

Agenda Item #1

The following is a report of the licenses issued and collections made in the Office of the City Clerk during the month of February 2014.					
				<u>CONTROLLER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
A1255-001 A012		Vital Statistics		\$ 4,342.00	\$ 4,342.00
A1255-004 A013		Copies of Records		\$ 471.75	\$ 471.75
A1255-004 A013		Certificates of Marriage		\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
A2501-011 A044		Peddler		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
A2501-014 A046		Electrician - Active		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
A2501-016 A047		Stationary Engineers		\$ 370.00	\$ 370.00
A2542-000 A053		Dogs/NYS Agr. & Mkts	\$ 216.00	\$ -	\$ 216.00
A2542-000 A053		Additional Dogs		\$ 2,392.25	\$ 2,392.25
A2545-001 A054		Marriage License/NYSHD	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,560.00
A2501-024 A120		Ambulance - Vehicle		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
A2501-024 A120		Ambulance - Driver		\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
A1255-002 A123		Commissioners of Deeds		\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
A2545-010 A128		Petroleum - Retail		\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00
A2545-010 A128		Petroleum - Storage		\$ 780.00	\$ 780.00
A2545-010 A128		Petroleum - Wholesale		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
A2545-023 A318		Hunters/NYS DEC RAU	\$ 136.98	\$ -	\$ 136.98
A2545-023 A318		Hunters Fees		\$ 8.02	\$ 8.02
A1255-003 A499		Notary Fee		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
A1255-005 A528		Dog Release		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
TA63008 A597		Marriage Performance		\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
A1255-006-A696		Photos/passport-license		\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
TOTAL:			<u>\$ 1,522.98</u>	<u>\$ 13,343.02</u>	<u>\$ 14,866.00</u>
Check #	66666	NYS Dept.of Arg. & Mkts	\$ 216.00		
Check #	66640	NYS Health Department	\$ 1,170.00		
Check #	ET	NYS DEC RAU	\$ 136.98		

Agenda Item #2

The following claims have been filed in the Office of the City Clerk during the month of February 2014 the claims were subsequently referred to the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Lucchetti, Therese E. 171 58 th St.	Automobile damages sustained from a City plow.
Canterbury, Ilene 1320 Roselle Ave.	Automobile damages sustained from a tree.
American Secretarial Service, Inc. 1925 Pine Ave.	Property damages sustained from frozen water pipes.
Venute, Antonette 565 72 nd St	Property damages sustained from frozen water pipes.
Richard Sweitzer Tayna Sweitzer c/o Edward L. Smith III, Esq.	Personal injuries sustained from a work site.
Garito, Carol 629 72 nd St.	Property damages sustained from frozen water pipes.
Littere Jr., Daniel and Littere Christine 626 34 th St	Personal injuries sustained from an uneven curb.
Mace, John P. Horseshoe Lane Prop., LLC 1455 Ferry Ave.	Property damages sustained by a tree.
Bensch, Christopher 108 Council St	Automobile damages sustained from an object in the road
Schupp, Sara E. 3002 Livingston Ave	Automobile damages sustained from City plow
LaMoy, Jennifer M. 3658 Ferry Ave	Personal injuries sustained from falling at a the Safety Building
Killifer, M.E. c/o Geico	Automobile damages sustained from City vehicle.

CECOS International, Inc., f/k/a
NEWCO Chemical Waste Services
C/o Webster Szayni, LLP
Attorney at Law

Love Canal Remedial Action Project.

Jones, William N.
2587 David Dr

Automobile damages sustained from hitting
a pot hole.

Perez, Carmen
1517 Centre Ave.

Automobile damages sustained from hitting
a pot hole.

Domin, Richard
8021 W. Rivershore Dr

Automobile damages sustained from hitting
pot holes.

Hutchins, Kevin
3425 Royal Ave

Property damages sustained from frozen
water pipes.

Henricks, George
c/o Nationwide

Automobile damages sustained from an
accident with a City Police vehicle.

Stella, Anthony M.
605 18th St.

Automobile damages sustained from hitting
a pot hole.

Wooten, Dorothy L.
3421 Royal Ave.

Property damages sustained from freezing
water pipes.

SUMMONS

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
a/s/o James Norton
c/o Stuart D. Markowitz, P.C.

Index#152197

Gertrude M. Welland
c/o Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP

Index#151966

Agenda Item #3

**RE: City Council Agenda Item: \$250,000 Capital Investment
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Cardiac/Stroke Care Center**

Council Members:

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center (NFMMC) requests a \$250,000 grant from the City of Niagara Falls to assist in funding the construction of the Cardiac/Stroke Care Center on the third floor at 621 10th Street. In 2013, NFMCC was awarded a \$750,000 challenge grant for the John R. Oishei Foundation, on the condition that the investment was matched dollar for dollar by a fundraising campaign. The City's \$250,000 will permit NFMMC to meet the challenge grant, and allow the \$3.4 million project to move forward this year.

Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti initiated discussion with NFMMC and the City, proposing a partnership. If approved, the City's investment would be specifically dedicated to the renovation, demolition and health information technology phases of the project. No City funds would be used for architectural services or project planning.

NFMMC is the City's third largest employer, sustaining 1,200 jobs. Capital and technological advancements are needed for the hospital to compete for additional investment, the recruitment of highly qualified employees and existing employee retention. As stated in the recently completed *Strengthening WNY's Safety Net: A Presentation of findings for the City of Niagara Falls*, employment is highlighted as a critical need. Slightly fewer than 20,000 jobs exist within Niagara Falls. It is essential for the City to proactively invest in employment centers to grow that number, especially the health services industry. The reconstruction of the unit will also create no less than 12 full time equivalent construction jobs for the duration of the project.

A new Cardiac/Stroke Care Center also presents a clear and necessary public benefit to our citizens. The City of Niagara Falls faces some of the worst rates of stroke and heart disease in New York State and the nation. Niagara County's age-adjusted death rate for cardiovascular disease is nearly twice that of the national average. In 2013, over 1,500 patients were hospitalized in NFMMC's existing cardiac/stroke unit. These are staggering statistics that impact the entire community, thus requiring a community-wide solution. The current unit has been in operation for over 40 years, and needs to be completely overhauled to meet the patient demand head on.

The 25-bed NFMMC Cardiac/Stroke Care Center will provide inpatient care to assist the patient return home as soon as possible and provide the patient and family support and information to continue recovery outside the hospital setting. Features of the new unit include all private rooms, a patient/family resource room, a teaching facility for medical education, on-site rehabilitation therapy facilities, advanced technology promoting patient safety and nursing stations placing nurses closer to patients. NFMMC is located in the city's core. Approximately 4,500 Niagara Falls households do not

have access to a vehicle. They cannot reach other health care providers in a timely manner. It is safe to assume that this is the same population that would greatly benefit from improved cardiac event/stroke preventative measures. The NFMCC unit is accessible by public transit and centrally located, maximizing its service footprint.

The grant amount will be divided as follows: YEAR 1: \$150,000. YEAR 2: \$100,000. TOTAL: \$250,000.

Will the Council vote to approve a \$250,000 grant from casino revenues and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Agenda Item #4

**RE: City Council Agenda Item: \$10,000 North End Trades Job Training Investment
Highland Community Revitalization Committee, Inc. & Isaiah 61 Project Partnership,
Inc.**

Council Members:

The Highland Community Revitalization Committee, Inc. (HCRC) requests \$10,000 to establish a North End Trades Training Class in partnership with the Isaiah 61 Project. The funds would be specifically dedicated to the salary of an Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) instructor teaching the class.

HCRC is a non-profit, charitable organization of concerned citizens and residents seeking to serve as a catalyst for the resurgence and redevelopment of the Highland neighborhood of the City of Niagara Falls. In addition to several community benefit programs, HCRC has executed home renovation/ownership programs with Community Development Block Grant funding via the Niagara Falls Community Development Department as well as other state and federal funding sources.

HCRC seeks to partner with the Isaiah 61 Project for this North End Trades Training Class. The Isaiah 61 Project, in collaboration with O/N BOCES and several funding partners, provides a free 400 hour construction trades job training class to unemployed and under-employed applicants. In the process, Isaiah 61 renovates vacant homes once owned by the city, preparing the structures for home ownership and returning them to the municipal tax roll. HCRC is in the process of purchasing a city owned vacant house within its target area, and has already submitted a purchase request to the city's Legal Department. This house will act as the on-site training space for the North End Class. HCRC will be responsible for securing additional space for the classroom portion of the training program and recruiting students from the neighborhood. This course will be the first step in Isaiah 61's transition to its permanent home in the North End. Later this year, the organization will move into its new headquarters and re-use store at the former fire house at 3721 Highland Avenue.

The Isaiah 61 Project Trades Training Program began in 2012, in partnership with the Niagara Falls Community Development Department and The John R. Oishei Foundation. Since its inception, 30 people have graduated from the program and approximately 75 percent have found local job placement. There is a pressing need for more job training and placement in the City of Niagara Falls. As stated in the recently completed *Strengthening WNY's Safety Net: A Presentation of findings for the City of Niagara Falls*, slightly fewer than 20,000 jobs exist within Niagara Falls. Access to certified O/N BOCES trades training and the OSHA-10 course is an effective and cost efficient way to connect the under-employed with actual job opportunities.

Will the Council vote to approve a \$10,000 grant from casino revenues and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Agenda Item #5

RE: Items needed by Niagara Falls Police Department (“NFPD”) Criminal Investigation Division/CSI

Council Members:

The Police Superintendent advises that it is necessary to acquire certain pieces of equipment to aid the Criminal Investigation Division/CSI. The equipment requested and the cost of each item is detailed on the attached list. The total cost of the equipment requested is \$63,350.00. These items and the costs were included in the NFPD 2014 Capital Budget. The source of funding is casino revenues.

Will the Council so approve?

Capital Project for Police Department

2014

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION / CSI

<i>ITEM</i>	PRICE
VOICE STRESS ANALYZER	3,600.00
FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE	36,000.00
IDENT A KIT SOFTWARE	500.00
OMNIOVORE FIELD KIT	4,700.00
GRACO PAINT SPRAYER	300.00
CRIME SCENE LIGHT SOURCE	1,000.00
TOOLS AND TOOL CHEST	4,000.00
CELEBRIT USA ANALYSIS LINK	2,600.00
UFED SYSTEM	8,500.00
CSIPIX COMPARATOR	150.00
CANON STI CAMERA BUNDLE X 2	2,000.00
TOTAL	63,350.00

Agenda Item #6

RE: Department of Public Works ("DPW") Capital Purchases

Council Members:

During the City Council meeting held on September 30, 2013 the City Council approved a request from the Director of DPW to acquire certain equipment/items as Capital Purchases with casino revenues. The amount approved totaled \$1,056,900.00. Since that time, the DPW Director has re-evaluated the list of items approved by the City Council and is requesting to make adjustments to that list. Attached hereto is a copy of the spreadsheet showing equipment/items approved on September 30, 2013 which now shows two (2) items he requests be deleted (a SUV Hybrid - \$29,000.00 and a 75' Bucket Truck - \$150,000.00) together with an updated spreadsheet deleting the aforementioned equipment/items and adding six (6) new items which are noted. The new amount totals \$1,042,258.74. This updated spreadsheet also reflects current prices for all equipment/items, some of which are higher than they were in September, 2013 and some of which are lower. These items are highlighted. The difference of \$14,641.30 will be used for additional expenses needed for the Zoom Team.

Will the Council so approve?

**DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS
FOR THE PERIOD OF 2013**

NOTE: BOLD indicates item received or approved to order.

DEPARTMENT	ASSET DESCRIPTION	#	2013	
SNOW REMOVAL	4X4 P/U TRUCK W/PLOW	2	60,105.90	
SNOW REMOVAL	SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK W/PLOW & SALT BODY	1	166,799.83	
SNOW REMOVAL	PAYLOADER	1	184,240.81	
SNOW REMOVAL	TANDEM DUMP TRUCK W/PLOW	1	179,099.70	
TOTAL SNOW REMOVAL			590,246.24	
STREETS DIVISION	STREET SWEEPER	1	185,000.00	
STREETS DIVISION	WESTERN TORNADO SALT SPREADER PT 7008	2	10,000.00	NEW ITEM
TOTAL STREETS DIVISION			195,000.00	
YEARLY TOTALS			785,246.24	
GOLF COURSE	F450 DUMP W/PLOW & SALTER (#233)	1	43,419.16	
GOLF COURSE	FAIRWAY MOWER	1	59,158.96	
TOTAL GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT			102,578.12	
HYDE PARK	PICKUP TRUCK W/PLOW/TOWING PACKAGE /SALT BODY (207)	1	30,912.38	
HYDE PARK	BOBCAT	1	51,200.00	NEW ITEM
HYDE PARK	CREW CAB P/U 4WD W/TOWING PKG	1	35,000.00	NEW ITEM
HYDE PARK	WESTERN TORNADO SALT SPREADER PT 7008	1	5,000.00	NEW ITEM
HYDE PARK	CHEVY CRUZE	1	16,322.00	NEW ITEM
TOTAL HYDE PARK			138,434.38	
AUTOMOTIVE	COMPUTERIZED INVENTORY SCANNING SYSTEM	1	16,000.00	NEW ITEM
TOTALAUTOMOTIVE			16,000.00	

PARKS YEARLY TOTALS		257,012.50
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DPW YEARLY TOTALS		785,246.24
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PARKS/DPW TOTALS		1,042,258.74
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NOTE:
BOLD indicates item has
been received or ordered

DPW AVERAGE YEARLY AMOUNT	785,246.24
PARKS AVERAGE YEARLY AMOUNT	257,012.50
TOTAL AVERAGE YEARLY AMOUNT	1,042,258.74

Agenda Item #7

RE: Vehicles for Department of Code Enforcement

Council Members:

The Acting Director of the Department advises that his department currently has nine (9) leased vehicles. Five (5) of those vehicles come off lease in April 2014 while the other four (4) come off lease in July of 2014. The Purchasing Department advises that there are currently no State contract bids for leased vehicles.

It is therefore requested that the sum of \$210,594.15 be made available to that department so that it may purchase nine (9) Ford Escapes at the State bid price of \$23,399.35 per vehicle. Attached hereto is a communication pertaining to the cost of these new vehicles. Funding is available from casino revenues.

Will the Council so approve?

Tuesday March 11th, 2014 4:16 PM



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71 Marsh Rd East Rochester, NY 14445 (585) 586-7705 Fax (585) 586-

Vehicle Purchase ProposalAttention: **Shirley Bernat**

Purchase Order#:

City of Niagara Falls, NY

1785 New Rd

Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Phone: 716-286-4371 Fax: 716-286-4337

Email: shirley.bernat@niagarafallsny.gov

Quote# 16225

**Chautauqua Bid 2014 Group
4, Item 1, Veh 1**

Item Description	Code	Qty	Your Price	MSRP
2014 Ford Escape SE AWD	U9G	1	\$ 22,922.00	\$ 27,300.00
Ruby Red Tinted Clearcoat (Optional SE, Titanium)	PRR	1	\$ 367.35	\$ 395.00
1.6L GTDI Engine (Std SE, Titanium)	99X	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
6-Speed Automatic w/SelectShift	99X	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
*Splash Guards (VP) (Chautauqua Bid Only)	63S	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Delivery to Region 1	Reg 1	1	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
Term is Net 15 Days A.R.V. Delivery from factory to dealer is estimated at 16-20 weeks. This Quote Expires In 60 Days or final Order date, whichever comes first.	Total Price:		\$ 23,399.35	
Quantity on this Order: 9	Grand Total:		\$ 210,594.15	
Suggested Items Below				
	Code	Qty	Your Price	MSRP
All-weather floor mats - set of 4 (VP)	50C	1	\$ 69.75	\$ 75.00
BaseCare Warranty 5 year, 100,000 mi \$100.00 Deductible AWD	Warr	1	\$ 1,422.90	\$ 1,530.00
Undercoating		1	\$ 398.57	\$ 428.57

To place an order please sign and date this proposal and return it to
Van Bortel Ford along with a valid Purchase Order, Voucher, or Letter of Intent. Thank You!

Accepted By: _____ Title _____ Date _____

Van Bortel Ford Inc (WBE) Federal ID 16-1609363 Salesperson: **Shane Startzel** Quote: 16225

Agenda Item #8

RE: Small Equipment for Department of Public Works ("DPW")

Council Members:

The Director of DPW has requested that the sum of \$93,593.77 be made available to his department in order to purchase small equipment. Attached hereto is a list of the equipment he advises is necessary. Funding is available from account code H0912.

Will the Council so approve?

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS NY
 2013 BORROWING - CAPITAL PLAN
 H0912.2009.0912.0230.000

3/13/2014REVISED

DIVISION & EQUIP #	DESCRIPTION	EST COST	ACTUAL COST	PO #	DATE WRITTEN	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL BALANCE
						BALANCE	BALANCE	
DIVISION	\$\$\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL							
IN AS 400 SHOWING	TO DATE:							
1 TRADES	SAW SALS (2)	\$207.00						
2 TRADES	DRILLS (HAMMER) 18V CORDLESS (4)	\$1,284.00						
3 TRADES	BAND SAWS (2)	\$425.00						
4 TRADES	BELT SANDER	\$183.00						
5 TRADES	METER SAW 12" COMPOUND	\$655.00						
6 TRADES	LADDERS (22')	\$1,000.00						
7 TRADES	BAND SAW, DEEP CUT PORTABLE	\$344.00						
8 TRADES	ANGLE GRINDER	\$115.00						
9 TRADES	MEGAHUR (MOTOR TESTOR)	\$2,070.00						
10 TRADES	SUBMERGIBLE PUMP	\$230.00						
11 GARAGE	INSTALL LIFT E1206 + INSTALLATION CHARGE OF \$650.00 (SEE BELOW)	\$4,231.00						
12 GARAGE	INSTALLATION CHARGE FOR LIFT E1206	\$650.00						
13 GARAGE - CAR SHOP	TRANSMISSION FLUID							
14 GARAGE - CAR SHOP	RECYCLER/EXCHANGE UNIT	\$4,449.00						
15 GARAGE - TRUCK SHOP	3 1/2 TON FLOOR JACK OTC-1526 H.D. JACK STANDS 22 TON OTC-1780 (2- PACKS)(2)	\$290.00						
16 GARAGE - TRUCK SHOP	3 1/2 TON FLOOR JACK OTC-1526 (2- PACK)	\$520.00						
17 GARAGE - TRUCK SHOP	3/4" AIRHOSE & REEL	\$580.00						
18 GARAGE	DATALINK ADAPTOR PT32892092	\$897.00						
19 GARAGE	DEWALT 20V CORDLESS DRILL							
20 GARAGE	DWTD790D2	\$300.00						
21 GARAGE	OTC 2 TON ALUMINUM JACK - OTC 1532	\$407.00						
22 GARAGE	INGERSOLL RAND 1/2" DRIVE IMPACT GUN - IRT232TGS	\$333.00						
23 STREETS	2 WAY CITY BAND RADIOS (6)	\$1,938.00						
24 STREETS	TS 500 14" CONCRETE SAW	\$903.00						
25 GOLF	2" TRASH PUMP	\$1,500.00						
	FS90R TRIMMER (2)	\$454.00						

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS NY
 2013 BORROWING - CAPITAL PLAN
 H0912.2009.0912.0230.000

3/13/2014REVISED

DIVISION & EQUIP #	DESCRIPTION	EST COST	ACTUAL COST	PO #	DATE WRITTEN	ESTIMATED BALANCE		ACTUAL BALANCE	
	\$\$\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL								
26 GOLF	BR600 BACKPACK BLOWER (1)	\$345.00							
27 GOLF	MS180C CHAINSAW	\$149.00							
28 GOLF	TORO 21" MOWER #22290 (1)	\$794.00							
29 GOLF	GX 35 SAND TRAP PUMP RSG03600	\$1,175.00							
30 GOLF	JOHN DEERE LT21789 SPREADER (2)	\$698.00							
31 GOLF	JMC 68550 NY RH VERTICUT REEL 22' (2)	\$3,330.00							
32 GOLF	JMC 68549 NY LH VERTICUT REEL 22"	\$1,664.57							
33 PARKS	FS90R TRIMMER (6)	\$1,362.00							
34 PARKS	BG86 BLOWER (4)	\$784.00							
35 PARKS	HS81R HEDGE TRIMMER 24" (BLADE) (1)	\$371.00							
36 PARKS	TORO 21" SELF PROP. #22290 MOWER (2)	\$1,588.00							
37 PARKS	SALT DOGG SPREADER #WB100 (4)	\$1,272.00							
38 PARKS	WESTERN TORNADO SALT SPREADER								
	PT7008 FOR RAMP P/U #207	\$4,970.00							
39 PARKS	PORTA-GRILL #PG-2460-1 FIREBOX 24" X 60"	\$725.00							
40 PARKS	PICNIC TABLES A FRAME W/ STEEL SUPPORT COMPONENT #AT-6TP TREATED (40)	\$9,807.20							
41 PARKS	STEAM JENNY PRESSURE WASHER	\$4,693.00							
42 PARKS GARAGE	27 GAL. SELF EVACUATING OIL DRAIN #DOWJDI-27DC	\$667.00							
43 CLEAN TEAM	FS90R TRIMMER (5)	\$1,135.00							
44 CLEAN TEAM	BG86 BLOWERS (2)	\$392.00							
45 CLEAN TEAM	HS81R HEDGE TRIMMER (24" BLADE) (4)	\$1,484.00							
46 CLEAN TEAM	TORO W.B. 36" DECK #30634 MOWER (3)	\$5,384.00							2 of 3
47 CLEAN TEAM	TORO 21" SELF PROP. #22290 MOWER (3)	\$2,382.00							

Agenda Item #9

RE: Resolution 2014-17

Resolution 2014-18

Please be advised that Mayor Paul A. Dyster, on March 4, 2014, duly approved the

Following:

1. Resolution 2014-17, relative to Amending Chapter 1111 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Plumbing Code of the City of Niagara Falls, New York"
2. Resolution 2014-18, relative to Amending Chapter 1107 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Permits, Fees and Certificates."

Agenda Item #10

*RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Sandra Welch
761 Eighth Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14301*

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	November 19, 2013
Date Action Commenced:	N/A
Date of Occurrence:	October 26, 2013
Location:	761 Eighth Street, Niagara Falls, New York
Nature of Claim:	Damage to vehicle from fallen limb.
Status of Action:	Claim stage.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay.
Amount to be Paid:	\$1,451.20
Make Check Payable to:	Sandra Welch
Conditions:	General Release to City, approved by Corporation Counsel.

It is the recommendation of this Department that the above claim be paid under the terms set forth above. Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #11

*RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Jamie Grissett
533 30th Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14301*

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	January 8, 2014
Date Action Commenced:	N/A
Date of Occurrence:	December 15, 2013
Location:	1000 block of 22 nd Street, Niagara Falls, NY
Nature of Claim:	Vehicle damage due to accident with City vehicle.
Status of Action:	Claim stage.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay.
Amount to be Paid:	\$304.56
Make Check Payable to:	Jamie Grissett
Conditions:	General Release to City, approved by Corporation Counsel.

It is the recommendation of this Department that the above claim be paid under the terms set forth above. Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #12

*RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Linda M. D'Agostino
2437 Michigan Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14305*

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	March 12, 2013
Date Action Commenced:	April 9, 2013
Date of Occurrence:	Various
Nature of Claim:	Employment; lost wages
Status of Action:	Action stage
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay.
Amount to be Paid:	\$5,000.00
Make Check Payable to:	Linda M. D'Agostino
Conditions:	General Release to City, approved by Corporation Counsel.

It is the recommendation of this Department that the above claim be paid under the terms set forth above. Will the Council so approve?

**RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE
CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFORMING THE CITY CHARTER**

BY:

Council Chairman Charles A. Walker

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls deems it necessary to retain independent counsel to assist the Council in its efforts to reform the Niagara Falls City Charter,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Robert M. Restaino be and hereby is appointed Special Counsel to the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls at a monthly retainer of \$1500.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Restaino will serve at the pleasure of the City Council without any benefits, with the funds for the current year being available in the 2014 Budget under the Consultants line of the City Council's budget, A1010.1010.0451.000.

Agenda Item #14

RELATIVE TO
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HOUSING VISIONS PROJECT

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker

WHEREAS, Housing Visions Consultants, Inc. (HVC), a 501(c)(3), a not-for-profit organization proposes to execute the \$12.1 million Walnut Avenue Homes development, including the redevelopment of 4 underutilized vacant lots, 3 deteriorated and vacant residential buildings, 1 deteriorated and vacant school administrative building, and an underutilized vacant warehouse along Walnut Ave., 5th Street, 6th Street, and 7th Street, and

WHEREAS, Housing Visions brings to the neighborhood quality, affordable housing through the new construction of 7 buildings and substantial rehabilitation of 1 building providing 41 units in the City of Niagara Falls,

WHEREAS, the project foot-print includes four presently underutilized vacant lots, three deteriorated and vacant city-owned houses and the vacant Walnut Avenue City School District Administrative Building, and

WHEREAS, development of the former School District Administrative Building and vacant city-owned houses will eliminate neighborhood blight and vacancy while preventing a costly government-funded demolition, and

WHEREAS, new ownership and development of the parcels will produce actual tax revenue at the site for the first time in a generation, and

WHEREAS, the sale of the former School District Administration building generated new revenue for the Niagara Falls City School District and was overwhelmingly supported by a December 2013 public referendum vote, and

WHEREAS, HVC maintains a strong partnership with the YWCA Carolyn's House, also located on 7th Street, and this development will further the mission of Carolyn's House, and

WHEREAS, the project is specifically identified as a priority project and/or directly supports the recommendations found in the following reports: Comprehensive Plan of the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Niagara Falls Strategic Plan as presented to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the project will increase the city's tax base, create local construction jobs, and create new commercial space in the city's core neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, this project will provide needed workforce housing that is accessible by public transit and is in close proximity to major employment centers, and

WHEREAS, the developer has worked with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, the Niagara Falls City School District, and various community organizations to move this project forward,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls City Council hereby lends its support to the Housing Visions project and hereby requests an allocation of housing tax credits by New York State Homes and Community Renewal for this critical affordable housing and economic development project and that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, HCR Commissioner Darryl C. Towns and members of the Western New York Assembly and Senate State Delegation

Agenda Item #15

RELATIVE TO
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR NIAGARA CITY LOFTS

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker

WHEREAS, the Niagara City Lofts project is the \$27.5 million rehabilitation of the former South Junior High School located at 561 Portage Road by Niagara County and New York City-based state-certified Minority Business Enterprise developer, CB- Emmanuel Realty, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation will provide 64 loft apartments and 23,000 square feet of commercial space to downtown Niagara Falls and restore a National Register-eligible historic property, and

WHEREAS, development of the former South Junior building will eliminate neighborhood blight and vacancy while preventing a costly government funded demolition, and

WHEREAS, new ownership and development of the former South Junior building will produce actual tax revenue at the site for the first time in its history, and

WHEREAS, the sale of the former South Junior building generated new revenue for the Niagara Falls City School District and was overwhelmingly supported by a December 2013 public referendum vote, and

WHEREAS, the project is located on historic Portage Road in the Memorial Parkway Neighborhood, which is in the heart of the city and adjacent to the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, Schoellkopf Park, Haberle Plaza and close to the downtown commercial district, and

WHEREAS, the project is specifically identified as a priority project and/or directly supports the recommendations found in the following reports: Comprehensive Plan of the City of Niagara Falls and the City of Niagara Falls Strategic Plan as presented to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the project will increase the tax base create approximately 100 local construction jobs and create new commercial space in the city's core neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the renovation of the former South Junior building was awarded a \$5 million RESTORE NY grant by Governor David Paterson in 2009, illustrating the state's commitment to the site, and

WHEREAS, this project will provide needed workforce housing that is accessible by public transit and is in close proximity to major employment centers, and

WHEREAS, the developer has worked with the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center, the Niagara Falls City School District, and various community organizations to move this project forward, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls City Council hereby lends its support to the Niagara City Lofts project and hereby requests an allocation of housing tax credits by New York State Homes and Community Renewal for this critical affordable housing and economic development project and that certified copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, HCR Commissioner Darryl C. Towns and members of the Western New York Assembly and Senate State Delegation.

Agenda Item #16

RELATIVE TO

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. FRANK J. ACCARDO

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker
Council Member Robert Anderson, Jr.
Council Member Glenn Choolokian
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls City Council wishes to honor the memory of Mr. Frank J. Accardo, a pillar of the local business community, a tireless advocate of local athletics, and a committed community servant, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardo was born to Italian immigrants, John and Anna Accardo in Niagara Falls in 1925, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardo founded the Accardo Agency, an insurance and real estate agency that has maintained a constant presence in the city's Pine Avenue business district for more than fifty years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardo was a founding member of both the Pine Avenue Business Association and the Mid-Town Little League, and served as one of the longest-tenured members of the Niagara Falls Board of Realtors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls City Council honors the legacy of Mr. Frank J. Accardo, a model citizen of Niagara Falls, whose success as a small businessman was outweighed only by his commitment to community service and to the betterment of our city.

Agenda Item #17

RELATIVE TO

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. RICHARD JONES

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker
Council Member Robert Anderson, Jr.
Council Member Glenn Choolokian
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls City Council wishes to honor the memory of Mr. Richard “Ricky” Jones, a volunteer firefighter and U.S. Marine who even until his last moments showed a selfless commitment to the service of others, and

WHEREAS, Ricky began volunteering for the Frontier Volunteer Fire Company at age 14, becoming a full member at age 18, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps soon after graduating from Niagara Falls High School in 2012, devoting his life to serving the country and community he loved so dearly, and

WHEREAS, Ricky’s first instinct was always to put the well-being of others before his own, even in the face of danger,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Niagara Falls City Council honors the memory of Ricky Jones: firefighter, Marine, son, friend, and eternal example of selflessness and community service to all who knew him.

Monday, March 17, 2014 Council Meeting

PRESENTATIONS:

Sara Capen, Project Manager for Niagara Falls National Heritage Area – Local History Month

Nicole Martineau, Bella Gandy, Alyssa Gara, and Imean Davis – Harriet Tubman Essay Contest Winners

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: