

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

At 6:01pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Korngut, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Travagline, Dewees
Absent: Perri

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

WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

- Potential Land Sale – Update

Council President Dewees deferred to Solicitor Facenda for an update on the potential land sale.

Solicitor Facenda advised that 2 bids were received. On the regular agenda Council would see a resolution accepting one of the bids and rejecting the other. Solicitor Facenda reviewed the specifics of each bid; he noted an error in the calculation of the minimum bid for one of the parcels, which is the one being rejected tonight. The error was based on the probable assumption that the parcel was rectangular, when it was triangular.

- Sign Ordinance Changes

Council President Dewees asked Councilman Lischin to speak regarding the sign ordinance.

Councilman Lischin advised that the committee has not yet met.

- Chestnut Avenue Parking, between Maple Avenue and New Road

Municipal Clerk Canesi advised that this topic was put on the agenda in error.

- Bike Trails at BGP – Grant Denied

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Council President Dewees reported that the Advisory Board had not met yet since our last Council meeting. He would advise Council once he had an opportunity to discuss with the Board.

- Cresson Avenue Paving Project – Tree Conflicts on Walnut Avenue

Council President Dewees advised that he had not yet had the opportunity to speak to the Walnut Avenue resident, but would advise Council when he had done so.

At 6:05pm Councilman Perri entered the meeting.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

Council President Dewees moved to new business.

- Notices in January sewer bill regarding rodent infestation education to residents

Mayor Chau reported that Clerk Canesi did research which was provided to Council, which indicated the cost was close to \$3,000 to send the notice. Council will need to decide what to do. A possible alternative would be to print brochures to place at public places such as the library.

Councilman Perri was not in favor of spending additional money.

Councilman O'Neill was not in favor of a mass mailing, perhaps hand deliver to the specific area.

Councilman Travagline had no objection to spending the money as he felt it was a quality-of-life issue.

Councilman O'Neill felt we should strategically mail to the areas that were affected.

Councilwoman Korngut was not opposed to that, but we have heard reports they were in other areas as well.

Council President Dewees was not in favor of a mailing, there is enough information out there between what the City had done as well as the County.

Mayor Chau noted it may be moot now, we may hear of other areas, and may have to do additional mailings.

All of Council with the exception of Councilman Travagline were opposed to a mailing in January.

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Councilman Lischin would be in favor of targeted mailing, at a later date.

Mayor Chau asked Clerk Canesi to have the County rodent brochure made available at the library.

- Land Donation – Adeo Santori

Council President Dewees noted that Mr. Santori was not present.

Clerk Canesi advised that he was aware that he would be on the agenda and that the meeting time was at 6pm.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Dewees reviewed the agenda and made assignments.

Mayor Chau sent a sample resolution from Buena to Council regarding county wide tax assessment, he asked was Council in favor of voting on that tonight.

Council President Dewees replied that he was not prepared to discuss it tonight.

Mayor Chau asked that a resolution be added to honor Debbi Doherty who was retiring.

Clerk Canesi advised that Chief Newman had requested that a retirement clock be ordered; it should be in after the 1st of the year.

Solicitor Facenda noted the addition of Resolution 218-2018, authorizing the addition of an Executive Session, which would be read into the record at the appropriate time.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any topic.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Council President Dewees closed the public session.

At 6:16pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, Registered Municipal Clerk