

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

At 6:04PM, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2014 in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau. Following the flag salute a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Mayor Erland Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda, and Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski were also in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Council President Travagline announced that Jeff Lischin was previously sworn in. He introduced Assemblyman Chris Brown to administer the ceremonial oath.

Assemblyman Brown thanked Councilman Lischin for including him, called forward the Lischin Family: wife; Margot, children; Matthew and Rachel. Assemblyman Brown administered the oath.

Councilman Lischin thanked Assemblyman Brown for attending.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- COAH – Master Plan Updates

Council President Travagline moved to work session and the first item, COAH and Master Plan updates. Council President Travagline stated that he and Councilman Dewees are on the Master Plan Committee along with members of the Planning Board. The Committee met, along with professional planner Tiffany CuvIELLO. There is land available but it is minimal. There is discussion to put affordable units on a few City owned parcels, and others, including an area of the golf course, the Arthur Henry property on Wabash Avenue, the driving range, and a parcel behind Dunkin Donuts. Habitat for Humanity may be involved as well. The affordable housing number right now is 190, and could go as high as 290, but if the new rules are adopted could go

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down as low as 106. The plan has to be filed by January 29, 2015. Council President Travagline asked if there were any questions from Council. None were posed.

- Proposed Increase in Sewer Fees

Council President Travagline moved to the topic of a sewer fee increase and reviewed the sewer profit and loss statement provided by the Certified Financial Officer for 2009-2013. He noted the age and deteriorating condition of much of the sewer infrastructure. It is believed that the spike in 2010 was due to a major repair, and it is believed there is a significant intrusion elsewhere in the system. 2010 was a very wet year. Pump stations are in dire need of being fixed. The City is attempting to be proactive with future repairs. City Engineer Kwapinski has advised that there are 40 miles of pipe in the city, and it would cost approximately \$350,000 per mile to upgrade the pipes. Council President Travagline would like to increase the sewer fees \$5.00 per month and allocate it to a sewer budget line. We can specifically use these funds to repair the sewer system.

City Engineer Kwapinski explained that the pipes would be lined and sealed and the life expectancy would be another 40 or 50 years.

Councilman Perri noted the issues with tidal waters and electrical issues at pumping stations.

Councilmen Perri, Piergiovanni and Engineer Kwapinski discussed how to target and address priority areas.

Councilman Travagline asked if there are any questions or concerns from council.

Councilman Perri commented that there has been talk at the County level about privatizing the wastewater function. He offered to share a map of the system that he had in his possession.

Council President Travagline reviewed regular agenda and asked Council if there were any questions on same, specifically Ordinance 7. City Planner will explain any questions on the Amendment to the Ordinance.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to any member of the public wishing to speak on any subject.

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Jerry McGee, 1620 Zion Road, wished all Happy Holidays and New Year. There was a Senior Committee the other day and the group would like to know who their committee representative will be in 2015. There was a petition requesting Councilman Perri.

Council President Travagline indicated that Councilman Perri will serve as Council Liaison to the Seniors in 2015.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, Council President Travagline closed the public session.

At 6:55pm on motions properly made and seconded this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC
Municipal Clerk