

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION  
APRIL 25, 2017**

At 6:00pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda, Municipal Engineer Nassar, Police Chief Newman, and Fire Chief Cummings were also in attendance.

**WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Medicine Drop Box – Update

Council President Dewees welcomed everyone to the meeting then asked Chief Newman to provide an update on the medicine drop box.

Chief Newman stated there is no update at this time.

- Potential Land Sale - Update

Council President Dewees distributed a list of lots that were City owned, they were undeveloped lots that were potentially to be sold. He noted that most were undersized. He asked Council if they would like to proceed with selling the lots.

Councilman Travagline asked if there were any costs.

Solicitor Facenda replied that there would be some publication and postage costs. He explained the process. He added that technically, if they are not needed for public purpose, you are supposed to get rid of them anyway.

Councilman Murray asked about the larger lots in the Country Club (C-C) Zone.

Council President Dewees replied that more than likely they were wetlands.

Councilman Perri suggested a land swap on parcel 92/31 to get the lot adjacent to the library.

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After discussion, all Councilmen present generally agreed not to sell block 92, lots 30 and 31; they needed more information on block 175 lots 44-47 and block 179.01 before a making decision to sell or not to sell.

- Land Donation – Tilton Road

Solicitor Facenda referred to an email sent last week that indicated that Mr. Santori was willing to pay for the title report and half of the environmental report.

Council requested that Solicitor Facenda urge Mr. Santori to pay all associated costs.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Council President Dewees referred to Resolution 107-2017, which was being requested for addition to the agenda. He explained that it was a change in the hire date for a recently hired Department of Public Works laborer, from May 1st to tomorrow.

There were no objections from Council to the addition of Resolution 107-2017.

Council President Dewees made assignments.

- Review of DRAFT Ordinance - Amendment to Chapter 25, Fire Department

Councilman Lischin spoke regarding the Fire Manual; Chief Cummings was still reviewing the Fire Manual to ensure that it was consistent with the Ordinance. Once it had been revised he would share it with Council.

Councilman Perri recommended that Council ratify the Fire Manual once it was revised.

Councilman Perri asked what the changes were in the salary resolution.

Clerk Canesi stated that she believed all were either flat or a maximum of 2%.

Councilman Perri requested the percentage be listed on the resolution in the future.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Dewees opened the meeting to public.

Bob Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue – said the Deputy Chief was a political appointment, the department was always run by the volunteers. He was not in favor

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of any shared services; he heard on the radio last week that an Egg Harbor Township politician said that Northfield pays for Egg Harbor Township radios. He suggested if you want shared services, that Northfield's charter be eliminated, and that it be divided into thirds, going to Linwood, Egg Harbor Township and Pleasantville. He felt there was too much money being spent on ball fields; the elderly have not been given as much consideration as the children.

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

At 6:19pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk