CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

At 7:01pm 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 and a reflection in observance of Veterans Day.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilwoman Carfagno

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern with a second by Councilman Polistina all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of October 20, 2026, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau Police reminded all of the NJLM convention, registration was still open, a purchase order was required. As Councilwoman Kern stated, he also attended the grand opening of Senator Kim's office noting it was well attended and to his knowledge was the first time a Senator had an office in Northfield. The Atlantic County League of Municipalities had a presentation from the 177th and a small presentation from the ACUA regarding micro-plastics; they scheduled a more in-depth presentation for the January meeting.

Mayor Chau, attended Rich Gerber's memorial services, he extended condolences on behalf of Council to members of his family. Mr. Geber was very dedicated person as Councilperson and Council President, he great friend and dedicated servant.

Regarding the Mainland Regional High School budget letter, all members of Council were sent a copy, all of our school systems are facing budget cuts.

Mayor Chau read the Police report for October and welcomed Patrolman Gabriel;

he looked forward to the swearing in.

Council President Bucci deferred to Administrator Malik.

Administrator Malik thanked all for welcoming him. He recently began speaking with department heads and was gaining insight to the operations. The next couple of weeks would be slow due to the league conference and holidays; he would have a report for the next meeting. Regarding staff correspondence and other suggestions, he welcomed any feedback prior to implementing any changes.

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.

The Executive Sessions of Council will be held at the end of the meeting, and we will come back in public session to make a comment for the record after the executive session has concluded. Any vote made on subjects discussed will be made in public"

On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 226-2026, 227-2026 and 229-2026, by Consent Agenda.

226-2026	A Resolution Amending Resolution 129-2026 Appointing A Fund Commissioner And An Alternate Fund Commissioner For The Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund
227-2026	Authorizing Refund Of Overpayment For Sanitary Sewer Lateral Installation Application
228-2026	NOT MOVED
229-2026	A Resolution Providing For An Executive Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8), Regarding Personnel Matters

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adopt Resolutions 226-2026, 227-2026 and 229-2026 by Consent Agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina to adopt Ordinance 17-2026, 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
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration
Published on the Municipal Website 11/12/2026

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 17-2026.

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

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

Councilman Notaro, motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina to adopt 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
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration
Posted to the Municipal Website Public Notices Page11/12/2026

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 18-2026.

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

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

Councilman Notaro motioned, seconded by Councilman Polistina to introduce Ordinance 19-2026, to be read by title only.

19-2026 An Ordinance Amending Sections 128-3, 215-17, 215-27.1 And 215-113 Of The City Of Northfield Code
Introduction/No Public Input/Published on the Municipal Website 11/12/2026
2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration 11/24/2026

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 – absent; Mr. Dewees – yes; Mrs. Kern – yes; Mr. Notaro – yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS $ 5,159,181.85

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilwoman Kern seconded, to approve payment of bills.

Roll Call: Mrs. Carfagno – absent; 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

229-2026 A Resolution Providing For An Executive Session Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8), Regarding Personnel Matters

Clerk Campbell read the resolution by title and announced that members of the public who are in attendance would need to exit Council Chambers during the Executive Session and are welcome to wait in the lobby or vestibule if they chose. At the conclusion of the Executive Session of Council, the Council will resume the public portion of the meeting and welcome the return of members of the public. A statement would be made for the record at that time.

Council is required to set forth as much information as possible as to the subject matter to be discussed as well as provide for the public the amount of time they can expect to elapse before the non-public portion of the minutes can be disclosed. I will defer to Solicitor Facenda for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the matter to be discussed was related to the promotion of William Hedrich, Public Works Supervisor and the terms and conditions of that potential employment. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. The timeframe for the release of those minutes is unknown. Council will remain in Council Chambers and return to the public session when the Executive Session is complete for a short statement. Official action may be taken when Council entered back into regular session.

At 7:20pm Council entered Executive Session and remained in Council Chambers.

At 7:29pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. The matter discussed was the promotion of William Hedrich to Public Works Supervisor and the salary figure. Minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. The timeframe for the release of those minutes is unknown. Official action would be considered in the form of Resolution 230-2026 with an amendment in the 5th 'whereas' and item 3 to reflect the salary of $74,402.52.

Councilman Dewees, with a second from Councilwoman Kern to adopt Resolution 230-2026.

230-2026 Promotion Of William Hedrich To Public Works Supervisor

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

At 7:31pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Municipal Clerk