

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2023**

At 6:49pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk Mary Canesi, who welcomed the audience. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 7, 2023, and in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Council Pro Tempore Dewees.

Present: Councilwoman Bucci; Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Dewees; Councilman Leeds; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Smith; Council President Polistina

Absent: Mayor Chau

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

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 June 13, 2023, without formal reading.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chau was absent but presented his report during the work session.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Nassar reviewed the Engineers Report as previously distributed to Council. New Jersey American Water was still working on the water main project, they just crossed Cedar Bridge Road. They should be wrapped up by the end of July. They damaged a storm main in the process and would replace it with a concrete pipe. The County would install a manhole, so it terminates in the County system. The County was still working on Zion Road and would be about another month. Engineer Nassar announced that today he had applied for the Municipal Aid grant for the paving of Wabash Avenue.

PUBLIC SESSION/FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Polistina opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he asked that they state their name and address for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Council President Polistina closed the public comment portion of this meeting.

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RESOLUTIONS

Council President Polistina read the following statement: “All matters listed under the consent agenda are 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, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.”

On motion of Councilwoman Carfagno, seconded by Councilman Smith, all members present were in favor of voting on 135-2023 and 136-2023 by Consent Agenda.

- 135-2023** Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- 136-2023** Resolution Supporting Senate Bill# S-3906 New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund

Councilwoman Carfagno motioned, Councilman Smith seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

Councilman Smith motioned, Councilwoman Bucci seconded, to adopt Ordinance 8-2023.

- 8-2023** An Ordinance of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey Establishing a Single Joint Municipal Court with the Town of Hammonton; Repealing and Amending Chapter 18 of the General Ordinances of the City of Northfield; and Approving a Joint Municipal Court Agreement for the Operation of the Joint Municipal Court with the Town of Hammonton
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration
Published in the Press of AC 06/29/2023

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title, and stated that there would be a public hearing, after which the matter would be considered for final adoption and if approved, thereafter published. Since introduction, the full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies have been available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Council President Polistina opened the public hearing.

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There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Council President Polistina asked if there was further discussion from Council?
There was none.

Council President Polistina closed the public hearing.

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

Councilman Leeds motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded, to introduce Ordinance
9-2023.

9-2023 Amending Article I, Chapter 97, Animals
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 7/05/2023
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 7/18/2023

The 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.

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

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilwoman Bucci seconded, to introduce
Ordinance 10-2023.

10-2023 Amending Chapter 250 of the City of Northfield Code, Article II
Birch Grove Park, Veterans Park, and First Street Playground
Regulations
Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 7/05/2023
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PAYMENT OF BILLS \$ 60,816.49

Councilwoman Bucci motioned, Councilwoman Carfagno seconded, for payment of bills.

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

MEETING NOTICES

Councilman Notaro read the meeting notices.

Clerk Canesi, on behalf of Mayor Chau and at his request, announced that Northfield did not receive the Transportation Set Aside Grant.

At approximately 7:00pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk