

THE HONORABLE BODY
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
North Tonawanda, New York 14120
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
6:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT PECORARO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: **President Pecoraro**
 Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar

Absent: **None**

Also Present: **Mayor Austin J. Tylec**
 City Attorney Edward Zebulske III

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jay Soemann: Owner of 82, 84 & 88 Webster Street, also owner of 85 Manhattan Street Parking for tenants. President of the Webster Street Merchants is addressing Canal Fest. Many items of concern that they would like in writing if the rides are housed in the Manhattan Street Parking lot.

1. You will find make up parking spaces.
2. You will keep Manhattan Street completely open.
3. Keep rides and games footprint inside Manhattan Street lot boundaries.
4. This will be a one-year deal.
5. There will be security all night to prevent vandalism.
6. You will enforce parking regulations on Webster Street during the day.
7. You will allow accessibility for our tenants and workers.

Please keep in mind that the merchants and restaurants that are here 52 weeks a year and pay taxes.

Suzanne Todaro- Business owner at 34 Webster Suzanne has all the same concerns that Jay Soemann had read aloud to the Council. She also is very concerned about Public Safety in the downtown area. Suzanne read a letter from another Business located at 31 Webster Street-Pulp 716, also had many concerns with Public Safety for her employees.

Peter Chenier- 1666 Eddy Drive Canal Fest President. Addressed some of the concerns The Canal Fest Committee didn't make these decisions lightly. They plan on addressing the concerns of the Webster Street Merchants. Stated that being involved in the Beer Tent ran by Sweeney Hose, they very rarely ran into any problems. Non-for-Profit Organizations have suffered thru two years of COVID and this is an opportunity for them to try and generate money. Sweeney hose needs Canal Fest in order to give back to the community.

Rich Reeves- 21 16th Avenue-Non-for-Profits needs this event in order to give back and support the Community.

Cathy Schwandt & Kayel Scolla – 62 Webster Street owners of Canal Club 62-Very concerned for all the Businesses on Webster Street. Can we discuss other options, such as Gratwick Park for the rides, there would be no worries for parking. Not happy with Rides in the parking lot. Worried about deliveries. Asked that the Canal Fest Committee get

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 21, 2022, and further authorizes the Mayor and
City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$240,773.91
02	Water Fund	52,737.66
04	Sewer Fund	41,215.00
06	Capital Project Fund	181,880.34
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>7,083.75</u>
00	Final Total	<u>\$523,690.66</u>

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

XXV. Monthly Reports

.1 Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman DiBernardo
That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports.
Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Lavey, Loncar, Pecoraro (5)
Nays: None (0)
CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS

A.
Canal Fest of the Tonawandas Inc.

June 9, 2022

Honorable Council President Robert Pecoraro
Honorable Mayor Austin Tylec
North Tonawanda City Hall
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dear President Pecoraro:

As discussed in last Tuesday night workshop the Canal Fest is submitting this year's revised plan. This includes utilizing Manhattan Street and the Manhattan Street parking lot.

Canal Fest looks forward to another successful event for our membership and the Twin Cities. North Tonawanda has always contributed to this success, and we hope to maintain our good working relationship for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests. I have left the request for the Parade in case the interest in getting folks involved rises but at last night's meeting of the Board of Directors for Canal Fest it was decided to cancel the parade due to lack of interest. We just could not get bands and organizations involved due to us deciding to not pay them.

As a FYI I have instructed the Carrousel Society folks to start having communications with the downtown merchants in regard to the Manhattan Street proposal and this is to start on Friday June 10th, so the merchants have an understanding on what is being proposed to avoid any merchant being blindsided.

