

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, July 7, 2015
6:35P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RIZZO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: President Rizzo
Alderman Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
City Attorney Shawn P. Nickerson

JOHN PERCY – PRESIDENT AND CEO OF NIAGARA TOURISM CONVENTION CORPORATION (NTCC)

Will be presenting a presentation regarding economic impact data from a national study regarding agency's marketing and tourism promotions conducted in 2014, as well as other economic data regarding tourism industry's impact in Niagara County.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Jean Kroetsch 465 Witmer Road – Stated she came to the Council Meeting in regards to two articles in the paper about the city receiving Casino Funds in the amount of \$100,000 and another \$100,000 by the end of the year. Stated she researched the list of the streets being paved this year and agrees they need repair but did not see Warner Avenue and Witmer Road on the list. Stated that these two streets are in terrible condition. She asked the city to take the \$100,000 and instead of using the money for basketball courts or planters the city should use the money to repair those two streets. Stated it is not right that the city take that money and put it into recreation instead of the streets. Stated that the city has a 2 million dollar appropriated fund balance from last year, and asked why the city did not continue paving last year and to use it to fix Warner Avenue and Witmer Road.

Kevin Hodgson 67 Jesella Drive North - Stated that the city should use the left over Casino Funds to update the City Website because it is outdated. Stated that the New City Code on Terrace Parking does not look any different than what was already written. Stated he talked to the Traffic Safety Committee in April about the over grown brush and weeds on Plastic Drive and Euclid Avenue, was told it would be brought up at their June meeting and it was not and it needs to be taken care of.

Michael Wachowicz 377 Sweeney Court - Stated that the request for the rezoning change for 460 Schenck Street would be the right thing to do. Stated it is a modest one story building that would give the neighborhood a nice look.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION JUNE 16, 2015

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the minutes of the regular session held June 16, 2015 be approved as circulated and
 filed in the Office of the City Clerk.
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALSCommon Council

July 2, 2015

Mark Dotterweich
 City Accountant

Re: County Casino Revenue Funds

Dear Mr. Dotterweich:

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Niagara County Legislature, the City of North Tonawanda will be receiving a portion of the County Casino Revenue funds. This Council has evaluated requests from Department Heads for use of this money and the Council will be dispersing a portion of said money to the departmental budgets for requested project completion.

Therefore, the Council authorizes the Accounting Department to allocate money to separate appropriation accounts in the following Departments:

1. Engineering Department: \$81,000.00
 - a. Webster Street
 - i. 25 Street-line Rectangle Planters
 - ii. 7 Post Street Signs
 - b. Oliver Street
 - i. 12 tree pits with iron grates and tree installation
2. Parks and Recreation Department: \$49,000.00
 - a. Wurlitzer Tennis Courts
 - i. Crack repair, paint & lining for both tennis and Pickleball
 - b. Gratwick Park Improvements
 - i. Garbage cans, replacement lids and concrete slabs
 - ii. Benches
 - iii. 6 pedestal picnic tables with sun shelter
 - c. Gateway Park
 - i. Bike racks
 - ii. Security cameras
 - d. Botanical Gardens
 - i. Gazebo renovations
 - e. Memorial Plaque for Veterans Park

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Braun
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BOAT- Any floating craft or vessel which is propelled in whole or in part by mechanical power or oars, paddles and/ or sweeps which is utilized for carrying passengers, freight or for any other use upon water.

COMMITTEE- The City of North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY- Property used primarily for conducting a business.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE- Any motor vehicle used for business or commercial purposes, such as transportation of goods, wares and merchandise, including but not limited to trailers and semi-trailers, tractors and special commercial vehicles registered as such.

MOTOR VEHICLE- Any vehicle which may be operated or driven which is propelled by any power other than muscular power and which is NOT defined as a boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer under this section.

PAVED TERRACE- Any terrace paved with blacktop, concrete, stone or other material.

RENTAL PROPERTY- Apartments, leased to tenants for human habitation shall be considered Residential Property for the purposes of this chapter.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE –

A vehicle which is:

- (1) **Built on a single chassis;**
- (2) **Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections;**
- (3) **Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light-duty truck; and**
- (4) **Not designed primarily for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.**

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY- Property used primarily for human habitation, including but not limited to apartments. Living accommodations such as hotels and motels shall be considered commercial.

TERRACE- That area of city property lying adjacent to the street between the curb or the edge of the pavement, in the absence of curbs, and the sidewalk or the abutting property line, in the absence of sidewalks.

TRAILER- Any vehicle mounted on wheels, not propelled by its own power and which moves from place to place being drawn by another power driven source or motor vehicle

96-58. Parking near intersections.

No motor vehicle, boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any terrace within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection or, in the absence of a crosswalk, within 20 feet of the point where a crosswalk would have been, unless a different distance is indicated by official signs or markings.

96-59. Residential Terrace Parking Prohibited.

- (i) **Parking of a motor vehicle, boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer shall be prohibited on any portion of a terrace adjoining residential property on a curbed street within the city except by hardship permit issued by the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee and subject to the regulations contained in this Article.**
- (ii) **Parking of a boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer shall be prohibited on any portion of a terrace adjoining residential property on a curbed OR uncurbed street within the city except by hardship permit issued**

by the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee and subject to the regulations contained in this Article.

- (iii) Terrace parking on commercial property shall not be subject to the regulations set forth in Sec. 96-59 of this ordinance.
- (iv) For the purposes of this section, a property's city tax assessment shall determine whether or not it is to be considered residential or commercial.

96-60. Permits Required; Fees

(a) Hardship Permits

- (i) No motor vehicle, boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer shall be permitted to park on any residential terrace of a curbed street without the owner of the real property abutting said terrace first obtaining a permit from the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee. Hardship permits shall not be granted to individuals other than the property owner.
- (ii) No boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer shall be permitted to park on any residential terrace of a curbed OR uncurbed street without the owner of the real property abutting said terrace first obtaining a permit from the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee.
- (iii) Any dispute as to whether real property is to be considered residential or commercial shall be decided by the Traffic Safety Committee.
- (iv) No permit shall be issued until there has been a full and fair investigation of the property and the Committee has determined that a hardship exists, making residential terrace parking necessary. A hardship shall not constitute a mere inconvenience to the permit applicant.
- (v) Terrace parking pursuant to a hardship permit shall only be allowed from November 1 of each year to April 15 of the next succeeding year.
- (vi) Hardship permits shall renew automatically once the renewal fee is paid.

(b) Fees:

- (i) The fee to apply for a hardship permit shall be \$20.00, payable to the City of North Tonawanda.
- (ii) Hardship permits shall be renewed annually before January 31 of each calendar year.
- (iii) Once a hardship permit is granted, the fee for said permit and each renewal thereof shall be \$5.00 per year.

96-61. Preexisting paved terraces.

The city may remove all paved terraces existing prior to the enactment of this ordinance at no cost to the property owner. Said removal shall be by the Department of Public Works upon at least 24 hours notice to the property owner.

96-62. Removal of vehicles; costs.

The police may remove any motor vehicle, boat, commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer parked or allowed to stand in violation of this article and may store the same, and the owner or operator of said vehicle shall be liable for the payment of reasonable charges for such removal and storage, in addition to any penalty imposed under Sec. 96-63 hereafter.

96-63. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.00 for a first offense and not to exceed \$100.00 for a second or subsequent offense, all of which were committed within a period of 18 months.

96-64. Severability.

The provisions herein shall be considered separable, and if any portion hereof is declared invalid, such declaration or invalidity shall not affect any other portion.

96-65. When effective.

This Article shall become effective on the day after publication in the official newspaper of the City of North Tonawanda.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

II.2 Attorney

July 2, 2015

Hon. Mayor and Common
Council City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

RE: Proposed Amendment to North Tonawanda City Code
Section 20— 19 BOAT DOCKS - Docking and Rafting

Dear Honorable Body:

Below, for your consideration, is a proposed amendment to the North Tonawanda City Code, Section 20-19 - BOAT DOCKS - "Docking and Rafting". The changes/additions are underlined.

§20-19. Docking and Rafting.

"Boats entering the corridor may dock at any numbered slip that is unoccupied or not reserved for police boats. Rafting off another boat is not permitted unless given permission by both the boat owner of the rented slip and the Harbor Master. At all times rafting of boats shall be in compliance with New York State Canal Rules and Regulations. All fees are applicable to the rafted boat."

If your Honorable Body concurs, please pass a resolution to amend the North Tonawanda City Code, Section 20-19 - BOAT DOCKS - "Docking and Rafting", subject to any further review by the City Attorney. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
Shawn P. Nickerson
City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
The Common Council hereby approves the amendment of Section 20-19 of the North Tonawanda City Code entitled BOAT DOCKS, as follows:

§20-19. Docking and Rafting

"Boats entering the corridor may dock at any numbered slip that is unoccupied or not reserved for police boats. Rafting off another boat is not permitted unless given permission by both the boat owner of the rented slip and the Harbor Master. At all times rafting of boats shall be in compliance with New York State Canal Rules and Regulations. All fees are applicable to the rafted boat."

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

III.1 Clerk/Treasurer

June 25, 2015

Honorable Mayor and Common Council
 City Hall
 216 Payne Avenue
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: City Owned Property Auction

Dear Honorable Body,

On Saturday June 6th my office in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office conducted a public auction through Auctions International at which 18 City owned parcels were sold totaling \$309,575.00.

I respectfully request that your Honorable Body accept 17 of those 18 bids totaling \$309,550.00 and further request that your Honorable Body reject 1 bid totaling \$25.00 for parcel:

175.11-2-30

If you're Honorable Body Should concur please vote in the affirmative on the above request pending final review by the City Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,
 Daniel R. Quinn
 City Clerk/Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo

SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt

That the Common Council hereby accepts the bids for the purchase prices listed below from the Public Auction that was held on Saturday June 6, 2015 at Sikora Post 950 Payne Avenue:

<u>SBL #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bidder Name</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
175.19-1-26	1249 River Road	Michael Anczok	\$9,250.00
175.16-1-67	437 Kohl St.	Scott Kitchen	\$16,000.00
181.27-2-30	74 Felton Street	Dean Dudek	\$25,000.00
181.36-2-28	31 Fifteenth Ave.	Leonard Steves	\$800.00
181.36-2-34	47 Fifteenth Ave.		
181.36-2-35	51 Fifteenth Ave.		
181.36-2-36	55 Fifteenth Ave.	Scott Kitchen	\$25,000.00
181.52-1-62	63 Eighth Ave.	Summit Assets LLC	\$26,000.00
182.15-1-16.1	161 Cramer St.	Royalty Properties	\$500.00
182.17-1-17	92 Robinson St.	Kyle Wagner	\$6,000.00
182.57-1-1	5 Spencer St.	Michael Wachowicz	\$2,000.00
182.62-2-36	191 Miller St.	Scott Kitchen	\$13,000.00
182.73-3-2	541 East Schenck St.		
182.73-3-3	547 East Schenck St.	Andrew Grimaldi	\$36,000.00
182.77-1-35	33 North Marion St.	Vasiliy Osiyuk	\$25,000.00

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
David Scott
Superintendent Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby approves the sale of used Gas Chromatograph Lab Equipment (Purge & Trap) to GenTech Scientific, Inc. for \$1000. Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

VI.2

Wastewater Treatment Plant

June 30, 2015

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York

Re: Renewal agreement with Enerscope

Honorable Body:

Our agreement with Enerscope has expired as of June 30, 2015. Enerscope provides consulting Services for the procurement of Natural Gas for the Water and Wastewater Plants. The renewal fee will be \$3,600 (\$300.00 per month) for Wastewater, \$600.00 (\$50.00 per month) for Water and \$690.00 fee for the bidding process. With the City Attorneys' approval, I would like to retain their services for the next year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
David Scott
Superintendent Water/Wastewater

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves the renewal agreement with Enerscope, 187 Mill Landing Rochester, NY 14626 for the procurement of Natural Gas for the Water & Wastewater Plants at a fee of \$3,600 (\$300.00 per month) for Wastewater, \$600.00 (\$50.00 per month) for Water and \$690.00 fee for the bidding process. Agreement will begin July 1, 2015 and remain in force till June 30, 2016, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

VI.3

Wastewater Treatment Plant

June 30, 2015

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York

Re: Uniform Agreement with Doritex

Honorable Body:

CARRIED

X. Police Chief

July 1, 2015

Honorable Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Common Council:

At a previous workshop we discussed personnel for the Police Department. I currently have one opening that I am planning on filling for the start of the Police Academy late this month.

In August there are two officer's retiring. I would request that I be allowed now to hire two officers to replace the two retiring so I can get them into the Police Academy later this month. I have no idea when the next academy will be, it will depend on what the demand is but it probably wouldn't be till next year.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,
William R. Hall
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Schwandt
That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Police Chief William Hall to hire 3 new Police Officers to fill the vacancies within the North Tonawanda Police Department.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

XI. Fire Chief

June 9, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council
And Mayor Pappas
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Honorable Body,

I am requesting your signature to the Mutual Aid Agreement with North Tonawanda Fire and the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station Fire Department.

This is a routine agreement that is sent out by the Federal Government instead of the State Mutual Aid agreement.

This agreement is in effect for five (5) years.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Respectfully,
John C. Lapham
Fire Chief

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves the Mutual Aid Agreement between the North Tonawanda Fire Department and the Niagara Falls ARS Fire Emergency Services that will be in effect for (5) years, and authorizes the Mayor to sign said agreement. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

07-07-2015

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED

XVII. Traffic Safety

June 16, 2015

Daniel R. Quinn
City Clerk – Treasurer
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Traffic Safety Minutes:

The June meeting of the North Tonawanda Traffic Safety Committee was called to order at 1900 hours. Roll call showed the following members present, J. Sikora, M. Lemke, M. Anastasi, A. Vater, E. Smolinski, A. DiBernardo, and M. Daigler. The following invited guests were also present, D. Marshall, B. Rowles, T. Sikora, and representatives from Parsons/Brinckerhoff. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. The following new request/concerns were discussed and recommendations made.

1. Parsons/Brinckerhoff gave a power point presentation on the Nash Road corridor with a discussion after.
2. Member Smolinski proposed moving the center line on Oliver Street between Tremont and Sweeney Streets a few feet off center to make parking in the West lane safer. Member Anastasi gave a second for this proposal and all members are in favor. Member Daigler will make necessary changes when marking takes place if the approved.
3. Motion Vater with a second from Smolinski to remove the stop signs from Tremont Street at Falconer. The stop signs on Falconer will remain in place making this intersection a two way stop. If approved notification signs of the change will also be placed. All members are in favor of this recommendation.
4. Motion Smolinski second Vater to place the signal at Main and Thompson on flash to mimic the signal at Main and Island. The Signal would flash yellow (caution) for Main and red (stop) for Thompson. All members were in agreement of this recommendation.
5. Member DiBernardo recommended placing green “arrows” indicating straight traffic flow on all green lights along TCMH. This change will prevent vehicles from making illegal turns across traffic. Member Daigler informed this is an easy change of placing covers over existing green lights. All members are in favor of this recommendation. Member Daigler will contact NYS DOT for approval and changes can be made if approved.
6. Member Daigler recommended removing the stop signs on Wurlitzer at Ivygreen. This is a “T” intersection and with more vehicles using “new” Meadow Drive the Committee feels removing this sign will be beneficial to traffic flow along Wurlitzer Drive. If approved informational signs for the change will be placed.
7. Motion Lemke second Vater to remove the stop sign on Ironton street at 8th Avenue. All members are in agreement with this recommendation.
8. A request from a concerned citizen to place deer crossing signs on Nash Road near Deerfield was discussed. The Committee does not feel a sign should be placed after an isolated incident and will monitor the area. We do not recommend placing the requested sign.
9. A request to place “no parking here to corner” signs on West side of Mead Street at

Rumbold Avenue was discussed and will be researched and discussed at the next meeting.

10. A Concern with truck traffic in the area of Fasset and Robinson Streets was discussed. Trucks and trailers are using a parking area at the rear of Fasset Street as a depot/staging area. There is posed signage "trucks over 5 tons excluded" on Robinson. The Committee will research the request and have further discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 2120 hours.

Travel Safely,
Joseph D. Sikora, Chairman

MOVED by Alderman Rizzo SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
That the Common Council hereby approves traffic safety recommendations #3 – removing the stop sign from Tremont Street at Falconer making the intersection a two way stop, #6 – removing the stop signs at the intersection of Wurlitzer Drive and Ivygreen and #8 – placing a deer crossing sign on Nash Road and Deerfield.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

XXV. Monthly Reports

- .1 Clerk / Treasurer .2 Building Inspector

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby, approves the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Erie/Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club

June 2, 2015

The Honorable Arthur G. Pappas
North Tonawanda Mayor's Office
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mayor Pappas,

On behalf of the Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club, we want to thank you for allowing us to meet with you and present to you the Healing Fields Project which the Exchange Club is undertaking along with the Tonawanda Exchange Club. This event is to be held in September 2016.

We now respectfully request permission to present this program to the Common Council on June 23, 2015 at their workshop. We would like to show a 13 minute video and have time for questions and answers. If this is possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesies and if further information is needed please contact us.

Very truly yours,
Barbara Tucker

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby gives permission to the Erie Niagara Sunrise Exchange Club to hold their Healing Fields Project Event September 8th to September 12, 2016 in Gratwick Park ,a tentative schedule and support from the City is as follows:

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 8 – Set Up

Friday, September 9 – Pay tribute to fallen Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, the display of 30'x 60' American Flag by two fire trucks, emergency vehicle display, and an opening ceremony/dedication at 6PM.

Saturday, September 10 – Pay tribute to fallen Vietnam Service Members along with the display of the giant American Flag and emergency vehicle display, followed by a 10AM motorcycle ride with Patriot Riders.

Sunday, September 11 – Pay tribute to all fallen first responders followed by a closing ceremony and concert. After closing, those who sponsored a flag can take them away.

Monday, September 12 - Take down and clean up.

CITY SUPPORT

1. Police Department: Security, emergency vehicle display, and possible escort for the Patriot Riders. Also would like other Veteran/ Student ROTC groups to hold a vigil in the evenings to assist in the security effort.
2. Fire Department: Display of emergency vehicle and one truck from North Tonawanda and one fire truck from Tonawanda to hang/display a 30'x 60' American Flag.
3. Department of Public Works: Supply trash receptacles and assist in the set up and take down of flags. Assistance with lighting for security and to keep the flags illuminated during the evening.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Rizzo (4)
 Nays: None (0)
 Abstained: Pecoraro (1)
CARRIED.

B.
 OLC Parish

June 12, 2015

North Tonawanda Common Council
 North Tonawanda City Hall
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

To the Common Council:

We at OLC Parish request that a banner be strung across Payne Avenue to advertise our Parish Festival. We are hoping to have the banner hung near the former Lowry Middle School.

We would like the banner flying from Saturday, August 8th to Monday, August 24, 2015.

Please let us know if this would be possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Patricia Faulhaber
 Banner Committee Representative

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby grants OLC Parish to hang a banner across Payne Avenue near the former Lowry Middle School starting August 8, 2015 to August 24, 2015 to advertise their Parish Festival.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)
 Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

C.
Riviera Theatre

June 17, 2015

Hon. Mayor Arthur G. Pappas
And Common Council, City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project

Dear Hon. Mayor Pappas and Council Members:

The Riviera Theatre and Organ Preservation Society (d/b/a Riviera Theatre) submitted an application on September 24, 2014 to the Niagara River Greenway Ad Hoc Committee for funding towards our Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project.

In order to receive funding through the Niagara Riviera Greenway Ad Hoc Committee, the committee requires a non-profit organization to get a local municipal resolution approved that supports the project and project funding.

The Riviera Theatre presented the project application to the Ad Hoc Committee on May 20, 2015 and was informed by the committee that the municipal resolution was needed in order for them to consider funding the Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project.

The Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project will add 23,000 sq. ft. of additional performing arts space including a small black box theatre; lobby area; flexible use space; new ADA compliant dressing rooms for performers, restrooms for our visitors and elevator to connect to our balcony that will allow us to continue our mission to preserve and maintain the Historic Riviera Theatre and the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ and to promote the performing arts.

The Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project will have a positive economic impact to the City of North Tonawanda and the Region added 250 events and 150,000 visitors annually. Those visitors will spend \$24.60 per person per visit to our community and create 14 jobs annually (Camoin Associates – Economic Impact Report – March 17, 2015).

The Riviera Theatre respectfully requests the City of North Tonawanda Common Council to pass the attached resolution at your next scheduled Common Council meeting and officially support the Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Gary J. Rouleau
Director of Development

MOVED by Alderman Schwandt SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby approves and supports The Riviera Theatre Expansion and Development Project that will 23,000 sq. ft. of additional performing arts space including a small black box theatre; lobby area; flexible use space; new ADA compliant dressing rooms for performers, restrooms for visitors and an elevator to connect to the balcony that will allow them to continue their mission to preserve and maintain the Historic Riviera Theatre and the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ to promote the performing arts.

Ayes: Zadzilka, Braun, Schwandt, Pecoraro, Rizzo (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED
