

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

At 6:51pm, this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 9, 2021, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), will be held in-person and as a remote public meeting (live-streamed) using Zoom conferencing service. Due to continued social distancing requirements related to Covid-19, there are limited seats for in-person attendance by members of the public. Visit the event calendar page for December 14, 2021 at www.cityofnorthfield.org to determine current seating availability. Social distancing will be required for in-person attendance. To reserve an available seat, contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 609-641-2832, ext 125, no later than 4:00pm on December 14, 2021. Once all available seats have been reserved, virtual attendance will be required using a web-browser to Join the Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88220130187> or by telephone using One tap mobile +16465588656,,88220130187# or direct dial +1 646 558 8656 using Meeting ID: 882 2013 0187. For those wishing to comment during the dedicated public comment portion of the meeting, but who may be unable to attend (in person or via Zoom), public comments may also be submitted in advance via email to mcanesi@cityofnorthfield.org, or by written letter to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 1600 Shore Road, Northfield NJ 08225, or by hand delivery to the drop box in the parking lot at the south corner of the municipal building, addressed to the attention of the Municipal Clerk. Comments shall contain the name and address of the author, will be read aloud and addressed during the remote public meeting, and must be received by 2:00pm on December 14, 2021.

Municipal Clerk Canesi read the following statement:

“Based on CDC guidelines related to Covid-19, the City of Northfield has suggested that everyone 2 years or older who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places, and visitors are made aware of this decision with signs at the entrances to the building.

To ensure the health and safety of our employees and visitors, we are also continuing to adhere to social distancing requirements in our indoor public spaces, and as a result there are limited seats for in-person attendance by members of the public this evening. In order to ensure that the public may fully participate despite the limited in-person capacity, this meeting is also being presented simultaneously as a remote public meeting, live-streamed, using Zoom conferencing service.

Zoom meeting participants can dial in by telephone and listen to the proceedings, or they can access the meeting using a web-browser, and be able to view and listen. Instructions on how members of the public could reserve one of the limited seats, as well as how they can access Zoom have been made available on the municipal website and were published in the Press of Atlantic City. The full text of the public meeting notice has been posted at the entrance to the municipal building and includes Zoom instructions, information on where to find the meeting agenda and relevant

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documents, as well as instructions on how members of the public could submit comments in advance of tonight’s meeting. For those participating via Zoom, all participants will be ‘muted’ upon entry to the meeting. Web-browser participants will not be able to share their screens or see the camera-view of anyone other than the host, which is the City of Northfield.

Zoom participants wishing to exercise their right to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting should wait until the specific announcement is made to open the public comment period. At this time, one by one, any telephone users will be asked to identify themselves and will be unmuted to permit commentary. For web-browser participants, comments or questions may be submitted via the chat function and will not be acknowledged outside of the designated public-comment portion of the meeting; chat-users must also provide his/her name and address for the record in order to be heard.

Any written comments submitted in advance will be read aloud and addressed during the public comment portion of the meeting.”

FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

Present (in person): Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Madden; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Perri; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau.

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Chau announced there were 24 entries in the City's light contest, adding that he was amazed at how many homes across town were decorated, and so elaborately. Mayor Chau also recognized the light display presented by St. Gianna. He announced the top 10: Santori Residence, 2209 Grove Road; DeRosa Residence, 101 Jackson Avenue; Garman/Parker Residence, 211 Fairbanks Avenue; Noecker Residence, 2 Forrest Drive; Albert Residence, 710 Second Street; Simpson Residence, 105 Jackson Avenue; Shea Residence. 2321 Burroughs Avenue; Wineland Residence, 5 Ridgewood Drive; Bambrick Residence, 505 Ridgewood Drive; Marshall Residence, 404 Chestnut Avenue. He also gave a shout-out to the many businesses who donated prizes.

Mayor Chau reported on central court; the building in Mays Landing would not be ready due to an HVAC parts-issue, the court would continue via zoom out of Egg Harbor Township. Court cases that could be held, would wait. The State has now

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created legislation that county courts must hear State Police violations. Mayor Chau was happy to report that Officer Scull, as full time SLEO and Code Enforcement, was working out well. We had one Planning Board application that would be heard in January, the property across from Tilton Market, the old gas station. Also, the City's recommendations for the sign ordinance would be heard in January. He read the following Police Department report for November: 249 responsive calls; 994 property checks; 98 citations and 2 DWI's. Mayor Chau thanked the Police Department for their proactive enforcement, and the Chief for his work.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Utts with a second of Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of approving the minutes of November 23, 2021 without formal reading. They were posted, distributed to Council, and on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the Engineer's Report as previously distributed to the Council. The testing for Fuae Avenue was done and everything was in compliance. He was working on the final change order so he could close out the project. He received a payment request for the Slip Lining Project, we had to finish reviewing the video before we can authorize payment. There was one small area that needed to be redone; Engineer Nassar would withhold payment until that was done.

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 wishing to make a comment, 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."

Council President Polistina reminded all that Resolution 215-2021 was being added to the agenda.

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Solicitor Facenda read Resolution 215-2021 into the record.

**“CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
RESOLUTION NO. 215-2021**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD AND GOVERNMENT
WORKERS UNION LOCAL NO. 420, FOR BLUE COLLAR WORKERS,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINAL AGREEMENT
CONSISTENT WITH SAME**

WHEREAS, the existing Agreement between the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey and Government Worker’s Union, Local No. 420, for Blue Collar Workers, expired December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, negotiations have been ongoing with respect to a new Contract; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Agreement to amend the current agreement covering the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the GWU has ratified the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement during its work session on December 14, 2021 and desires to approve same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Government Workers Union, Local No. 420, effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2024 are hereby adopted, a copy of said Agreement being attached to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated into a final agreement, subject to editing by City Labor Counsel, which the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Northfield.

I, Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk of the City of Northfield, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, held this 14th day of December, 2021.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk”

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On a motion of Councilman Perri, second of Councilman Notaro, all members present were in favor of voting by consent agenda for Resolutions 202-2021 through 215-2021.

- 202-2021** Authorizing Refund of Construction Permit Fees
- 203-2021** A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Northfield and the Northfield Professional Firefighter’s Association, Local No. 2364
- 204-2021** Authorizing Refunds of Overpayment of Property Taxes
- 205-2021** Authorization to Hire Part Time Zoning Officer
- 206-2021** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract without Public Advertisement for Bids, and in Accordance with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5, for the Purchase of Light Towers for the City of Northfield Office of Emergency Management
- 207-2021** Authorizing Release of Performance Guarantees and Inspection Escrows, and Waiver of Maintenance Guarantee, for Block 24, Lot 22.01
- 208-2021** Replacing Resolution 201-2021 LEAP Implementation Grant
- 209-2021** Award of Contract for General Repairs and Construction of Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Facilities
- 210-2021** A Resolution To Cancel Grant Balances
- 211-2021** A Resolution to Request Street Lighting Installation and Upgrades from Atlantic City Electric
- 212-2021** A Resolution to Request Street Lighting Installation and Upgrades from Atlantic City Electric
- 213-2021** Governor’s Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2022 – June 2023
- 214-2021** A Resolution Authorizing the Northfield Fire Department to Apply for and Obtain a Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- 215-2021** A Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The City Of Northfield And Government Workers Union Local No. 420, For Blue Collar Workers, Effective January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2024 And Authorizing The Execution Of A Final Agreement Consistent With Same

Councilman Perri motioned, second of Councilman Notaro, to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 202-2021 through 215-2021.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. Notaro – yes, Mr. Perri - yes, Mr. Smith – yes, Mr. Utts - yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$1,192,909.66

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Councilwoman Madden motioned for the payment of bills, seconded by Councilman Smith.

Roll Call: Mr. Dewees - yes, Mrs. Madden – yes, Mr. Notaro – yes, Mr. Perri - yes, Mr. Smith – yes, Mr. Utts - yes; Mr. Polistina – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Smith read the meeting notices.

At 7:04pm, on motion of Councilman Perri, seconded by Councilman Dewees, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk