

CITY OF NORTHFIELD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2025

At 6:42pm 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 11, 2025, 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; Councilman Dewees; Councilwoman Kern; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Councilman Smith; Council President Bucci.

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, Chief VonColln and Captain Pollak were also present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Notaro with a second by Councilwoman Carfagno, all members present, were in favor of approving the minutes of April 22, 2025, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau reported the State Aid deadline for bikeways and streets was July 1st. The Police Department was beginning interviews tomorrow for the secretary replacement there were 10 applicants. The Library was attempting to meet with the Zoning Officer regarding a reading garden in memory of Mr. Coopersmith who recently passed. The Northfield Community School Graduation was scheduled for Friday, June 20th. Mayor Chau read the Police Department report for April. He attended a meeting with the ACUA, Councilmen Dewees and Polistina regarding the impact of recycling and trash, increases in fees were discussed, Northfield was very generous in collections, the ACUA would come back with a proposal.

Councilman Dewees corrected Mayor Chau, he was not at the meeting; Councilman Notaro was at the meeting.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Mauro spoke regarding the Habitat project, there was a kickoff meeting with Nancy Holm, Tiffany Morrissey and Clerk Canesi, Habitat's engineer is looking to have plans by June; DeBlasio & Associates has started the survey.

Councilwoman Kern noted that she was happy to see Resolution 125, on the agenda tonight.

Engineer Mauro explained the grant and ADA bleachers, there were vendors

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available under the State contract.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Seeing no one 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."

Councilwoman Kern asked that Resolution 123-2025 be pulled from the consent agenda, she had some questions.

On motion of Councilman Dewees, seconded by Councilwoman Kern, all members present were in favor of voting on Resolutions 119-2025 through 122-2025 and 124-2025 through 127-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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| 119-2025 | Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, New Jersey, Authorizing Execution of a Race Timing Services Agreement with JB Sports Services |
| 120-2025 | Award of Contract for the Project Known as "Various Sanitary Sewer Main and Manhole Rehabilitations Re-Bid" |
| 121-2025 | Authorizing the Waiver of any and all Permit Fees Associated with the New Drinking Fountain/Bottle Filling Station at the Baseball Snack Bar at Birch Grove Park |
| 122-2025 | To Approve an Application for a Coin Drop Mainland Junior Wrestling |
| 124-2025 | Cultural Committee Appointments |
| 125-2025 | Approval of the Project Known as 'ADA Compliant Bleachers at Birch Grove Park' for the City of Northfield's Application for Grant Funding Under the Community Development Block Grant Program |
| 126-2025 | Authorizing DeBlasio and Associates Consulting Engineers and Planners to Proceed with Engineering Services for the ACIA Community Development Block Grant Application |
| 127-2025 | Amending Resolution No. 61-2025 Recognizing Members of the Northfield Volunteer Fire Company |

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Councilman Dewees motioned; Councilwoman Kern seconded to adopt on Resolutions 119-2025 through 122-2025 and 124-2025 through 127-2025 by Consent Agenda.

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

Regarding Resolution 123-2025 Councilwoman Kern asked was this the first camp for softball and asked why it was being held at Birch Grove and not at Mainland?

Councilman Smith replied it was the same week as baseball and he thought it would be conducive to have them at the same time and place.

Councilwoman Kern wanted to ensure that everyone that uses the field treats it the same as the baseball fields. She questioned the field name on the application.

Deputy Clerk Campbell confirmed the field name on the resolution was correct.

Councilman Dewees motioned; Councilwoman Kern seconded to adopt on Resolution 123-2025.

123-2025 To Approve an Application for Use of Facilities

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

ORDINANCE

Councilman Polistina motioned; Council President Bucci seconded to introduce Ordinance 7-2025.

7-2025 Amending Chapter 128 Construction Codes, Uniform to Establish a New Section Entitled “Control of Dust and Plastic Contaminants”
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 5/10/2025
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 05/20/2025

The Deputy Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stated that this is the first reading, and announced the publication, public hearing, and final consideration dates. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies are available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requests same.

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Councilman Polistina motioned; Council President Bucci seconded to introduce Ordinance 8-2025.

8-2025 An Ordinance Appropriating \$165,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase, Installation and Deployment of Vehicle and Body Cameras, Data Storage Systems and Related Software & Equipment for the Police Department of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey
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PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 2,352,111.85

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 – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mrs. Bucci – yes; Motion carried.

MEETING NOTICES

Councilwoman Carfagno read the meeting notices.

At approximately 6:58pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk