

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

At 6:02pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2023, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council President Pro Tempore Dewees.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, and Patrolman O'Brien were also present.

Council President Polistina moved to Committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Leeds – Fire Department/EMS; Planning Board

Councilman Leeds read the EMS and Fire response reports for September.

Councilman Dewees – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works: Roads, Engineering

Councilman Dewees reported Public Works has cleaned approximately 20% of the storm system; the vacor truck was slated to be winterized next month. The fence at City Hall was on order and would be replaced soon. New dog waste bag dispensers have been installed on the bike path, as well as new recycling cans. Birch Grove Park bathrooms were slated to be closed next week and the old reptile house will be spruced up and used for police storage. Public Works Superintendent Vitale met with a fence contractor to do some fence replacement at the softball field. The outfall inspections were complete for the year.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Municipal Alliance; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Bucci reported she had a productive meeting with the Planning Board, Triad, and the Economic Development Commission regarding our economic element and Master Plan update. The Planning Board would review it and incorporate it into our Master Plan.

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

Councilman Smith had no report, he asked Solicitor Facenda for an update on the court.

Solicitor Facenda announced there were outstanding issues with security. He was working with Hammonton to assist with correspondence to the court and the AOC to expedite the issue.

Councilwoman Carfagno - Technology / MRHS Channel; Cultural Committee / Veteran Liaison; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Carfagno announced the next Mainland Regional High School Board of Education meeting was scheduled for November 20th at 6pm. She announced the Cultural Committee Flea Market was November 18th, watch the City website for flyers.

Councilman Notaro - Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)

Councilman Notaro had no report.

Council President Polistina – Finance and Collections; Library; Senior Citizens

Council President Polistina attended the Library Board meeting, the new director, Matt Freund, was working out well. He is from Atlantic City Board of Education; he has been working to address recent staffing shortages and increase patronage.

Council President Polistina moved to the Ad Hoc committee reports.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Electric Vehicles (Councilmen Polistina, Notaro)
- Food Trucks (Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Dewees)
- Affordable Housing (Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Polistina)
- Insurance Requirements Review (Councilman Polistina, Councilwoman Bucci)

There were no updates on Ad Hoc Committees.

Council President Polistina moved to ongoing business.

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WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

- Stormwater Facilities Shared with Atlantic County–*Update if available, Engineer Nassar*
- Potential Development of City Owned Properties: Block 66 Lot 11; Block 69 Lot 1.02; Block 121 Lot 1

There were no updates.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

Engineer Nassar was working on the Safe Routes to School Grant; there was a resolution of support on tonight’s agenda.

- 2023 Best Practices Inventory – Finance Chair Polistina

Council President Polistina explained the Best Practices Inventory and various categories that are measured and scored. Northfield did not have a loss of State Aid based on our score; he reminded all that we do need to move on the EV Ordinance. He asked all to review.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Polistina reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

Council President Polistina made the assignments.

PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that they state their name and address for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Seeing no one, in person or on Zoom wishing to speak, Council President Polistina closed the public session.

At 6:11pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk