary ordinance for the senior mechanic position.

Council President Bucci asked him to elaborate as to why.

Councilman Dewees stated that he and Councilman Notaro met with Superintendent Boyd and they felt the salary was too low.

Council President Bucci announced the MOA was accepted.

Councilman Dewees confirmed; he wanted the salary ordinance amended.

Members of Council discussed the impact it would have on negotiations.

Solicitor Facenda explained what Council's options were by moving the resolution with a motion and a second or moving it and not motioning it.

Discussion ensued regarding opening the contract and revising the ordinance for one position since the union and council had already come to an agreement.

Council President Bucci motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina to adopt Resolution 225-2026.

225-2026 A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The City Of Northfield And Government Workers Union, Local 420 (Blue Collar) Effective January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2028 And Authorizing The Execution Of A Final Agreement Consistent With Same

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

ORDINANCES

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Carfagno to adopt Ordinance 16-2026, to be read by title only.

16-2026 An Ordinance Amending Code Section 111-50 Entitled Motor Vehicles Prohibited And Speed Limit Established
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration
Published on the Municipal Website 10/21/2026

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that this is the second reading and public hearing, after which the matter will be considered for final passage. Clerk Campbell announced the date and location of final publication if the ordinance was approved. Since introduction, the Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the municipal website. 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 time of the public hearing.

Council President Bucci opened the public hearing for Ordinance 16-2026.

Mary Canesi, Northfield - Regarding Ordinance 16, asked could kids on scooters could stay on the bike path? Was it just no e-bikes? And, what were neighboring towns doing?

Councilwoman Carfagno replied that Linwood was allowing low speed bikes.

Ms Canesi was concerned if a kid in Linwood was on the bike path they needed to know to get off when they entered Northfield.

Chief Pollak stated that kids were not allowed on them, a rider must be over 15, they were no different than a moped.

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

Council President Bucci asked if there were any comments from Council. There were none.

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

Prior to the introduction of Ordinance 17-2026, Solicitor Facenda announced an amendment as follows: references in the ordinance to Business Administrator will be changed to City Administrator.

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Carfagno to introduce Ordinance 17-2026 as amended, to be read by title only.

17-2026 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 61, Article IV Regarding The Promotional Procedures Within The City Of Northfield Police Department
Introduction/No Public Input/Published on the Municipal Website 10/21/2026
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration 11/10/2026

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication and public hearing 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.

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

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Carfagno to introduce Ordinance 18-2026, to be read by title only.

18-2026 Amending Chapter 330 Of The Code Of The City Of Northfield, Article II, Excavations In Streets
Introduction/No Public Input/Published on the Municipal Website 10/21/2026
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration 11/10/2026

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS $ 1,086,247.67

Councilwoman Kern motioned, Councilman Notaro 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 – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At 6:49pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Municipal Clerk