

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2026**

At 7:32pm this meeting was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk, Shannon Campbell. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 10, 2026, 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; Council Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Council President Bucci.

Absent: Councilman Polistina, Councilman Smith

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Pollak were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Carfagno with a second by Councilman Notaro, all members present, were in favor of approving the minutes of May 5th, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau met with Chief Pollak; members of the department attended a seminar on drones, Mayor Chau was surprised at the ability of the drones. They are heat sensitive and could be beneficial in search parties and scouting areas at events. He thanked Council for adding it to capital. He reinforced his support to replace the radar detection machines, they were over 20 years old, 2 have been replaced, and the department would get more if funding was available. He thanked Chief Pollak for allowing him to have officers monitor parking at Jersey Cow and speeding on specific streets that residents were concerned about; they did not see many speeders during their time on site. Mayor Chau had a meeting with Chief Pollak and Councilman Notaro regarding concerns with e-bikes; he deferred to Councilman Notaro.

Councilman Notaro noted they came up with some good ideas. The bike path was a strong concern, he felt the new e-bike law would help with control. Accidents are few and far between but do happen.

Mayor Chau continued, the concerns are not isolated to Northfield, every municipality is facing the same problem, the Police Department will address through patrol officers. Encouraging helmets and incentives have improved safety.

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Councilman Notaro suggested a program on Facebook to connect with the parents, kids 8 to 9 years old are whizzing down the bike path, education starts with the parents.

Mayor Chau noted there was a program recently at the school, he felt the school needed to advocate and the parents need to help too. He forwarded a power point presentation by the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office regarding faith-based security, our Police Department does have a program, he thanked the Chief and Police Department for making the program available. Mayor Chau was questioned by a resident as to why we don't allow dogs at the park, he just wanted to bring it to Council. Council was also forwarded an email from Atlantic City Electric regarding issues with billing, they were working on correcting the issue.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reported that South State submitted their final bill for the pump station, there was an issue with a damaged cabinet, he would speak with Superintendent Boyd about it. Regarding Habitat for Humanity, due to low area's the property, they changed the design, four of the units would now face Dolphin instead of Harvey. The County Engineer and Habitat were both in favor of the new design.

Councilwoman Carfagno asked for design to be sent to the committee.

Engineer Nassar noted he would send it to Council.

Councilman Notaro asked if restoration was part of the Zion Pump project?

Engineer Nassar replied, no, it was separate.

Mayor Chau, forgot to mention in his report, he received several complaints regarding the letter that was sent to businesses regarding recycle pickup. He referred to an ordinance that Council passed several years ago that stated "The City of Northfield shall not be responsible to furnish collection vehicles or personnel to remove and dispose of solid waste of nonresidential users within the City of Northfield." It's interpreted that this includes recycles. Also, in the ordinance, we have a contract with the ACUA that states they would pick up commercial recycle. He spoke with the President of the ACUA, it was explained that years ago recycling was profitable, there is no longer a market for a lot of the materials. Recently, more municipalities were electing to eliminate funding for commercial recycling.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

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Tim Joo, OEM Coordinator – was in the process of facilitating a grant through FEMA with Superintendent Boyd and Engineer Nassar. He submitted three preliminary projects to FEMA and was approved to move forward with applying for two of them. He briefly described the two projects and advised that the preliminary submission was due by May 29th and the final submission at the end of June. He needed confirmation from the CFO that funding was available and needed approval from Council to apply for the grant and to work with Engineer Nassar. There was a 25% match from the City, the first project was roughly \$2.7 million dollars, about \$700,000.00 match from the City based on figures from last year.

Engineer Nassar added that he felt the project for the pump station would be around \$600,000.00; they can abandon the existing main and will not need restoration. He also did not feel the project would happen this year.

Solicitor Facenda noted Coordinator Joo would need a resolution to authorize him to work with the Engineer.

Engineer Nassar did not know what his fee would be yet, he was just advised of the opportunity yesterday.

Solicitor Facenda added that Council would need certification of funds from the CFO, we would do a special meeting if needed, the new CFO needed to be looped in.

Superintendent Boyd and Coordinator Joo explained the grant projects in more detail.

Solicitor Facenda announced Council could do a resolution for June 9th unless the CFO comes back and wanted a special meeting.

All members present were in favor of submitting the preliminary applications.

Deputy Clerk Campbell offered to provide the details to CFO Bauer and see if he required anything else.

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

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.

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On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 151-2026 through 160-2026 by Consent Agenda.

- 151-2026** Resolution Authorizing Cancellation and Refund of Taxes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 & N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 on Property Known as Block 1.03 Lot 16 (5 Julie Drive)
- 152-2026** Authorizing Refund of Overpayment of Taxes
- 153-2026** Authorizing the Waiver of any and all Permit Fees Associated with Exterior Restoration of the Cronin Dental Center
- 154-2026** To Amend Resolution 145-2026, and Establish a New Salary for Thomas Kohler, Part Time Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Sub Code Official –
- 155-2026** Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Services Agreement – Shared Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office and the County of Atlantic
- 156-2026** A Resolution Amending Cash Management Plan of the City of Northfield
- 157-2026** Northfield Cultural Committee Appointments
- 158-2026** Authorizing Execution of Termination of Contract with Mobile Dredging& Video Pipe Inc.
- 159-2026** A Resolution Approving a Temporary Payment to the Deputy Municipal Clerk for Performance of Additional Duties and Responsibilities within the Office of Municipal Clerk
- 160-2026** Authorization for The Execution Of A Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of New Jersey and the City of Northfield, NJ, Office of Emergency Management

Councilman Dewees motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, to adopt Resolutions 151-2026 through 160-2026 by Consent Agenda.

Councilman Dewees noted his abstention to Resolution 157-2026.

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

ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Carfagno motioned; Councilwoman Kern seconded to introduce Ordinance 12-2026, to be read by title only.

- 12-2026** Amending Chapter 215:17 (B) of the Code of the City of Northfield, Article III, Land Use and Development Fees
Introduction/No Public Input/Published on the Municipal Website 5/10/2026

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2nd Reading/ Public Hearing/ Final Consideration 6/9/2026

Solicitor Facenda asked for confirmation that this was sent to Planning Board Secretary Atlas.

Deputy Clerk Campbell replied, it was.

Council President Bucci asked if there were any comments from Council. There were none.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,722,668.24

Councilman Notaro motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to approve payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Council President Bucci read the meeting notices.

At 8:01pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk