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COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

December 3, 2020

The following meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2020:

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| 6:30 P.M. Alex Domaradzki
Dir. Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors | - | Re: John Deere Tractor Use |
| 6:45 P.M. Chelsea Spahr – City Engineer
Mark Zellner – Supt. Public Works | - | Re: Alternative Parking |
| 7:00 P.M. Common Council | - | Re: General Discussion |

Respectfully submitted,



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December 1, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Pappas and Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
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Dear Mayor Pappas and Common Council,

It has come to my attention that the City has acquired a John Deere Tractor from the NT Public Library. A proposal was brought up to house the tractor at the Botanical Gardens for use by the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization in their efforts to continue to beautify the grounds. The tractor would be used to help transport material around the 11-acre site, helping them to increase their efficiency.

I fully support the use of this tractor by NTBGO; however, my concern stems from liability concerns over allowing volunteers to operate city equipment such as this tractor. If no other Department has an immediate use for the piece of equipment, I would certainly be in support of the proposal to house the tractor onsite at the Botanical Gardens garage.

I am recommending, if reasonable from a legal standpoint, that the City maintain ownership and sign a shared use agreement with NTBGO which indicates terms of their use of the tractor along with proof of acceptable liability coverage to mitigate liability to the City. In such a way the City can maximize the use of the tractor for the greatest good of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alex Domaradzki
Director of Youth, Recreation, Parks & Seniors

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