

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

At 6:09pm this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. 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: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline

Absent: Piergiovanni

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Nassar and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

- Coin Drop Ordinance

Council President Travagline referred to coin drops. He asked if Council wanted to entertain an ordinance. He noted that Solicitor Facenda and Clerk Canesi have reviewed Egg Harbor Township's and Somers Point's ordinances.

Councilman Dewees asked what Council would have to do.

Solicitor Facenda stated that he would work with Clerk Canesi and Chief Newman to draft an ordinance that would be presented to the Council.

Mayor Chau asked about County and State roads.

Clerk Canesi explained that the process was outlined in the sample ordinances; the County required prior municipal approval before they would consider an application for a County roadway solicitation.

Councilman Lischin noted he would like to restrict when they can happen, weekends, holidays, etc. and asked would it be possible to restrict to just Northfield groups.

Solicitor Facenda replied that his preliminary answer would be no but he would like to research.

Council President Travagline asked if there was any opposition. Seeing none, he asked Solicitor Facenda to report back to Council after completing his research.

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- Professional Services

Council President Travagline asked if anyone wanted to make changes to professional services. None were suggested.

Clerk Canesi stated that they would be advertised this coming Saturday.

- Birch Grove Park RFP

Councilman Dewees announced that he was not in favor of accepting the RFP from Pomona RV Park.

Mayor Chau asked why.

Councilman Dewees explained that one example was that the RFP specified that they had to make capital improvements, but this vendor did not wish to do so.

Council President Travagline asked if anyone was in favor of accepting the proposal. No one was in favor.

Solicitor Facenda noted that he would prepare resolution for this evening's regular session to reject the bid.

- Cresson Avenue Drainage Project

Council President Travagline stated that the Cresson drainage project would be deferred to next year for consideration due to lack of remaining funds in the 2016 budget.

Councilman Perri asked about some of the inlets; they were half full.

Councilman Dewees replied that they are cleaned regularly.

Councilman O'Neill commented seeing a landscaper blowing leaves into a storm drain.

Council President Travagline suggested that Clerk put a reminder on the website.

Councilman Perri asked about the landlocked Flanagan property that was brought up at the last Council meeting.

Solicitor Facenda explained that from a liability perspective, the liability is too great to allow a car to travel across the bike path, especially since it was not designated as a

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street. He suggested that the resident could work with a neighboring property owner or seek relief through the Planning Board.

Councilman O'Neill thanked everyone who was involved in the Veterans Park Ceremony: Steve Vain, Mr. Webb, and everyone. It was a phenomenal ceremony.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Travagline reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Solicitor Facenda announced that Council would need Resolution 200-2016, 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 Litigation and Matters Falling within the Attorney Client Privilege Requiring Confidentiality – Mt Laurel; he had updated Council via email.

Councilman Perri referred to Resolution 191-2016, To Reject All Bids and Authorize Re-Advertisement of Request for Bids for the Purchase of a Portable Generator for the City of Northfield Office of Emergency Management; he said the issue was on our end, hopefully, we would rebid this soon.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any topic.

Bob Webb, 218 W Revere Avenue, stated that the Veterans Park Ceremony was one of the nicest that he had ever seen. He referred to the inception of the park with former Mayor Mazzeo, Steve Vain, Bill Vain, and more. He thanked Garry Gadikian of Rolling Thunder NJ. It was an honor to honor the people who lost their lives. He requested a sign that said “no skateboarding”, adding that skateboarders have damaged the benches. He requested that the plaque at the Veterans War Memorial at City Hall be moved to Veterans Park; the stones were crumbling. He did not want anything to happen with Birch Grove Park.

Tom Boyd, 117 Northfield Avenue, asked what professional services were being solicited.

Clerk Canesi listed them and explained they were standard annual appointments and each was for one year. They will be posted on the website.

Alanna Blake Lawlor, 112 Bonnie Lee Drive, identified herself as the chair for the boy scouts committee, and was seeking permission for the scouts to do a wreath laying ceremony at the Leeds plot on Oxford Circle; she said she hoped Council

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received the letter she delivered earlier.

Mayor Chau asked if the body of Mr. Leeds was still there.

Mrs. Lawlor replied that she didn't know; but the gravestone was there. She anticipated 60-100 people would be in attendance.

Chief Newman suggested a road closure due to presence of children, at least at Mill Road and possibly two other locations.

Mayor Chau noted it was a Saturday, it would involve overtime from the Road Department as well as the Police Department.

Councilman O'Neill asked if the date was flexible. Mrs. Lawlor replied that was the official date, but it could be flexible.

Garry Gadikian announced that Galloway was doing their Wreaths Across America at their veterans park, suggested possibly our park could be used.

Mrs. Lawlor asked if there were any graves there.

Mayor Chau replied no.

Pete Brophy, 11 Twelve Oaks Court, advised that he believed the graves were empty; the Press reported in on it some years back.

Mrs. Lawlor said she would be open to doing it at Veterans Park; her group had a deadline due to the 177th Color Guard needing a month's notice.

Clerk Canesi said she would work with Mrs. Lawlor after the work session to have her complete a Use of Facilities Application that could be voted on this evening.

Tim Carew, 1512 Shore Road, suggested that Council sit down with the Advisory Board if there were questions or suggestions. He offered to sit down to explain the daily operations at the park with any member of Council. The Advisory Board was willing to work hand in hand with the City and would like to remain involved. He appreciated Council's time. He thanked Mr. Webb and others for the wonderful Veterans Park Ceremony.

Councilman Perri, addressing the Advisory Board members in attendance, said thank you for making the day for 60 seniors in Northfield during the annual hayride. They did a great job.

Lisa Brown, 9 Haviv Drive, congratulated Councilmen Lischin and Dewees on their

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recent reelection. She thanked Council for exploring all options in the best interest of the residents. She appreciated all that Council did, every single day.

Mr. Webb suggested that existing rules only allow one coin drop per road, on any County Road, at a time, regardless of which town it's in.

Mr. Carew added that once you have coin drops, you can't segregate. You have to let everyone in.

Councilman O'Neill suggested if it became a problem, you could take it away.

Mr. Carew suggested that Northfield didn't allow them now, because they became a problem.

Garry Gadikian, 810 Maple Avenue, thanked everyone who was involved in the Veterans Park Ceremony. He noted that he would continue to be a part of the committee.

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

At 6:47pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk