

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

At 6:03pm this meeting was called to order by Municipal Clerk, Mary Canesi. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City on January 6, 2024, and in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Chau led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Dewees; Councilman Smith*

**Councilman Smith was absent when attendance was taken but arrived at 6:06pm*

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Mauro, and Chief of Police VonColln were also present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilman Dewees was absent.

Councilwoman Bucci – Insurance and Safety; Planning Board; Economic Development / Chamber of Commerce

Councilwoman Bucci reported the Planning Board was putting the final changes on the master plan within the next few days; Atlantic City Country Club wants to add a ballroom to the existing structure. The Atlantic County Economic Alliance hosts a lot of small business events, and recently received \$500,000.00 for a CROPS project, and they are continuing to work with the FAA tech center.

Councilman Polistina – Finance and Collections; Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Library; Municipal Alliance Senior Citizens

Councilman Polistina thanked all, especially Deputy Clerk Campbell, for their work on the 9/11 Ceremony; that, and the installation of the plaque at the Fire Department were very nice.

Councilwoman Carfagno - Technology / MRHS Channel; Cultural Committee / Veteran Liaison; Mainland Regional

Councilwoman Carfagno announced that Mainland Regional High School would be

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

having the “Keys” program tomorrow and the 25th of this month; the 25th is also Back to School Night. The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 28th.

Councilman Notaro - Inspections, Housing/Zoning; Sewer Operations; Northfield Sports (FAN)

Councilman Notaro announced the ACUA recently held their mid-year meeting; he was not able to attend but he received the reports, flows were down, possibly due to slip lining. He referred to the recent slip lining bid and the Resolution to reject it. He had spoken with the Engineer and Police Chief regarding the traffic plan. He asked Engineer Mauro to elaborate.

**At 6:06pm Councilman Smith entered the meeting.*

Engineer Mauro explained if you deviate from the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standards and something happens it could increase the City's liability.

Councilman Notaro stated we would have the rebid on the next agenda with either a design change or no design change.

Councilman Smith - Central Municipal Court; Little League and Babe Ruth; Northfield Community School; Shared Services

Councilman Smith apologized for being late. He announced the Special School Election being today for their bond proposal. Solicitor Facenda has a meeting with court coming up.

Solicitor Facenda announced the meeting is scheduled for September 30th with Judge Blee, Brian Jetter and Mike Malinsky.

Council President Leeds – Fire Department/EMS

Council President Leeds thanked Clerk Canesi and Deputy Clerk Campbell for the 9/11 Memorial Service and plaque dedication to Frank Andrews. He reminded everyone about the Volunteer Fire Celebration and installation of Ladder 63 on September 28th; he also referred to the Resolution on this evening’s agenda dedicating Ladder 63.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Electric Vehicles – *Councilmen Polistina and Notaro.*
No update.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

Special Events Ordinance – *Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Dewees.*

Councilwoman Bucci reported she was working with Clerk Canesi on the special event ordinance.

Affordable Housing – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Polistina*

Councilman Polistina noted the spending plan was on the agenda and we are working on Habitat, including details for site preparation.

Road Opening Ordinance – *Councilmen Dewees and Notaro.*

Councilman Notaro did receive the revised road opening ordinance and we are reviewing it, it should go out to the various departments soon.

Council President Leeds moved to the work session topics for discussion.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

- Letter to BPU On Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project, *Req. by Councilwoman Bucci*
 - *Solicitor Facenda will present draft of a proposed letter*

Solicitor Facenda stated that we have no way of verifying the information presented in the letter template provided; he suggested sending the prior Resolution.

Council President Leeds and all members present were in favor.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

There were no new grant opportunities.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Leeds reviewed the agenda.

Council President Leeds noted Resolution 185-2024 would be voted on separately.

Councilman Smith asked that Resolution 188-2024 pulled from the consent agenda as well.

Council President Leeds made the assignments.

Councilman Polistina noted a typo on the agenda regarding resolution 190, it was correct on the resolution.

At 6:14pm Mayor Chau left the dais and did not return prior to adjournment.

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Leeds opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, she asked that all persons state their name and city of residence for the record and observe the five-minute limit per speaker.

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

At 6:14pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk