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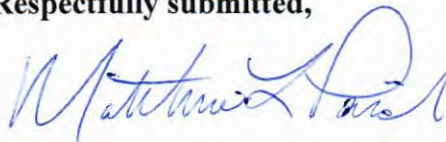
COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

June 20, 2019

The following meeting has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2019:**

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| 6:30 P.M. Dave Conti & Laura Pecoraro | - | Re: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Grant for Botanical Garden Organization |
| 6:45 P.M. Mike Zimmerman
Dir. of Community Development | - | Re: 2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications |
| 7:00 P.M. Common Council | - | Re: General Discussion |
| 7:15 P.M. Special Session | - | Re: Request for a Public Hearing and Approval of the Police Tow Contract |

Respectfully submitted,



**Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer**

North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization

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June 18, 2019

Honorable Common Council,

The North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization is developing long term plans for the botanical gardens. We are currently seeking funding for a complete landscape plan including redesign of the entrance, parking lot, walking paths and gardens while adding lighting, a visitor center, restrooms, pavilions and a concert stage. A complete topographical survey of the 11-acre site will be included to ensure the development of these long-term plans. NTBGO has applied for Verizon Media Grant Funding to complete a basic plan.

Development beyond the basic plan will require additional funding. The Environmental Protection Fund for Parks, Preservation and Heritage currently has \$19.5 million available for 2019. The program guidelines allow a maximum grant of \$600,000 for each project. Our municipality is eligible to apply for funding and I would encourage the Council to apply for additional funding to facilitate a more comprehensive plan for the gardens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cotté". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'D'.

Chairman NTBGO

Rosa Méndez, Director
Office of Environmental Justice
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 14th Floor
Albany, NY 12233

June 18, 2019

Dear Ms. Méndez,

The North Tonawanda City Council would like to recommend the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization, an incorporated 501(c)3 organization, for the DEC Environmental Justice Community Impact grant.

For the past three years, the NTBGO has taken on the task of revitalizing a neglected city park located along the Erie Canal. This 11-acre park was once an active botanical garden, and the NTBGO has worked hard to reclaim defunct flower beds and create native habitats, all while successfully maintaining pesticide-free and sustainable practices. NTBGO's focus is to incorporate sustainable plantings, pollinators, water conservation, and public education in this unique location, in order to provide North Tonawanda residents with a place for recreation as well as an example for environmental awareness practices.

The NTBGO has already initiated public education through engaging North Tonawanda High School students. This spring, the NTBGO organized and conducted two field trips by the Environmental Issues class to the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden coupled with tours of the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant, to educate them on the importance of clean water, water management, and the environmental impacts that plants have to help our community maintain clean water.

During these two field trips, the Environmental Issues students were able to see firsthand the importance of plants to control and filter water, the effects of water runoff into the canal, and the processes the City of North Tonawanda has in place to ensure that clean water returns to the Niagara River. The students learned the importance of preventing storm water runoff from contaminating Tonawanda Creek.

The DEC Environmental Justice Community Impact grant would enable the NTBGO to continue educating our high school and middle school students on the issues that face our city and Niagara County. Our youth are our future, and receiving this grant is vital to our mission of educating the public and ensuring that our youth know the value of the resources we have here in our city.

The NTBGO is revitalizing a unique and valuable location to our county. We wholeheartedly recommend this organization for the DEC Environmental Justice Community Impact grant, as we believe the grant would further the conservation and community education necessary to grow and sustain the environmental awareness practices and education needed for Niagara County.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor
City of North Tonawanda



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Honorable Mayor and Common Council
North Tonawanda City Hall
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Re: 2019 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications

Dear Honorable Body:

As you may be aware, the ninth round of state-wide economic development funding through the New York State Regional Economic Development Councils has been announced. \$800 Million is available through a pool of over 20 state programs. In previous rounds, North Tonawanda submitted 23 applications and secured over \$2 million. This year's application deadline is July 26th, 2019.

In consultation with Lumber City Development Corporation (LCDC), we have identified two potentially viable projects. These projects were selected based on a number of factors including project feasibility, project need, funding availability, and project readiness.

1.) CDBG Microenterprise Assistance program

The applicant for this project would be the City of North Tonawanda with grant administration performed by Lumber City Development (LCDC). This application will be for approximately \$200,000 to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Microenterprise program, which would allow LCDC to make grants (maximum of \$35,000) to business with 5 or fewer employees who expect to create new job positions. The City and LCDC have successfully implemented 5 previous CDBG Microenterprise programs since 2010, supporting 37 businesses and helping to create over 60 new jobs in that time. If awarded, the program is available to any qualifying business in the city with a specific emphasis on supporting business growth in the downtown and Oliver Street areas. This program does not require any matching funds commitment from the City.

Proposed Budget:

Business Assistance:	\$170,000
Program Delivery:	\$25,000
Administration:	\$5,000

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2.) New York Main Street- Downtown Anchor- 230 Oliver Street

The applicant for this project would be Lumber City Development Corporation but the New York Main Street program requires a municipal endorsement. NYMS Downtown Anchor funds can be utilized for redevelopment significant buildings in downtown or commercial corridors. The maximum grant application is \$500,000.

The owners of 230 Oliver have collected cost quotes to date of ~\$180,000 including new roof, electrical service, HVAC, and windows and are in the process of collecting additional quotes for basement, plumbing, siding, and finishing work. The total project budget is expected to be close to \$300,000.

Project budget:

Owner cash equity	\$50,000
National Grid grant (pendng)	\$25,000
Financing	\$50,000
NYMS Downtown Anchor grant	\$175,000
Total	\$300,000

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you,



Michael Zimmerman

Director



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Honorable Mayor Arthur Pappas
North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
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Dear Honorable Body,

As a follow up to the May 28, 2019 workshop session where the contract for exclusive towing for the City of North Tonawanda was discussed, the Common Council heard from four interested companies and also desired input from myself, Chief Sikora and Superintendent Zellner.

All of the towing firms that presented their proposals seemed to be well established and capable companies. As I stated that evening, the City of North Tonawanda has worked with Certified Towing over the last five year contract term as well as a number of years prior. Certified Towing has served the City of North Tonawanda and its customers admirably over that time and has performed as per the language of the contract without complaint.

I respectfully request that you vote to award the next towing contract to Certified Towing.

Sincerely,

Roger R. Zgolak
Chief of Police

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June 19, 2019

Honorable Mayor and City Council
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Re: Community Development Block Grant Program- Request for Required Public Hearing

Dear Honorable Body,

In consideration of a possible application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development program, per CDBG regulations, the City of North Tonawanda is required to hold a public meeting to discuss CDBG activities and the potential application. The hearing must be held at a meeting with a quorum of the Common Council.

I would like to formally request authorization to hold a required public meeting for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to be held on July 9th, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Common Council chambers immediately preceding the regularly scheduled Common Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,

Michael Zimmerman

Director