

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ZADZILKA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: **President Zadzilka**
 Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec

Absent: **None**

Also Present: **Mayor Arthur G. Pappas**
 City Attorney Luke Brown

Mayor Pappas – State of the City Address

My fellow citizens, members of the Common Council, members of the press and guests, it is an honor and a privilege to stand before you and report on the state of our City. This past year in office was a very busy, educational, and exciting time as I worked with all of our department heads, employees, and citizens of our great City. In my time in office, month by month, this administration and all those in support of it, continue to look and have found ways to gradually improve our city. I believe North Tonawanda is going in a very positive direction with the assistance of the Common Council, LCDC, and the great work of all city employees and the participation of our residents. With that said, North Tonawanda is moving forward.

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Many changes have taken place in the past year and there are many more projects in the works. Under the direction of the City Accountant, Amanda Reimer, new software is being implemented, and a grant-writing firm has been hired. We are working for more efficiencies and accountability in all city operations. Budget operations are slated to start earlier this year in order to move smoothly into the 2020 budget year.

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Deerwood Golf Course is a very popular venue for residents and non-residents alike. We are seeing that the golf course will be more available to the general public by restructuring golf league play to allow for increased course access. Course improvements include: Repavement of cart paths and ticket office area; renovation/repair of drainage and bunkers of the Fawn Course; installation of irrigation satellites and sprinkler heads (this is a lengthy process which will take us into 2020); and replacement of ash trees with new plantings. The Botanical Gardens along the Canal have been cleared of debris with new plants and flowers being planted by numerous volunteers who have devoted many days towards improvements. The newly formed Botanical Garden Organization will continue to beautify this park under

the direction of Alex Domaradzki and his recreational crew. The Botanical Gardens will be ready for weddings and other events. The Parks and Recreation Department has been responsible for the improvements of all our parks in the city. A revamped Pinewoods Park Disc Golf Course layout will add 9 additional holes of play. There will be a new storage facility for Parks Equipment (cost saving by building in-house). Michelle Bernas will be taking over as the new Youth Program Supervisor. Memorial Pool will potentially see a renovation/new-swimming facility as the feasibility study is completed. We will continue to expand available recreation programs for youth, adults and seniors. Pam Hogan continues to supervise and plan programs for a large number of our senior citizens. The completion of the Children's Memorial Garden was unveiled in October of 2018. It is located at Brauer Park, adjacent to City Hall. It is a place of reflection, displaying the names of the children of the city who have passed. This could not have been done without the help of our Engineering Department, as well as local contractors, donors and volunteers, along with grants from Senator Rob Ortt's office and Assemblyman Robin Schimminger's office. This was all accomplished without use of local taxpayer dollars.

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2018 was a year of progress in a number of key development areas for our city while also laying the groundwork for many developments we are looking forward to in 2019. Mike Zimmerman, our Director of Community Development, has had a major role in seeing these developments and projects come to fruition. New attention and investment is coming to Oliver Street as four new businesses opened on Oliver in 2018 and another long-time Oliver Street business, Matt's Music, began their expansion project. Imagine Community Gardens built and operated their community garden on Sommer Street with great success, adding a great asset to the Oliver community. The Niagara-Orleans land bank was established and is working to bring positive investment into the neighborhoods along Oliver Street, completing their first successful project on Miller Street. Rob DePaolo, North Tonawanda's representative on the NORLIC board of directors and City Code Enforcement Officer, stated that North Tonawanda is the first municipality in Niagara County to submit a property to the land bank. The River's Edge Apartments on River Road began construction in 2018, bringing new investment and vibrancy to our waterfront. 2019 looks to be a year of growth for North Tonawanda. At Gratwick Park, Thursdays on the Water will continue another year. This popular event takes place on Thursdays during the summer. It includes live music along with a car cruise and other family friendly events. In addition, the Thunder on the Niagara boat races will continue to host their annual event. A launch pass kiosk will be installed before the boating season this year at Gratwick Park. It will allow visitors to buy a day pass at any day, any hour. It will be similar to the boat launch kiosks you see in downtown Buffalo. Funding for this was donated by Bob Confer of Confer Plastics. The Woodcock Brothers Brewery project is under construction and scheduled to open early this year. This project will add to the exciting developments taking place at the historic Wurlitzer Building, which is quickly becoming a premier destination in the region. The Smart Growth Community funding awarded for downtown is in progress and we look forward to cutting the ribbon on significant improvements to Webster Street, Main Street, and Gateway Harbor later this year. New development projects are being proposed downtown at the historic Murphy's building and along River Road, adding to the growing development

momentum in the area. Armstrong Pumps has been negotiating with City Attorney Luke Brown about an \$18 million expansion. The company makes high-tech pumps for heating and cooling equipment. Since 1969, they have operated on East Avenue that formerly housed Buffalo Bolt Company and later Roblin Steel Company. In 2019, we look forward to continued improvement to a number of properties on Oliver Street through the Oliver Street Façade Enhancement Program as well as a new Oliver Street public art program.

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Our city's infrastructure will continue to be a priority as well as the conditions of our roads and sidewalks. 1.2 million dollars was available in 2018 for road improvements and approximately the same amount will be made available this year. Under the direction of our new superintendent, Mark Zellner, the DPW has milled and paved 15.08 lane miles of city roads in 2018. They have also milled and hot patched 168,222.6 square feet of city roads. The DPW will continue to work diligently with the help of the new milling machine/Asphalt Zipper, which has tremendously aided with road repair. We are receiving a grant for sidewalk repair in the downtown area, which will gratefully help the local businesses there. Sidewalk repair throughout the city will begin in the spring as well. We will be doing the work in-house to save taxpayer dollars. Main City Hall entrances on Payne Avenue were repaired in 2018. There have been hundreds of trees taken down as well due to safety reasons and Ash Borer Disease.

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Under the direction of department head Bill Davignon, the Water/Wastewater department was busy in 2018 and has several new projects this year. In 2018, the Water Filtration Plant had their Annual Department of Health Water Quality inspection and the report showed that our drinking water had no violations (Lead & Copper below legal limits) and that our filtration plant is operating very well. All four settling basins were cleaned (no extra cost and done by plant personnel). Three new Chlorine Analyzers were installed at our Water Filtration Plant, Toellner Water Tank and Erie Avenue Water Tank. This allows for better regulation of our Drinking Water Chlorine disinfection. The Niagara River intake pipe was cleaned out (done by plant personnel with no extra cost). We replaced a 70-year-old 31-foot settled water line pipe. Arcadis Engineering started developing a Capital Improvement Plan. At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the annual D.E.C. audit and inspection report showed that our wastewater treatment plant was in compliance with all regulatory requirements and the plant is operating very well. We received a \$1.47 million NY State Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant for Phase #1 of our Capital Improvement Plan, which will start in 2019.

We installed two new chlorine analyzers, replacing original 1980 analyzers (this will allow us to more quickly and accurately monitor our chlorine dosage, thereby lowering our chemical costs). A new Sludge Pump was purchased to replace the original 1380 pump. The new pump will operate more efficiently and use less power. Installation will be completed in early 2019. We cleaned and repaired the S.W. Sludge Digester. Wastewater Operators completely cleaned three Primary Clarifiers, two Rectangular Clarifiers and two Storm Retention basins. At Water Distribution, we replaced water lines on East Oliver and Geneva Streets with the cooperation of the City's Engineering Department at 2/3 less cost to the taxpayers (this work used to be done by private contractors. We plan on doing many more

in the future saving thousands of taxpayer dollars and improving our drinking water system). We started an extensive water line/hydrant flushing program (this improves our water quality by cleaning out our water lines throughout the city). We also started a water valve replacement program by replacing broken valves as we find them during the water line/hydrant flushing.

Starting in 2019, the Water Filtration Plant will be replacing a broken back-up generator and installation of new electrical. This will be completed in late 2019 or early 2020. The Toellner tank is in need of approximately \$3 million dollars in repairs, which will be performed in 2020 or 2021. Replacing the Toellner Tank is also an option, but would take place in 2022 or later. We will start the development of a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan to make scheduled improvements that will bring our facility up to date. This will enable us to continue providing high quality drinking water to our residents in a fiscally responsible manner for the next 20-30 years and beyond. This implementation will be performed in phases starting in 2020. A new Aluminum Sulfate Chemical feed system will be installed. This will allow us to better calibrate our chemical usage thereby providing more efficient chemical dosing. Using less Aluminum Sulfate will save money. We anticipate "pay-back" on this to be two years. New Turbidity Meters will also be installed. This will allow us to provide improved solids removal and lower our chemical feed costs. At the Wastewater Treatment Plant, installation of the West Storm Water Mechanical Bar Screen will begin. Estimated completion date is October 2019. This is the second of three total Storm Water Mechanical bar screens that need to be replaced. The purchase and installation of a new ZAPPS (Zero Angle Photo-Spectrometry) Analyzer will be done. This will provide real time in-line analytical results for E-coli Bacteria, Total Suspended Solids, and Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Chlorine. This will allow for faster and more accurate analysis of our Final Effluent (water going back into the Niagara River). This will then allow us to adjust our chemical feeds faster and more accurately. This will save us thousands of dollars. We anticipate the simple "pay-back" on this to be approximately two years. As part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's Capital Improvement Plan, the following improvements will take place starting in 2019 and 2020: A Grit removal system; Four High Head pumps; Four Low Head pumps; Lighting Upgrades throughout the plant; Two Primary Sludge pumps. In addition, Raw Sewage pump and Sludge pump Motor Control upgrades- including Programmable Logic Controllers and electrical panel upgrades. We will be getting Chlorine System upgrades (changing from pressurized to a vacuum system for safety reasons). This will help protect our employees and citizens in case of a chlorine cylinder leak. The total cost for these upgrades is \$6 million dollars.

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The Engineering Department, led by City Engineer Dale Marshall, has several projects upcoming in 2019. The 5th Avenue Storm Sewer Separation Project will start construction in the spring. Gateway Park improvements are currently under construction. Restroom facilities with showers and a Harbormaster office are being installed. There will also be more seating areas, as well as electrical upgrades and extended docking space. This will be completed in June of this year. The Sweeney Street Canal Wall Dock Extension will also be completed in June. There are a few projects that are currently under design and will

commence construction in the fall: The Main Street Reconstruction Green Infrastructure Improvements (Island to Thompson Street); The Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Pedestrian Improvements; The Niagara Riverwalk Landscaping and Signage Improvements (Greenway Trail); The Connection Niagara Riverwalk to Empire State Trail (Wardell/Foot of Sweeney); and the Botanical Gardens Living Shoreline.

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Coz Capozzi and the Building Department have been actively engaged in 2018 and going forward in 2019. On River Road, a \$20 million project consisting of six buildings with 100 new apartments and a commercial building are being constructed. Partial occupancy is expected by middle of March. Also on River Road is a remodel of an existing empty building into a new Dollar Tree Store. A conversion of the former Grant school into 52-unit apartment building is underway. As mentioned earlier, the Woodcock Brewery project in the Wurlitzer building is in the remodeling stage. Webster Street has and will continue to thrive. The former Murphy's and North Tonawanda History Museum is presently being remodeled. The proposed use is a retail, commercial and residential use, including a SPoT Coffee. Prosper microbrewery remodeling is complete. They will be open shortly. The new business known as "The Board Room" opened in November of 2018. On Webster Street, a new bakery and food service establishment is expected to be opening by the middle of February. Also on Main Street, the remodeling of an existing building will be taking place to become the architectural firm, Enterprise Lumber and Solo. A proposed new winery and food service establishment will be opening on Erie Ave. Remodeling has been ongoing and expected opening to be within a couple of months. On Zimmerman Street, a proposed new 24-unit storage facility is in the planning stages and is being reviewed by the Planning Board. Construction is expected to start later this year. In addition, a new building is under construction for a trucking company, which will be completed within two or three months. The former Dunkin' Donuts on Meadow Drive will finally be remodeled and reopened soon. On Mead Street, the remodeling of a new banquet facility is expected to be completed by April 2019. The well-known Matt's Music is in the process of constructing a 2,600 square foot addition. The multimillion-dollar emergency room expansion has been completed at DeGraff Hospital. In the spring of 2018, the new Save-A-Lot opened and brings a low cost grocery store to the Value plaza on Nash Road. All in all, a total of \$24 million dollars in new buildings, dwellings, remodeling, and/or construction costs was accomplished in 2018 and we see no slowing down in 2019.

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The Riviera Theater and Carnegie Art Center are two long known staples of North Tonawanda that continue to thrive and shine. The Riviera is a catalyst for the downtown area. The increasing number of shows and movies played not only brings people to the theater, but also to surrounding businesses. Through a gift from Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Art Center has been in North Tonawanda for more than 100 years. It served as a library for over 70 years. It now houses fine art, and through the presentation of exhibitions, concerts, performances, and classes, it provides educational and cultural enrichment to the Western New York region. The Herschel Carrousel Museum continues to attract visitors locally and from across the county providing a great experience for historians and those interested in amusement rides and fascinating displays. The museum has been expanding

its facilities and is becoming an educational center providing programs for schools.

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Public Safety is, and will continue to be a priority in North Tonawanda. The Bullying Law that was implemented last year has served its purpose greatly. A School Resource Officer program was established and implemented in cooperation with the North Tonawanda School District. The program began with the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This program puts a uniformed Police Officer in the High School every day throughout the school year. The North Tonawanda Police Department SWAT team received a \$100,000 federal grant for the purchase of specialized equipment and training. The Police Department was also the recipient of a \$24,000 grant from the Federal Railroad Administration for stepped up patrols for enforcement activities and security along the railway right of way throughout the city. Under Chief Roger Zgolak, the police department has maintained a very noticeable and positive presence for our city. In 2018, North Tonawanda was ranked as one of the safest cities in New York State by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

In 2018, The Fire Department responded to 3,439 total alarms, an increase of 147 over 2017, resulting in the busiest year in NTFD history. Total fire loss for the year was \$524,000. Total training hours for the Fire Department in 2018 were 8,580 (7,767 for Career Firefighters and 813 for Volunteer Firefighters). The NTFD continues to participate in the Niagara County Mutual aid agreement. We have members on the Technical Rescue and Haz Mat teams. In an effort to keep our vehicles updated, we took delivery of two Command vehicles and a new Rescue vehicle. In December, a contract for a new Class A Pumper was agreed to and will replace a 1989 Pumper. Half the Pumper and half the Rescue was funded through grants. In addition, in 2019 a new Investigation vehicle, funded entirely through a grant, will be purchased. Chief Joe Sikora and his staff have done a fine job with the uptick in calls and response times.

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The City of North Tonawanda has been fiscally sound over the past several years, and I will work to that same philosophy of maintaining a fiscally responsible budget. As we move forward, this administration will look for ways to operate City government in cost efficient ways, and will look for new ways to provide needed services. We are currently in the midst of negotiating two contracts. We want to be fair to our employees who work hard for us; however, we also need to be fair to those who pay the bills –the taxpayers. My goal is to keep expenses in line while minimizing the impact on taxpayers.

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As we move ahead, this administration will continue to explore ways to encourage new businesses to occupy vacant buildings and to improve neighborhoods in need of enhancements. We want to increase quality of life projects moving to keep NT a great place to live. Bike path extensions and other recreational facilities are important for this as well as the beautification of our existing facilities such as the Botanical Gardens (possibly Christmas lighting) and waterfront areas. In addition, a drive-up mailbox designation is being explored with the Post Master where mail can be deposited without leaving your vehicle. The city Engineer and the Traffic Safety Committee are exploring possible locations for resident convenience.

Sec. 3004 Suspension and removal of officers

(b) "The City Clerk-Treasurer and all appointed City Officers may be removed from office for incompetency, misconduct in office or neglect of duty..."

With most of the appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members receiving pay by means of taxpayer dollars, accountability must be enforced. With the City Charter's ambiguous definition of "neglect of duty," I am seeking to clarify and codify. I believe that in order to fulfill one's duties, one must tend to one's duties.

Sec. 3055 Duties

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or state law, the duties of all appointed officers shall be as provided by state law, local law, ordinance, resolution and the appointing authority.

With great appreciation for those members who are appointed of whom serve with absolute dedication to their City, this resolution seeks to promote their excellence and advocacy, using their compassion and hard work as the guidelines for all appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members.

When taxpayer dollars are being spent, this Honorable Body is responsible for ensuring that the residents of North Tonawanda get results. We are committing injustice in making such simple fiscal follies, and I believe it is in the best interest of the City to curtail the issue of absenteeism.

Sincerely,
Austin J. Tylec
Alderman-at-Large

MOVED by Alderman Tylec

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 PM on February 5, 2019 the clarity of the following resolution was amended and read as follows:

Sec. 3004 Suspension and removal of officers

(b) "The City Clerk-Treasurer and all appointed City Officers may be removed from office for incompetency, misconduct in office or neglect of duty. No such person shall be removed from office until the person has received a written notice of the charges against the person and the person has had an opportunity to be heard either in person or by counsel.

Sec. 3055 Duties

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or state law, the duties of all appointed officers shall be as provided by state law, local law, ordinance, resolution and the appointing authority.

WHEREAS, appointed officers are expected to render full service and devote time and attention to the performance of their official duties; and

WHEREAS, attendance of appointed officers is essential for the successful performance of perfunctory tasks and actions of local government; and

WHEREAS, attendance is vital in ensuring that actions, both laborious and legislative, meet crucial deadlines; and

WHEREAS, there is a significantly negative impact on legislative proceedings and actions in adherence to the City's legal standards guided by the City charter and City Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer dollars fund the salaries/income of many appointed officers, thus, City employees shall too adhere to attendance policies in assurance that taxpayer funds are used appropriately; and

WHEREAS, absenteeism of appointed local government officers is in the prejudice of their constituents and is not in compliance with their vow to public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that attendance of all appointed officers, whose powers and titles are bestowed upon him/her by appointment, at any and all functions under their purview regarding official City business be mandatory; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of any City body, or Vice-Chairperson in the absence of the chair's presence, shall note the absence of any of their members for reasons relating to City Business, established illness, death and /or bereavement in the family or a close associate, and such absence shall be carried in the minutes as an excused absence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of any City body, or Vice-Chairperson in the absence of the chair's presence, shall report such absences to this Honorable Body prior to the first Common Council meeting subsequent to the absence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members, whose power and titles are bestowed upon him/her by appointment, shall provide in writing, a reason for absence of any and all functions regarding official City business to their respective Chairman to be recorded as an excused or unexcused absence in the minutes of the respective board or commission to be submitted to the Common Council as a part of said board or commission's official minutes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event that an occasion regarding official City business is deemed mandatory by the Chairperson of said City body, the Chairperson possesses, and may use, their authority to reject an excused absence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of any City body possesses the power to define a time frame for excused absences, and may use such power to request said advanced notice for any anticipated absences; and be it further

RESOLVED, that three (3) excused absences of any and all appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members, whose powers and titles are bestowed upon him/her by appointment, in one calendar year, shall be considered negligence of duty, thus resulting in grounds for filing charges pursuant to Sec. 3004 of the City Charter by the Common Council in the form of a written resolution to be voted on by the Common Council at a regular meeting of the Common Council, subsequent to the third and final excused absence, and passed with a simple majority vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, that one (1) unexcused absence of any and all appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members, whose powers and titles are bestowed upon him/her by appointment, shall result in consideration of removal by the Common Council, in which this Honorable Body shall determine the proper course of action – excuse said absence or remove the officer from their appointed position; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the case that the Common Council deems it appropriate to file charges for removal or suspension of any appointed City officer necessary, the officer is subject to due process, and the removal process shall be carried out in accordance with Sec. 3004 of the City Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to any entity made-up by members appointed by the Mayor, including, but not limited to, the Board of Assessment, City Cemetery Board, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Plumbing Board, Traffic Safety Committee, Waterfront Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

- **President Zadzilka called for another vote on said resolution**

MOVED by Alderman Tylec

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

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WHEREAS, taxpayer dollars fund the salaries/income of many appointed officers, thus, City employees shall too adhere to attendance policies in assurance that taxpayer funds are used appropriately; and

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RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of any City body, or Vice-Chairperson in the absence of the chair's presence, shall note the absence of any of their members for reasons relating to City Business, established illness, death and /or bereavement in the family or a close associate, and such absence shall be carried in the minutes as an excused absence; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that in the event that an occasion regarding official City business is deemed mandatory by the Chairperson of said City body, the Chairperson possesses, and may use, their authority to reject an excused absence; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that one (1) unexcused absence of any and all appointed officers, advisory board members and commission members, whose powers and titles are bestowed upon him/her by appointment, shall result in consideration of removal by the Common Council, in which this Honorable Body shall determine the proper course of action – excuse said absence or remove the officer from their appointed position; and be it further

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Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED

I. Mayor

January 31, 2019

**North Tonawanda Common Council
City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

Re: Tonawanda Regional Charter

Dear Honorable Body:

Please see enclosed for a copy of the proposed "Tonawanda Regional Charter". The Town of Tonawanda, City of Tonawanda, and City of North Tonawanda collectively share over 24 miles of Niagara River and Erie Canal shoreline and are home to over 100,000 residents. Each community faces similar challenges as well as similar opportunities for growth and development.

With this in mind the proposed Tonawanda Regional Charter outlines a shared vision of the Tonawandas as a local region and outlines a framework for the three municipalities to communicate and collaborate for the betterment of the Tonawandas. The goal of the Charter is to all the municipalities to better coordinate projects, such as waterfront development and multi-use trails, which cross municipal boundaries and impact all of the Tonawandas.

Collaboration between the three municipalities will raise the regional profile of the Tonawandas, increase the chances of Tonawanda's regional projects to receive State and Federal funding, and maximize the efficiency of taxpayer funded initiatives. At this time I'd like to request this Honorable Body to authorize the City of North Tonawanda to sign the Tonawanda Regional Charter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Arthur G. Pappas
Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council at a regular session meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 PM on February 5, 2019 the following resolution was passed and read as follows:

ESTABLISH A WORK GROUP WITH THE CITIES OF TONAWANDA AND NORTH TONAWANDA TO COLLABORATE A LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the Town of Tonawanda, City of Tonawanda and City of North Tonawanda share over 24.4 miles of New York's Niagara River and Erie Canal shorelines; and

WHEREAS, these shorelines are significant regional assets identified in each communities Local Waterfront Revitalization Plans (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, each community contains significant multi-use trails which combine to form essential connections of the Shoreline, Canalway and Empire State Trail networks; and

WHEREAS, said communities acknowledge the regional significance of the confluences of these blueways and greenways and wish to collaborate to maximize taxpayer investments to ensure community strengths; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of North Tonawanda actively participate in the work group identified in the “Tonawanda Regional Charter” and to work to fulfill its stated vision.

Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

III.1 Clerk-Treasurer

Date: January 14, 2019

To: Mayor/Common Council

From: Matthew L. Parish - City Clerk/Treasurer

Subject: Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution – 2019

New Regulation 315.4 outlines additional reporting requirements for elected or appointed officials and more clearly defines the process for reporting time worked by those officials.

This regulation became effective August 12, 2009.

I offer the following resolution for your consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of North Tonawanda hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report (see attached) the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these Officials to the Clerk of this body.

Sincerely,
Matthew L. Parish
 City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro
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2019 Elected/ Appointed Work Schedule City of North Tonawanda New York

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STANDARD WORKDAY</u>	<u>TERM BEGINS/ENDS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATES IN TIME KEEPING</u>	<u>DAY/MONTH</u>
Mayor	Arthur G. Pappas	7	01/01/18 – 12/31/21	N	20
Clerk-Treasurer	Matthew L. Parish	7	01/08/19 – 12/31/19	Y	20
Attorney	Luke Brown	7	01/01/18 – 12/31/21	Y	20
2 nd Ward Alderwoman	Donna Braun	6	01/01/16 – 12/31/19	Y	20
Alderman at Large	Robert E. Pecoraro	6	01/01/16 – 12/31/19	Y	20
Alderman at Large	Austin J. Tylec	6	01/01/18 – 12/31/21	Y	20
3 rd Ward Alderman	Eric Zadzilka	6	01/01/16 – 12/31/19	N	20

1st Ward Alderman Mark Berube 6 01/01/18 – 12/31/19 N 20

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Adm. Assistant Mayor's Office	Daniel DiVirgilio	7	02/12/18 – 12/31/21	Y	20
Mayor's Secretary	Ashlee Rydzewski	7	01/01/15 – 12/31/21	Y	20
Asst. City Attorney	Nicholas B. Robinson	6	02/07/17 – 12/31/19	Y	20
Zoning Board	Kenneth Braun	6	01/01/19 – 12/31/22	Y	3
Planning Board	Michael Carney	6	06/17/15 – 12/31/21	Y	3
Planning Board	Thomas Jaccarino	6	01/01/13 – 12/31/19	Y	3

Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED

III.2 Clerk-Treasurer

January 11, 2019

Honorable Mayor
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Please be advised that I have received payment in full for back City, School and County taxes, per their tax agreement with the City, for the following parcels:

181.20-3-3	512 River Road	Alexander Murchison
181.20-2-9	560 River Road	Alexander Murchison
181.52-1-29	44 Seventh Avenue	Grace Talarico
176.12-2-19	1008 Niagara Falls Blvd.	Andrew Anduszko

Therefore, please pass the necessary resolution withdrawing these parcels from the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,
Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Berube SECONDED by Alderman Tylec
That the Common Council hereby approves the removal of the following parcels:

181.20-3-3	512 River Road	Alexander Murchison
181.20-2-9	560 River Road	Alexander Murchison
181.52-1-29	44 Seventh Avenue	Grace Talarico
176.12-2-19	1008 Niagara Falls Blvd.	Andrew Anduszko

From the appropriate In Rem foreclosure proceeding for payment in full of City, School, and County taxes. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

Regards,
Amanda Reimer
City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Braun SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated February 5, 2019 and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$675,396.39
02	Water Fund	60,938.30
04	Sewer Fund	121,684.73
06	Capital Project Fund	50,165.47
07	Trust & Agency Fund	15,380.15
87	CD – Imprest	<u>12,083.00</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$935,648.04</u>

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Tylec, Pecoraro, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

X. Police Chief

January 22, 2019

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

Dear Honorable Body:

By the end of calendar year 2019 the North Tonawanda Police Department will be losing three senior officers to retirement. One of those retirements will be taking effect in early April 2019.

There is a Basic Police Academy scheduled to begin on March 11, 2019. I have already started the process to hire one officer to send to the academy as a replacement for the vacancy created by the School Resource Officer position. The salary for this position was allocated in the 2019 budget.

I respectfully request your authorization to hire an additional officer at this time to replace the upcoming April retirement vacancy also. While the City will be paying an additional salary for approximately 30 days, the City will realize a savings in overtime expenses incurred if I were to leave the position unfilled until a future academy becomes available. I sincerely appreciate your prompt attention to this matter as I need to notify the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy as to the number of recruits we will be sending.

Respectfully,
Roger R. Zgolak
Chief of Police

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Police Chief to hire two (2) Police Officers for the North Tonawanda Police Department, to fill the vacancy created by the School Resource Officer position and an upcoming retirement vacancy.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XIV.1 Youth, Recreation & Parks

January 29, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully request your approval to move forward with the agreement between the City and North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization which aims to be mutually beneficially to the NTBGO, the City, and the community we serve. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

The NTBO has been critical in revitalizing the Botanical Gardens located at 1825 Sweeney Street. With the help of their devoted and hardworking volunteers, the grounds is being re-imagined, and well on its way to being restored and beautified into a prime leisure landmark destination in North Tonawanda. This agreement allows for shared use of the facility, providing structured guidelines and parameters between both parties, with the NTBO acting under the supervision of the NT Parks and Recreation Department. The agreement also enables the NTBO the ability as a non-profit 501c3 organization to apply for grants to improve the facility within the scope directed by our department, including shoreline restoration, greenhouse improvements, construction of educational gardens, etc.

Our department once maintained 3 full-time staff solely responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the Botanical Garden facility; however through attrition those positions were cut in 2001. With less staff available to provide upkeep and maintenance on the ever growing parks and recreation space in our city, this agreement would serve to benefit our department and the City by taking some of the burden off our department, freeing us to focus our attention and manpower on the other areas of responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Domaradzki
Dir. of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby approves the agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization (NTBO), for the Maintenance and upkeep of the Botanical Garden facility, subject to further review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

XIV.2 Youth, Recreation & Parks

January 29, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully request your approval of the agreement between the City and the NT Umpires Association for the rendering of umpire services for our Adult Softball and Kickball Leagues. The agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, is a one-year agreement with an ability to extend for two additional years taking us through the 2021 season.

The NT's Umpire Association has provided our municipal leagues with many years of service and has proved to be dependable and provide quality services that meet the needs of our

leagues. Since the City no longer will be responsible for paying the umpires, and based on the long-term reliability and acceptable standard this Association has demonstrated in working with our department in previous years, an RFP (request for proposal) for public bid was not required in seeking out a professional services contract for the umpiring of our leagues as was custom in years passed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Domaradzki
 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Braun

SECONDED by Alderman Berube

That the Common Council hereby approves the agreement between the City of North Tonawanda and the NT Umpires Association for the rendering of umpire services for the Adult Softball and Kickball Leagues, this will be a one-year agreement with the ability to extend for two additional years taking the City through the 2021 season. Subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV.3 Youth, Recreation & Parks

January 29, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully ask that you approve the appointment of Michelle Bernas, 239 East Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to the full-time position of Youth Program Supervisor.

Ms. Bernas' application has been approved by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission and she is currently on the eligible list considered appropriate for filling the vacancy based on her results from the Director of Parks and Recreation exam which translates to this position, and whose results has been deemed acceptable by NYS Civil Service.

Ms. Bernas has completed her drug screening, physical and background check and I am recommending her employment begin on February 8, 2019.

I am very excited to add Ms. Bernas to our department, as her background and experience in the field of recreation is impressive. Mr. Bernas brings with her a passion that is needed in working with youth, has demonstrated a high aptitude for working in such a capacity, and already has shared and incredible amount of ideas and program adjustments that will undoubtedly benefit our department and the youth of our community that we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Domaradzki
 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby approves of the appointment of Michelle Bernas, 239 East Avenue, North Tonawanda to the full-time position of Youth Program Supervisor, with the Department of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors with a start date of February 8, 2019.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV.4 Youth, Recreation & Parks

January 30, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

I respectfully am seeking approval to move forward with the application process for the Build it With KaBOOM playground grant which can bring a 5,000 sq. foot play space to Mayor's Park. The grant requires an \$8,500 investment which can be raised through other available grants as well as community fundraising or municipal funds.

This grant covers the estimated 90% of the remaining project cost, bringing an incredible play space to an area that currently is in need. This grant is a community based model which requires community members be a part of the design, the planning and even the building of the play space in coordination with KaBOOM playground experts.

Budgeted funds are available should other grant and community funding efforts fall short. Since the time table is tight for this project I am asking for approval to move forward in agreeance with the attached letter of intent so that we can be considered by KaBOOM for this opportunity to better our parks for the community we serve. Additional documents on the Build it With KaBOOM playground grant have been included for your information.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Domaradzki
 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Braun
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the Director of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors to apply for the Build it With KaBOOM playground grant with a cost of \$8,500, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XIV.5 Youth, Recreation & Parks

January 30, 2019

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

Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

Previously at the last council meeting, Mark Saltarelli, representing Gateway Harbor of the Tonawandas Inc. had requested use of the eastern end of Gateway Park for their 5th Annual Green Beer Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 8:00AM – 5:00PM. Without ample information on the state of the park due to construction the Council granted permission for the closing of the Delaware Bridge but did not approve use of the park itself.

Since the request denial, the Engineer's office had contractors put up adequate secure fencing around the construction site on the east end of the park (Main St. entrance), and have met with the contractors regarding their staging footprint to confirm it will not be a hindrance for the date of event. The attorney's office has reviewed the site area and advised that the event can be held at the location pending council approval. Our department is comfortable hosting the Green Beer Event at Gateway Harbor for the dates and time listed above, and are submitting the request on behalf of Mark Saltarelli and the Gateway Harbor of the Tonawandas Inc.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Domaradzki
 Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby grants permission for Gateway Harbor of the
 Tonawandas, Inc. to have their Green Beer Sunday event, from 8AM – 5PM, Sunday, March
 3, 2019 at the eastern end of Gateway Park.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Berube **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXVI. Annual Vacation & Sick Leave Reports

- .1 Clerk-Treasurer .2 Police Department
 .3 Building Inspector's Office .4 Dept. of Public Works

MOVED by Alderman Tylec **SECONDED** by Alderman Zadzilka
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Annual Vacation &
 Sick Leave Reports.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXVII. Annual Reports

.1 Building Inspector's Office

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro **SECONDED** by Alderman Berube
 That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Annual Reports.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXXII.1 Community Development

January 3, 2019

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

Re: Acceptance of the North Tonawanda Brownfield Opportunity
 Area Final Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Honorable Body:

Enclosed please find the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the North
 Tonawanda Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA). The FEIS is the culmination of the BOA

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.

Rescue Fire Co.

December 3, 2018

North Tonawanda City Clerk
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Rescue Volunteer Fire Company #5, I would like to request a 5 year exemption certificate for: William M. Lipczynski

William joined Rescue Fire Co. on November 1, 2002 and has completed all fire service requirements during this time period.

Sincerely,
Philip Mercio
Financial Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby grants an Exemption Petition to William M. Lipczynski for 5 Years of service with the North Tonawanda Fire Department.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

B.

Theodore J. Pyrak
Attorney at Law

January 15, 2019

Common Council
City of North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

RE: Commissioner of Deeds

Gentlemen:

This letter is to request that the following persons, who work in my office, be approved to act as Commissioner of Deeds with their term ending, March 2021:

Mary Ann Pyrak – 45 Grant Road, Snyder, NY 14226
Donna J. Vaccaro – 119 Greeley Street, Buffalo, NY 14207
Phillip A. Pyrak – 12 Grant Road, Snyder, NY 14226

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Theodore J. Pyrak

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Braun
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for the following to be reappointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective March 8, 2019 and expiring March 7, 2021:

Mary Ann Pyrak – 45 Grant Road, Snyder, NY 14226
Donna J. Vaccaro – 119 Greeley Street, Buffalo, NY 14207
Phillip A. Pyrak – 12 Grant Road, Snyder, NY 14226

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

C.
Donna Braun

January 21, 2019

Honorable Mayor
And Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Commission of Deeds

Dear Honorable Body:

I, Donna L. Braun, who resides at 175 Lincoln Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 am requisitioning to be reappointed Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda, with term ending March 2021.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Donna L. Braun

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Berube
That the Common Council hereby grants permission for Donna L. Braun, 175 Lincoln Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 141202 to be reappointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective March 20, 2019 and expiring March 21, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Berube, Pecoraro , Tylec, Zadzilka (4)
Nays: None (0)
Abstained: Alderwoman Braun (1)
CARRIED.

D.
Gabrielle Richards and
Jason Richards

January 20, 2019

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

Re: Appointment of Commissioner of Deeds

Dear Honorable Body:

I, Gabrielle Richards residing at 316 Bryant Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 and Jason Richards, 316 Bryant Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, am hereby requesting to be appointed as a Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda.

Sincerely,
Gabrielle and Jason Richards

MOVED by Alderman Tylec

SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro

That the Common Council hereby grants permission for Gabrielle Richards, 316 Bryant Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 and Jason Richards, 316 Bryant Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 to be appointed as Commissioner of Deeds for the City of North Tonawanda effective February 6, 2019 and expiring February 5, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

E.

Carnegie Art Center

January 30, 2019

Matthew Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of North Tonawanda
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Mr. Parish,

As discussed at the recent council workshop, we are requesting a resolution be made on behalf of the Carnegie Art Center Board of Directors. This resolution would provide authorization to approve any upcoming programming and special permits for events that are related to the organizations mission statement.

The purpose of the Carnegie Art Center, directed by the Tonawanda's Council on the Arts, is to sponsor, promote and encourage the development of contemporary visual and performing arts. Through the presentation of contemporary exhibitions, concerts, performances, classes and other fine arts activities, it provides educational and cultural enrichment to the Western New York Region.

This would replace the current requirement of receiving council approval for any and all programming. The board will provide the council and mayor's office a monthly communication of events that have been approved. Any events that would fall outside of the organizations mission would maintain the current approval process from the City of North Tonawanda Council.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Barbara B. Hughes
Trustee

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby approves the Carnegie Art Center's 2019 schedule and approves any special permits for said events that are related to the organizations mission statement, monthly communications from the Carnegie Art Center will be provided to the Council and Mayor's Office, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Ayes: Alderman Braun, Berube, Pecoraro, Tylec, Zadzilka

(5)

Nays: None

(0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cathy Kern 1248 Greenbrier Lane – With the bad weather and extremely low temps last week. I just wanted to recognize the DPW and Water Department for doing a great job keeping the roads cleared and dealing with frozen pipes etc.

BJ Vanderwater 1098 Nash Road – About the Shared Services, I would like to recommend that the City form an ethics committee, also would like to make sure that the council meeting videos are placed online.

Zack Niemiec 384 Robinson Street – With the low temps Code Blue - has North Tonawanda ever issued a Code Blue warning?

Alex Domaradzki – I would like to welcome and introduce Michelle Bernas as the new Youth Program Supervisor.

Sonia Dusza 123 Miller Street – About the skateboarders, the boxes are still on the tennis courts which is a violation they need to be removed. I would like the audio put on line from the workshop. Also River Road / Main Street area is not being utilized to its full potential.

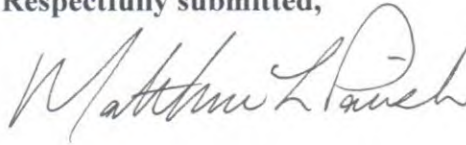
Barbara Hughes 102 Webster Street – Many people are working hard and have been very invested in this City and it will take time but the area that Sonia is referencing will be developed/beautified.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Braun **SECONDED** by Alderman Pecoraro
That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned.
CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 8:43P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew L. Parish
City Clerk-Treasurer