THE HONORABLE BODY

Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

President Pecoraro

Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Mayor Arthur G. Pappas

Assistant City Attorney Nick Robinson

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 8, 2021

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Tylec

That the minutes of the special session held June 8, 2021 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

#1. Austin Tylec & Donna Braun

June 9, 2021

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

Re: Renaming of Animal Control Committee and Approval of Committee Bylaws

Dear Honorable Body:

The Animal Control Committee met last month to discuss a few topics and keep us moving in a positive direction. During this discussion we created a set of bylaws to structure the organization of the committee. With in these bylaws we proposed changing the committee name from "Animal Control Committee" to "The Animal Welfare Committee". We believe the work "Control" gave a negative connotation. The organization was created to proactively identify and prioritize animal welfare concerns and opportunities, and we feel

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the name change is more fitting for this reason. We are looking to this proposal reviewed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council.

Respectfully,

Austin J. Tylec, Alderman-at-Large Donna L. Braun, City Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby approves changing the "Animal Control Committee" to be known as the "Animal Welfare Committee", and also approves the attached Bylaws for said committee.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro

Nays: None

CARRIED.

I. Mayor

June 7, 2021

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

Honorable Body:

Please be advised that I am appointing Laura K. Wilson of 359 Capen Blvd. Amherst, NY, to the position of Community Development Director. Her starting date will be June 16, 2021.

Mrs. Wilson's starting pay will be step one of the OPIEU salary schedule which is \$72,936.

I am confident Laura is well qualified to do the best job on behalf of the residents of the City of North Tonawanda to continue the tremendous economic redevelopment of our city.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Arthur G. Pappas Mayor

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka That the Common Council hereby approves of the appointment of Laura K. Wilson, 359 Capen Blvd., Amherst, NY to the position of Community Development Director, with a starting pay of \$72,936, effective June 16, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None

CARRIED.

VII. Accountant

June 9, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated June 15th, 2021, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

> Warm regards, Jeffrey R. Zellner City Accountant

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated June 15, 2021, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

| 01 | General Fund | \$694,925.14 |
|----|----------------------|----------------|
| 02 | Water Fund | 51,704.42 |
| 04 | Sewer Fund | 104,845.09 |
| 06 | Capital Project Fund | 226,946.96 |
| 07 | Trust & Agency Fund | 20,431.53 |
| 00 | Final Total | \$1,098,853.14 |

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)Nays: None (0)CARRIED.

XI.1 Fire Chief

June 7, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor **And Common Council Members** 216 Payne Avenue / City Hall North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with the City Charter of the City of North Tonawanda, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by §3.002.e thereof; I make the following appointment:

Captain Brandon A. Werth, 232 Walter Drive, North Tonawanda, is promoted to Assistant Chief in the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department.

A brief ceremony will be held in the Common Council Chambers on June 17th, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited.

> Sincerely, Joseph D. Sikora Fire Chief

SECONDED by Alderman Tylec MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby approves the promotion of Captain Brandon A. Werth, 232 Walter Drive, North Tonawanda to Assistant Chief for the North Tonawanda Fire Department, effective June 17, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)Navs: None

CARRIED.

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XI.2 Fire Chief

June 7, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor **And Common Council Members** 216 Payne Avenue / City Hall North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear Honorable Body:

In accordance with the City Charter of the City of North Tonawanda, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by §3.002.e thereof; I make the following appointment:

Firefighter Damian T. Ringler, 665 Barrally Street, North Tonawanda, is promoted to Captain in the City of North Tonawanda Fire Department.

A brief ceremony will be held in the Common Council Chambers on June 17th, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is invited.

> Sincerely, Joseph D. Sikora Fire Chief

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman Pecoraro That the Common Council hereby approves the promotion of Firefighter Damian T. Ringler, 665 Barrally Street, North Tonawanda to Captain for the North Tonawanda Fire Department, effective June 17, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.2 Senior Citizen Center .1 Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Report. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

XXXII. Community Development

June 8, 2021

Honorable Arthur G. Pappas, Mayor **And Common Council Members** City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: New York Main Street - Streetscape Program

Dear Honorable Body,

Lumber City Development Corporation was awarded \$20,000 from the New York main Street Technical Assistance program for downtown streetscape and public art activities. These funds were provided to Lumber City Development for the purpose of COVID relief efforts, as well as beautifying our downtown corridor and helping downtown continue to establish its true sense of place.

A steering committee made up of individuals from the NT Historic Preservation Commission, the Downtown Merchants Association, NT City Council, and the local arts committee met on June 2nd and identified three areas for public art installations. Two of these identified areas are City owned, and permission is needed from the City of North Tonawanda to move forward.

Final concept designs will materialize from the Call for Artists process and will be reviewed by the Common Council and North Tonawanda Historic Preservation Commission prior to installation. I am hereby requesting that this honorable body consider approving the following sites for public art installations:

- 1. The Alleyway Between Manhattan & Webster Street
- · Mural to span across the wall
- Interactive-where users can take photos
- Permission will be confirmed with Canal club 62 owners also, but it is in a City owned alleyway
- 2. Charles Fleishmann Park-Sculpture Installation
- Sculpture installation that celebrates North Tonawanda
- Interactive users can take photos
- Would not interfere with potential clock tower installation
- See Lockport example

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Laura Bernsohn Planning & Development Specialist

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby grants approves of the following sites:

- 1. The Alleyway Between Manhattan & Webster Street
- Mural to span across the wall
- Interactive-where users can take photos
- Permission will be confirmed with Canal club 62 owners also, but it is in a City owned alleyway
 - 2. Charles Fleishmann Park-Sculpture Installation
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For Community Development to move forward with the New York Main Street - Streetscape Program.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro
Nays: None
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CARRIED.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A. Gratwick Hose Company

June 9, 2021

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

Common Council:

Please remove the name of Terry Lent from the Fire Rolls.

Thank you.

David A. Rogge

Membership Secretary

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka
That the Common Council hereby approves of the removal of Terry Lent from the North
Tonawanda Fire Rolls.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro Nays: None

CARRIED.

LATE COMMUNICATION

MOVED by Alderman Zadzilka SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
To bring the following communications to the floor.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro

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Nays: None
CARRIED.

#1.

Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

June 14, 2021

The 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 Maxwell McCabe 766 Ruie Road, to the full-time position of Laborer (DL).

Mr. McCabe's application has been approved by the Niagara County Civil Service Commission. Mr. McCabe was vetted through several interviews and was the best candidate for the position bringing with him 7 years of working for our parks department in a part-time capacity.

This position has been budgeted for and is backfilling a vacancy that has been vacant since March.

At this time Mr. McCabe has successfully completed his background check and I am requesting that he be approved for employment with a start date of June 21. Thank you for your consideration.

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

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Tylec That the Common Council hereby approves of the appointment of Maxwell McCabe, 766 Ruie Road, to the full-time position of Laborer (DL), for the Parks Department effective June 21, 2021.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro
Nays: None
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CARRIED.

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#2.

Mayors Pizza

June 14, 2021

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

Dear Common Council,

I am the owner of Mayors Pizza at 452 Oliver Street North Tonawanda, Tiffany Mathewson. I would like to pull a permit to shut down Oliver Street between Sommer Street and Miller Street, on June 22, 2021, between the times of 5pm to 8pm for a Rock a Billy car and bike show. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 716-598-5725 or at the pizzeria 716-389-0052.

Thank you, Tiffany Mathewson

MOVED by Alderman Pecoraro SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo That the Common Council hereby grants permission to Mayors Pizza to block off Oliver Street from Sommer Street to Miller Street Tuesday, June 22, 2021, from 5pm-8pm for a Rock a Billy car and bike show and directs the Department of Public Works to provide barricades for said event.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Zadzilka, Tylec, Pecoraro (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

<u>Brandon Werth & Damian Ringer</u> - Thanked the Common Council for the approval of their promotions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Alderman Tylec SECONDED by Alderman Zadzilka That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned. CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 7:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Braun

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