

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

At 6:11pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi, who welcomed the audience. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2023, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

**Present:** Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar, and Chief VonColln were also in attendance.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau read a letter from County Executive Levinson in support of our Safe Routes to Schools grant. He stated that he received an update regarding the senior housing project being proposed by the diocese; the County was working on the zoning and other requirements. It is anticipated that this will come before the Council in January; the City's Housing Element would need to be updated if this is to move forward. The Annual Mayor's Holiday light contest has begun, applications were available from City Clerk's office. The Holiday Tree Lighting would be December 1st at 7pm with hot chocolate and cookies. Tomorrow, the police committee will be meeting with the PBA negotiations team at City Hall. We will be submitting a proposal to the PBA.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilman Notaro, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of November 14, 2023, without formal reading.

Mayor Chau asked to add to his report, and said Bob Zlotnick was interested in pursuing a grant for Birch Grove Park and would like to give a presentation to Council.

Council President Polistina replied, he was welcome to do so.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Nassar did not have any updates to his previously submitted report.

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**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 city of residence for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Council President Polistina closed the public comment portion of this meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Polistina 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, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

On motion of Councilwoman Bucci, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of voting on 222-2023 through 225-2023 by Consent Agenda.

- 222-2023** To Amend Resolution 208-2023, And Establish A New Effective Date For Employment Status Change For Charity Zentmeyer, Adult School Crossing Guard
- 223-2023** Authorizing The Northfield Fire Department To Apply For A Grant From The South Jersey Gas First Responders Grant Program
- 224-2023** Authorization To Apply for American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant (ARPPFG)
- 225-2023** A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Northfield and the Northfield Professional Firefighter’s Association, Local No. 2364

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS      \$ 988,585.75**

Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Notaro seconded, for payment of bills.

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

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**MEETING NOTICES**

Councilman Smith read the meeting notices.

At approximately 6:20pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk