

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

At 6:00pm 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

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Bucci Councilwoman Carfagno; Councilman Notaro; Councilman Polistina; Council President Pro Tempore Dewees

Absent: Councilman Smith; Mayor Chau*

**Mayor Chau was absent when attendance was taken but arrived at 6:02pm.*

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

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees moved to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilwoman Bucci did not have a Committee Report. She acknowledged the recent Municipal Alliance Cookie with a Cop event and said it was great.

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

Councilman Polistina thanked Alliance Coordinator Campbell and the rest of the Committee for Cookie with a Cop. On December 10th, the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorders recognized Mr. Joe Bunting as Atlantic County Volunteer of the Year for the Alliance.

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

Councilman Smith was absent.

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

Councilwoman Carfagno announced that the Mainland Regional High School Board

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of Education reorganization meeting will be on January 2nd at 6pm, the next regular meeting will be January 13th also at 6pm. The school sent out a parent survey regarding phones.

**At 6:02pm Mayor Chau arrived.*

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

Councilman Notaro congratulated the Northfield Cardinals Varsity on their Cape Atlantic victory; Mainland Regional High School came up short but had great season as well. He, along with Councilman Polistina, attended the ACUA wastewater budget meeting. Councilman Notaro explained the proposed rate increase for 2025 and generally reviewed the overall increase over past 10 years, adding that they do a good job managing their budget. The slip lining project has had measurable impact on the efficiency of the system.

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

Councilman Dewees advised the Sutton Woods tree trimming was slated to start in mid-January and would run through the end of March. Letters will go out to all residents, he thanked Solicitor Facenda and the Tax Office for their assistance. He congratulated Darren Boyd on passing his CPWM test.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Electric Vehicles – *Councilmen Polistina and Notaro.*
There was no update.

Special Events Ordinance – *Councilwoman Bucci, Councilman Dewees.*
Councilwoman Bucci asked for feedback or comments on the draft ordinance; there were none. She would move it along in the process.

Affordable Housing – *Councilwoman Carfagno, Councilman Polistina*
Councilman Polistina reported they were still waiting on the other parties to respond.

Road Opening Ordinance – *Councilmen Dewees and Notaro.*
Councilman Notaro did not have an update.

WORK SESSION / TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – ONGOING BUSINESS

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- Standing Item – New Grant Opportunities

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There were no new grant opportunities.

Councilwoman Bucci would like to move forward on the microplastics ordinance. Council President Pro Tempore Dewees conducted a straw poll vote, there were no objections.

Municipal Clerk Canesi suggested having our Construction Official review the proposed ordinance.

PUBLIC SESSION / FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees opened the public portion of the meeting for any person to comment on any subject, he 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 Pro Tempore Dewees closed the public session.

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Council President Pro Tempore Dewees reviewed the agenda and made the assignments.

At 6:09pm, on motions properly made and seconded, all members present were in favor of adjourning this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk