

**THE HONORABLE BODY**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Municipal Building**  
**North Tonawanda, New York 14120**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**  
**7:58 P.M.**

**SPECIAL 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**  
**Assistant City Attorney Nick Robinson**

**MOVED by Alderman Braun                      SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro**  
**To convene a Special Session of the Common Council.**

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

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

## XIV. Parks, Recreation, Youth and Seniors

**July 22, 2019**

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

**Dear Honorable Body:**

The “North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Site Plan and Shoreline Restoration Project” is the development of a full topographical survey and site plan for the entire 11-acre site including the construction of the Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers Shoreline Restoration Project. The impetus for redesign is to incorporate green infrastructure and sustainable plantings, which will mean less landscape maintenance and more effective water stewardship.

After discussions with the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization (NTBGO) our Department has allowed them to take the lead on procuring services for an overall site plan that will include a redesigned entrance to direct traffic flow to a smaller parking area while maintaining access to the boat and kayak launch areas. The redesigned parking lot will include permeable pavers for seasonal parking and stormwater retention to prevent runoff to Tonawanda Creek. The individual garden design criteria for the area South of the parking area will include the use of native plant material and green infrastructure. Native plants require minimal maintenance and green infrastructure provides a natural source of water for these plants without the use of costly irrigation systems. A complete topographical survey will provide the information needed to design gardens in lower elevation areas with native plants that thrive in moist conditions and tolerate occasional inundation. Higher elevation areas are well suited to alpine plants requiring less water to survive. Paths will be



designed from permeable materials allowing rainfall to percolate back through the ground to replenish the water table. Permeable paving properly installed will not heave and crack as asphalt and concrete slabs will. By using native plants, shrubs and trees the typical watering, fertilizing, pest control and maintenance will be drastically reduced from conventional botanical garden designs.

The Site Plan will also include lighting informational signage, a pavilion, concert area and accessible bathrooms.

Please consider the request for Rotella Grant Management to apply for grant funding from the Environmental Protection Fund for the "North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Site Plan and Shoreline Restoration Project" in the amount of \$570,550. Additionally, the Council should declare Lead Agency Status for SEQR review. This application will seek \$228,591 for the Site Plan. A portion of the Shoreline Restoration Project funds totaling \$341,959 will be used as the required matching funds. A successful application for grant funding will allow the City to pay for the Site Plan and submit proof of payment to Environmental Protection Fund for complete reimbursement.

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

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro

SECONDED by Alderman Braun

That the Common Council hereby at a special session meeting, held in City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 7:58 PM on July 23, 2019, approves of Rotella Grant Management to apply for grant funding from the Environmental Protection Fund for the "North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Site Plan and Shoreline Restoration Project" in the amount of \$570,550. The Council also approves of Rotella Grant Management to have Lead Agency Status for SEQR review, and approves of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the City of North Tonawanda, New York applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage ("EPF"), in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, for the purpose of funding the Botanical Gardens Site Plan and Shoreline Restoration Project;

**RESOLVED**, that the City of North Tonawanda is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$228,591 for the project described in the grant application;

**RESOLVED**, that the City of North Tonawanda is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the Master Contract with OPRHP for such Botanical Gardens Site Plan and Shoreline Restoration Project;

**RESOLVED**, that the City of North Tonawanda is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Master Contract and any required deed of easement and other certifications to the individual(s) who hold(s) the following elected or appointed municipal office(s) or employment position title(s): Mayor of North Tonawanda, New York

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in 2013 the governing body of the municipality adopted the update to the municipality's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and, whereas the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens are identified as a critical component of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, the governing body of the municipality hereby reaffirms that the 2013 update to its Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan reflects the current need of the municipality.

Subject to further review by the City Attorney.

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

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Nays: None

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CARRIED.



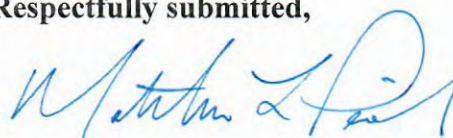
**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**Time of Adjournment: 8:00 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



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