

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

At 6:29pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 13, 2018, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council President Dewees, followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Solicitor Kris Facenda and Chief Newman were also present.

Mayor Chau* and Engineer Nassar were not in attendance.

**Mayor Chau arrived at approximately 7:05pm*

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Perri, second of Councilman O'Neill, all were in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of January 23, 2018 and February 1, 2018, without formal reading. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and are on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Perri - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri asked Solicitor Facenda if he had heard anything about the new sewer interlocal.

Solicitor Facenda said he had confirmed receipt from Linwood's solicitor. He would follow up next week as to feedback from their Council.

Councilman Perri reported that there was nothing on the agenda for next month's Planning Board meeting. The Cresson Hill project has been clear cut. The seniors meeting will be next Thursday at the library by RSVP to Councilman Perri. Tax Collector, Michele Kirtsos, will present information on available programs for seniors.

Councilwoman Korngut advised Councilman Perri that she'll be at the seniors meeting.

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Councilman Perri noted that any city official or council member was welcome to attend.

Councilman O'Neill - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Court/Violations, Chamber of Commerce, Little League/Babe Ruth, Traffic Safety, Green Team Advisory Board

Councilman O'Neill reported that the new ticketing system had been installed, and yielded to Court Administrator Donna Clark for an update.

Donna Clark reported that there would be issues in the beginning as everyone gets used to it.

Councilman O'Neill noted that the e-ticket is clearer than the hand-written version.

Donna Clark agreed; everything was in the computer.

Councilman O'Neill added that the person getting the violation had a more readable document. He asked Chief Neman to comment.

Chief Newman responded that the system was very new, what was said about summed it up.

Councilwoman Korngut – Library, Municipal Alliance, Economic Development, Shared Services

Councilwoman Korngut reported that she attended the library meeting last week. The library ran it past their board and agreed that they would consult with us as to whether to be open or not, upon the direction of the City. They would consult with Mayor Chau, who will consult with the Superintendent of Public Works, Qwin Vitale, as to the availability of resources to plow. They were fine with that. Mayor Chau brought up that someone wanted to donate solar panels to the City, Mayor Chau proposed it several months ago for something else and perhaps the library could benefit from it. The board advised that they were very much interested in this.

Solicitor Facenda asked Councilwoman Korngut if she had any documentation.

Councilwoman Korngut replied no, the Mayor brought it up.

Solicitor Facenda agreed that the details needed to be researched before committing to anything.

Councilwoman Korngut would research and report back to Council.

Councilman Perri expressed his concern about the ownership of the donated equipment.

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Councilwoman Korngut continued her report. Regarding the Municipal Alliance, she was in consult with Kathi Smith, who reached out to the Community School to participate with them in an anti-bullying campaign called Forest Friends. Councilwoman Korngut and Ms. Smith are scheduled to attend. She also sat in on the Somers Point Economic Development Commission meeting; heard many great ideas and some very exciting events coming up. She plans to get together with Councilman Murray to come up with an idea or two in that regard. Councilwoman Korngut had nothing to report for shared services.

Councilman Travagline – Insurance and Safety, Northfield School, FAN; Shared Services

Councilman Travagline had nothing to report.

Councilman Murray - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Traffic Safety, Economic Development

Councilman Murray reported we were in the middle of budget process, it is shaping up to be a tough budget year. The next budget workshop meeting was this Thursday at 5pm. Mainland Regional High School had their first budget meeting this year, their next board meeting is February 20th at 6pm.

Councilman Lischin – Fire Department/EMS, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team Advisory

Councilman Lischin asked if Councilmen Travagline and Murray would mind reporting back to the Council as to the budget meetings for the schools, we should be keeping an eye on that as well.

Councilman Lischin read the following report: The Fire Department calls for January included: 2 building fires, 7 hazardous condition calls, 2 false alarm calls, 2 good intent calls, 8 EMS assist incidents, and 1 mutual aid call. He did not have the EMS report but would read it into the record at the next meeting. He was still in the process of working with our fire safety consultant; the consultant has a meeting with our Fire Chief this week. He thanked Mr. Murray from MRHS for video recording services this evening, and announced air times for meetings.

Council President Dewees - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans' Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering

Council President Dewees had no report, asked if the Mayor was coming.

Clerk Canesi replied that he said he'd be a half hour late.

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MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Chau was absent.

CITY ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Nassar was absent.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to speak on any subject; seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public session.

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Dewees stated that 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.

The Executive Session 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.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded for the adoption of Resolution 49-2018.

49-2018 Recognizing Family Association of Northfield Volunteers 2018 Season

Councilman Travagline stated that he knew 99% of the people on the list and they do an excellent job, unfortunately one person in particular has had altercations with and therefore he needs to vote no.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –no; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman Lischin seconded for Resolutions 50-2018 through 58, to be voted on by consent agenda.

50-2018 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Mainland Lacrosse – Girls 14U

51-2018 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – ACBL

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- 52-2018** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities – Jersey Shore Mens’ League
- 53-2018** Approval of Specifications and Authorization to Proceed with Public Bidding for the Project Known as Cresson Avenue Drainage Improvements
- 54-2018** A Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- 55-2018** Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Establishing Volunteer Program for Free Removal of Snow and Ice
- 56-2018** Increasing Change Fund For the Tax Collector
- 57-2018** 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 Regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter of William Ward v. City of Northfield and Paul Newman, Police Chief of the City of Northfield, and in the Matter of William Cornell v. City of Northfield and Paul Newman, Police Chief of the City of Northfield
- 58-2018** 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., N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations for Government Workers Union Locals No. 410 for Supervisory Employees, No. 420 for Blue Collar Employees, and No. 430 for White Collar Employees

On a motion of Councilman Murray, second of Councilman Travagline, all present were in favor of voting by consent agenda.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Travagline seconded, to adopt the consent agenda for Resolutions 50-2018 through 58-2018.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

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Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Perri seconded to introduce Ordinance 1-2018, to be read by title only.

1-2018 Calendar Year 2018 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)
First Reading / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/17/2018
Second Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 2/27/2018

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 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut -yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carries.

Councilman O’Neill motioned, Councilman Murray seconded to introduce Ordinance 2-2018, to be read by title only.

2-2018 Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the City of Northfield and Repealing All Ordinances Heretofore Adopted, the Provisions of Which are Inconsistent Herewith
First Reading / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 2/17/2018
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Roll call: Ms. Korngut -yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carries.

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$518,015.71

Councilman Travagline motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Ms. Korngut – yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Mr. Dewees – yes; Motion carried.

Councilwoman Korngut read the meeting notices.

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Clerk Canesi suggested since Mr. Grady would not be at the meeting until 7:30pm that Council have the executive session for Resolution 58-2018 first.

Councilman Dewees announced an Executive Session for Resolution 58-2018.

58-2018 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., N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(4), Regarding Contract Negotiations for Government Workers Union Locals No. 410 for Supervisory Employees, No. 420 for Blue Collar Employees, and No. 430 for White Collar Employees

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session was in regard to contractual negotiations with the 3 locals. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. Council would return to make statement for record and no vote will be made in public.

At 7:01pm Council moved to the Mayor's Office for the Executive Session.

At 7:41pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded. No official action had been taken, and an update as to the status of negotiations was provided to the Council. The minutes were kept but will not be released until the matter had concluded and they would be released when permitted by law.

57-2018 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 Regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter of William Ward v. City of Northfield and Paul Newman, Police Chief of the City of Northfield, and in the Matter of William Cornell v. City of Northfield and Paul Newman, Police Chief of the City of Northfield

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution by title and deferred to the Solicitor for further explanation.

Solicitor Facenda stated that the Executive Session was in regard to open, active, and pending litigation. The matters require discussion with council which are considered

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attorney-client privileged and are confidential. The minutes would be kept and made available when permitted and required by law. Council would return to make statement for record and no vote will be made in public. For the record, Mr. Grady, the City's attorney will be in attendance and would provide the update.

At 7:45pm Council moved to the Mayor's Office for the Executive Session.

At 8:09pm the Executive Session of Council was adjourned, and the Regular Meeting resumed in Council Chambers.

Solicitor Facenda announced that the Executive Session had concluded regarding open, active and pending litigation with Counsel John Grady present. Mr. Grady provided Council with an update on both matters. No official action had been taken. The minutes were kept but will not be released until the matter had concluded and they would be released when permitted by law.

At 8:11pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk