

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 28, 2015**

At 6:02pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 10, 2015 in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, after which a moment of silence was observed.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Piergiovanni

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Kris Facenda, and Municipal Engineer Dan Kwapinski were also in attendance.

**WORK SESSION TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Basketball nets at the Football Field

Council President Travagline deferred to Councilman O'Neill for discussion of basketball nets at the football field.

Councilman O'Neill referred to a map provided by FAN that shows where the nets would go near the snack bar; he said FAN has reached out to the insurance agent Rich Gerber. Councilman O'Neill stated that this proposal is not for a basketball court, just 2 nets near the snack bar.

Council President Travagline asked if will be striped, and about parking stalls.

Councilman O'Neill explained that the parking stalls will stay; the parking lot is vacant most of the time. Nothing will be painted except maybe a free throw line. FAN will pay for the installation. He said that the handicap parking spots may have to be moved.

Councilman Dewees asked about insurance exposure.

Municipal Clerk Canesi responded; she reached out to Mr. Gerber. There are no JIF guidelines but since children will be playing where parking stalls are striped is a concern. Mr. Gerber will look at whatever FAN has planned to ensure a safe environment.

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Council President Travagline asked City Engineer Kwapinski how close a handicap stalls need to be to the entrance of the field.

Engineer Kwapinski stated they should be as close as possible.

Council President Travagline said he was not comfortable with basketball nets being in an active parking location.

Councilman Dewees agreed.

Councilman O'Neill suggested a barrier, taking 4 parking spots, and moving the handicap spots.

Solicitor Facenda asked about losing parking, will there be enough spaces.

Engineer Kwapinski suggested running the proposal by the Planning Board, at least as a courtesy.

Councilman Perri asked who will police it with regard to noise, etc? Someone from the park or FAN will have to police it.

Mayor Chau stated this came up years ago, to great public opposition.

Council President Travagline suggested Councilman O'Neill work with the Planning Board and Risk Manager. Council President Travagline took a straw poll on the idea alone. Was anyone not in favor? There were no replies.

Councilman Perri suggested the school's Mill Road parking lot as an alternative. He also suggested limiting the hours of use, not past 8 or 9 o'clock, due to the proximity of nearby homes.

Council President Travagline asked Councilman O'Neill to report at the next meeting.

Council President Travagline noted a change to agenda as of the next meeting; Committees will be listed by council person, to help the public know who is responsible for what Committee.

Councilman Dewees said he would like to separate Engineering and Inspections.

Council President Travagline agreed to discuss the separation. He asked if anyone had questions about their Committees. He then asked if everyone talked to the department supervisors. He noted that he held a supervisor's meeting last month and

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would like to arrange for management seminars, and hold the supervisor's meetings at least quarterly or semi-annually.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Council President Travagline reviewed the agenda.

Councilman Dewees asked for an explanation on Resolution 39-2015.

Mayor Chau replied that he was approached by members of the American Legion about the installation of a bus shelter across from the Veterans Clinic on Route 9 and Mill Road. He did some research and the shelter can go across the street. This Resolution is to move the stop that is currently in place, this is the first step. Northfield would have to maintain the shelter, and NJ Transit will install it.

Council President Travagline noted that Resolution 34-2015 will be voted separately from the consent agenda.

Councilman Perri asked for clarification of the SJ Gas Ordinance.

Solicitor Facenda explained that the original consent granted to SJ Gas was for 50 years, to allow them to have pipes in our streets. He did research, and it is something they need from us and we cannot charge for it. The number of years is up to us. He noted removal of the word "exclusive" from the rights section.

Council President Travagline noted that the January 27, 2015 JIF seminar was postponed until February 24, which is a Council Meeting. He asked if the Council would want to move the meeting to the 25<sup>th</sup> so members can attend the seminar.

Municipal Clerk Canesi stated she will do a resolution at next meeting to change the annual schedule.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to public, seeing no one wishing to speak he closed the public session.

At 6:35pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk