

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2025

At 6:39pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 11, 2025, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Council President Bucci.

Absent: Councilman Smith

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief VonColln were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Kern with a second by Council President Bucci, all members present, except for Councilman Dewees who abstained, were in favor of approving the minutes of February 27, 2025, and March 4, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau announced that he and Deputy Clerk Campbell were in the process of organizing the annual Memorial Day Event, 9:30am on Memorial Day, contact Deputy Clerk Campbell if interested in participating.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro reported she submitted the request for \$410,000.00 for the Community Project Funding grant sponsored by Congressman VanDrew. The request was submitted for pickleball, basketball and parking; it was noted that the pickleball location was to be determined.

Councilman Dewees, to Clerk Canesi regarding the Juniper project, referred to letters of notification to residents, and asked what exactly was she looking for?

Clerk Canesi replied that the Engineer suggested we notify the residents in the area; the Engineering and Road committee decided that the letters would be sent in-house as opposed to asking the Engineer to do it. Clerk Canesi needed the project limits and the start and end dates.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Bucci opened this meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic.

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

RESOLUTION/2025 BUDGET

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to adopt Resolution 90A-2025.

90A-2025 Introduction of the 2025 Budget
 No public input on introduction
 Budget Synopsis Published in the Press of AC 3/22/2025
 Public Hearing and Final Adoption: 7:00 pm 4/22/2025

The Municipal Clerk read the Resolution by title, and stated that this is the introduction, and there will be no public input. The budget synopsis would be published in the Press of Atlantic City on March 22, 2025. The full budget has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website. There would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption, at 7pm on April 22, 2025.

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

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council President Bucci asked if anyone wanted anything voted outside of the consent agenda?

Councilwoman Kern didn't want it removed from the consent agenda but referred to the LOSAP resolution for the Volunteer Firefighters and noted their service and commitment to our City, she added it up and it comes to close to 100 years. She wanted to point that out to recognize them.

On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilman Polistina, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 91-2025 through 98-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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- 91-2025** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities MRHS pink game
- 92-2025** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities / Ocean City Premier Tournament
- 93-2025** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities / Baseball performance center
- 94-2025** To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities / FAN
- 95-2025** Acceptance of the LOSAP Point System and Qualifiers for Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Co. #1
- 96-2025** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Sanitary Sewer Lateral Installation Fees
- 97-2025** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Sanitary Sewer Lateral Installation Fees
- 98-2025** Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners to Proceed with the Project Known as FY2024 NJDCA Local Government Recreation Grant for Improvements at Birch Grove Park

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman Polistina seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 605,343.39

Councilwoman Carfagno motioned, Councilman Notaro seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Councilwoman Kern read the meeting notices.

At 6:47pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk