

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

At 6:07pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 8, 2022, in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present (in person): Councilwoman Bucci; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Councilman Utts; Council President Polistina; Mayor Chau

Present (viz Zoom): Councilman Leeds

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

Council President Polistina moved to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Dewees – Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields; Birch Grove Park, Bike Path, 1st Street Playground, Veterans Park; Public Works: Roads, Engineering, Sewer Operations

Councilman Dewees reported a portion of the rear City Hall fence fell during the wind storm; Public Works made a temporary repair. He will get quotes for a permanent repair.

Councilman Utts - Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Cultural Committee, Veteran Liaison, Mainland Regional, Technology / MRHS Channel; Planning Board

Councilman Utts reported Clerk Canesi filled positions in the Construction Office. He noted a “D” variance application for a church that is going to subdivide and establish a medical professional office.

Councilman Notaro - Fire Department/EMS; Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)

Councilman Notaro thanked Mary and Shannon for bringing our attention to the SJ Gas Game On program; grants for sports groups, Councilman Notaro passed along to FAN, he asked Councilman Smith to pass along to Northfield Little League.

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Councilman Leeds – Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Leeds had nothing to report.

Councilman Smith - Court / Violations; Little League and Babe Ruth, Northfield Community School; Shared Services

Councilman Smith reported Northfield Little League held an in-person meeting for the first time in quite some time, opening day would be April 4th. The Opening Ceremony would be Saturday April 9th at 1pm; he thought that may coincide with the Purple Heart Ceremony. He asked Councilman Utts if we have a time.

Councilman Utts thought it was 11am but it may not have been confirmed yet.

Councilman Smith suggested that perhaps Northfield Little League coaches and players could take part in the Purple Heart Ceremony, he hoped that could be coordinated. The Northfield Community School Board of Education meeting would be February 28th at 7pm.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Library; Municipal Alliance

Councilwoman Bucci attended the Library meeting on February 10th, additional discussions regarding a sign took place, LED was ruled out. The mask policy remained in place for now but will be evaluated weekly. They will have grand reopening of the Library to increase membership. It was scheduled for the week of April 3rd, which was National Library week. Many programs that were put on hold as the result of Covid would be reestablished. She attended the Safety Meeting on February 17th. Public Works was doing a good job with the punch list items from the JIF Inspection. Regarding the Library, the electric circuits need to be labeled; this may require an electrician. There were Fire Department safety training courses available. It was recommended that records in basement be raised off of the floor. Coffee with a Cop was coming up on March 26th at Good Shepherd Church.

Council President Polistina – Finance and Collections; Senior Citizens

Council President Polistina reported the next budget meeting was this week.

Mayor Chau announced that he would not be at the Regular session of this evening's meeting, but would be available in his office. He asked Chief Newman to introduce our new Class II Officer.

Chief Newman introduced the new SLEO Class II, Brandon Garofalo, to the Council.

Council President Polistina moved to old business.

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WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – PRIOR BUSINESS

- Northfield Avenue at Rt 9 Drainage –*Update* from Engineer Nassar*
- Stormwater Facilities Shared with the County of Atlantic – *Update* from Engineer Nassar*
- Potential Acquisition of Fire Truck – *Bid Specifications Pending from Chief Cummings*
- Potential Public Auction of City Owned Property Block 66 Lot 11 – *Pending*

There were no updates on any of the Prior Business Work Session topics.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

There were no new grant opportunities presented.

Council President Polistina moved to the regular agenda.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Polistina reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

Councilman Smith announced he would be abstaining from the vote on Resolution 62-2022.

Council President Polistina made the assignments. Resolution 62-2022 would be in the consent agenda, with Smith's abstention noted.

PUBLIC SESSION/ FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened this portion of the meeting for any member of the public to speak on any topic; he noted a five-minute limit per speaker.

Clerk Canesi asked participants in Zoom to raise their hand if they wished to speak.

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

At 6:17pm, on a motion of Councilman Notaro, seconded by Councilman Dewees, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk