

No Presentations/ Administrative Report

Agenda Item #1

**SUBJECT:** RFP#2016-15 Fireworks Display

We respectfully request you award a contract for a fireworks display as follows:

TO: Skylighters Fireworks

P.O. Box 1357

Orchard Park, NY 14127

FOR: Fireworks displays on July 4, 2015 at Hyde Park: \$25,000.00

The City Purchasing Division certifies that all bids were solicited in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Notice that proposals were to be received was advertised in the Niagara Gazette and requests for proposals were sent to five (5) companies. In addition to Skylighters Fireworks, a proposal was received from Pyrotecnico. After reviewing each proposal, it was determined that Skylighters Fireworks would be the best program to fit the City's needs.

Funds are available in the Tourism Fund account code T.6410.0000.0449.599.

Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #2

**PURCHASE OF 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET PARK EQUIPMENT AND PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SAFETY SURFACING**

It is the administration's recommendation that the purchase of 70<sup>TH</sup> Street Park Playground/Park equipment and the purchase and installation of the new 70<sup>th</sup> Street Playground Park Playground safety surfacing should be purchased via the New York State Office of General Services Playground Equipment, and Related Products Statewide Contract. GAMETIME Playground Equipment is a qualified vendor as part of the statewide contract (**NYS CONTRACT PC 66669**). The total amount that the Niagara Falls City Council is being asked to authorize is **\$96,514.49** as detailed below.

Item	Cost
Equipment Purchase	\$43,646.49
Safety Surfacing and Installation	\$52,868
Total	<b>\$96,514.49</b>

**The 70<sup>th</sup> Street Park Improvement Project will not require any municipal general fund or casino capital fund revenue.** The entire project, including the purchase of equipment and installation, will be funded by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant funds, as approved by the Niagara Falls City Council as part of the 2015 Community Development Action Plan.

This project includes resurfacing and repair of the existing basketball court, the installation of a new playground, focused on ages groups 5-12 and 12 and up, installation of new park seating, the addition of mile markers around the part of walkers/joggers and the installation of trash receptacles with animal waste bags. The location is consistent with Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. The project was planned in strong partnership with the Niagara Falls City Council and the public. Public meetings were hosted in October 2014 and April 2016 to gain public input. The Niagara Falls Community Development Department (CD) is confident that the final design is consistent with the ideas shared through the public participation process.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Street Park Improvement Project is consistent with CD and the City of Niagara Falls' continuing effort to increase and improve youth facilities and services in our community. Improvements at 70<sup>th</sup> Street Park are consistent with the adopted Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan. In 2016 alone, the CD plans to improve 70<sup>th</sup> Street Park, the Hyde Park Playground, the Hyde Park Little League baseball diamonds, create a Niagara Falls Skate Park, as well as improve Gill Creek Park and Jerauld Avenue Park. In addition, the Niagara Falls Engineering Department is planning playground improvements at Center Court Park.

Will the Council vote to so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase and limited installation of this equipment, in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Agenda Item #3

## **REQUEST OF TOURISM FUNDS – “SUMMER IN YOUR CITY” EVENTS**

### **NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The administration is requesting the use of \$18,000 from the Niagara Falls Tourism Account (T-FUND) to establish a “Summer in Your City” series of neighborhood based events in the City of Niagara Falls. **The goal of the series is to connect local residents with newly improved parks, available outdoor recreation services, and to provide family-centric events in every neighborhood in our city.**

In August 2015, the Niagara Falls City Council approved the use of T-FUND dollars to host a movie night at Hyde Park as part of the national “Play Ball” event. The event was a success, and the “Summer in Your City” series is an expansion of that event. **The “Summer in Your City” Series will include four neighborhood movies nights, located throughout Niagara Falls.** Locations will be finalized upon approval of this funding request. This request will also fund neighborhood play days at city parks being created or renovated in 2016, including:

- The Hyde Park Playground
- 70<sup>th</sup> Street Park
- D’Amelio/Center Court Park
- The NF Skate Park

Consistent with the adopted Parks Master Plan, the City of Niagara Falls is investing in park improvements throughout community. The “Play Days,” in consultation with the Niagara Falls Youth Bureau, will showcase these improvements and provide additional constructive activities for our young people. This funding request will also support event advertising and promotion. Based on funding availability, the series will also include a free kayak tour at Hyde Park Lake to showcase waterway access and the growing trend of water sports.

Will the Council vote to so approve this funding request and authorize the Mayor to execute any applicable contracts, in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Paul A. Dyster  
**DATE:** May 31, 2016  
**RE:** **City Council Agenda Item:  
Sale of 13 Homeownership Auction Properties**

**Council Members:**

Attached is a listing of the homeownership auction results, showing the successful bidders for 13 properties. Each of these bidders have submitted a rehabilitation plan to correct Code violations for the property he or she has bid on. The Planning Board recommended approval of each sale on May 11, 2016. The recommendation is attached.

If the sales are approved, the successful bidder must complete rehabilitation of the property in one year and must reside on the property as his or her principal residence for 5 years.

One sale was approved by Council on May 16. Three properties are still in the process of having rehabilitation plans approved, and will be brought to Council at a future date.

Will the Council vote to approve the sale of the 13 homeownership auction properties on the attached list as set forth herein, and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul A. Dyster, Mayor

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Donna D. Owens, City Administrator

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Seth A. Piccirillo  
Director of Community Development

Grandinetti \_\_\_\_\_ Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins \_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Touma \_\_\_\_\_

Niagara Falls Community Development  
 April 2016 Home Ownership Auction

Address	Successful Bid \$	Name	2016 City		2015/16		Total 2016	
			Tax	County Tax	NFCSD Tax	Taxes		
736 87th St.	\$25,000	Fatou Diop	\$1,486.95	\$755.88	\$1,615.14	\$3,857.97		
608 87th St.	\$7,000	Cheila Quinonez	\$1,042.84	\$530.12	\$1,132.74	\$2,705.70		
313 74th St	\$3,900	Raj Agarwal	\$782.13	\$397.59	\$849.56	\$2,029.28		
234 71st St.	\$9,000	Bestman Swuan	\$1,075.21	\$546.00	\$1,167.90	\$2,789.11		
158 69th St.	\$2,000	Samantha Anderson	\$899.00	\$457.00	\$976.50	\$2,332.50		
184 63rd St.	\$9,000	Walter Gardner	\$1,118.36	\$568.51	\$1,214.77	\$2,901.64		
204 60th St	\$20,200	Bridgette Myles	\$1,330.52	\$676.36	\$1,445.22	\$3,452.10		
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3630 Ferry Ave.	\$11,000	Mark Jeffers	\$933.17	\$474.37	\$1,013.61	\$2,421.15		
3625 Ferry Ave.	\$7,900	Phetnalay Douangtavilay	\$864.84	\$439.64	\$939.40	\$2,243.88		
515 25th St.	\$3,000	John Mallard	\$625.71	\$318.08	\$679.65	\$1,623.44		
2238 Lasalle Ave.	\$10,000	Alfonso Perry	\$719.20	\$365.60	\$781.20	\$1,866.00		
2890 Mckoon Ave.	\$9,500	Richard Anderson	\$755.16	\$383.88	\$820.26	\$1,959.30		
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515 Memorial Pkwy.	\$2,100	Ashford John	\$629.30	\$319.90	\$683.55	\$1,632.75		
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# City of Niagara Falls, New York

P.O. Box 69, Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

May 11, 2016

## NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**  
**Disposition of Property – Real Property Sale**

Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 736 – 87<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Fatou Diop as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 608 – 87<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Cheila Quionez as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 313 – 74th<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Raj Agarwal as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls  
**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 234 – 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Bestman Swuan as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 158 – 69<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Samantha Anderson as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
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**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 184 – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Walter Gardner as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 204 – 60<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Bridgette Myles as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 3630 Ferry Avenue

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Mark Jeffers as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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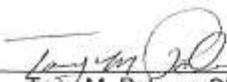
**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 3625 Ferry Avenue

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Phetnalay Douangtavilay as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 515 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to John Mallard as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 2238 LaSalle Avenue

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Alfonso Perry as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

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Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 2890 McKoon Avenue

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Richard Anderson as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
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**Disposition of Property – Real Property Sale**

Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016 your request is hereby granted.

**NAME OF OWNER:** City of Niagara Falls

**ADDRESS OF ACTION:** 515 Memorial Parkway

**PURPOSE:** Proposal to sell property to Ashford John as part of the first time home ownership auction

A real property disposition recommendation to Council is approved.

DATE: May 11, 2016

  
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Tony M. Palmer, Chairman  
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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Agenda Item #5

*RE: Contribution to Niagara Falls Illumination Board (“NFIB”) Project*

*To Enhance Illumination of Niagara Falls*

Council Members:

The NFIB is a Bi-National organization headquartered in Niagara Falls, Ontario that is responsible for undertaking and overseeing the illumination of Niagara Falls which, I believe all can agree, is a popular and welcome enhancement to Niagara Falls. The NFIB has embarked on a project called the “Enhanced Illumination Project” (“EI Project”) which entails upgrading the lights illuminating Niagara Falls with new LED lights resulting in enhanced lighting of Niagara Falls estimated to be twice the current lighting levels. Assuming that all stake holders are able to contribute the amounts they have been asked to contribute, the project is anticipated to commence immediately and will be completed prior to the end of 2016.

The City has been asked to contribute the sum of \$50,000.00, Canadian funds, to the EI Project which is approximately \$38,075.57 in U.S. funds. In the event that sufficient funding is not received from other public and private stakeholders within a reasonable period of time, the EI Project will not proceed and the City’s contribution will be returned in full, without interest, no later than December 31, 2016.

Funding is available from Tourism Fund Balance.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding in form and content satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel?

Agenda Item #6

RE: Funding for annual Italian Festival

Council Members:

The City has been asked to contribute the sum of \$2,500 toward the cost of the annual Italian Festival to take place from Friday, July 29, 2016 through Sunday, July 31, 2016 on Pine Avenue between Portage Road and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Attached is a letter of request from the sponsor.

Funding is available from Tourism Fund Balance.

Will the Council so approve?



## *Carmine Bianco*

614 17th Street • Niagara Falls, NY 14301  
(716) 531-6497 • Carminebianco53@gmail.com

January 29, 2016

To Mayor Dyster and NF City Council Members

I am writing you today that the 2016 Pax Romana Commission of Pine Avenue will be celebrating the Italian heritage of Niagara Falls with a three-day Italian Festival. This historic experience is a time of fun, music, good food and entertainment enjoyed by thousands every year, made possible through the help of our sponsors such as you.

The 2016 celebration is to be held from Friday, July 29th through Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> on Pine Avenue in Niagara Falls between Portage Road and 15<sup>th</sup> Street and will run from 10AM-10PM on each of those days.

At this time, we look to the community for continued support. It goes without saying that your backing for this event is critical and we could not progress without you. As such, we ask you to kindly consider a donation in of \$2500.00 to help us achieve the best result possible.

Checks can be made payable to "The Pax Romana Commission of Pine Avenue", care of Carmine Bianco at the address above. All sponsors will get recognition in our advertisements and promoted throughout the year as a contributor.

We feel that this celebration is a time-honored tradition in Niagara Falls and one that should not fall by the wayside. We hope you and yours will help in that endeavor. We appreciate and thank you for your time and cooperation.

Always with respect,

*Carmine Bianco*

Carmine Bianco

Agenda Item #7

*RE: Approval of Grant Agreement with the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad  
Heritage Commission for the Harriet Tubman Plaza Improvements*

Council Members:

Attached is a proposed Grant Agreement with the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Commission to provide half of the funding to make improvements to the Harriet Tubman Plaza in accordance with the original plans which had been modified as part of the Value Engineering decisions to lower the overall station construction budget.

This would provide an amount not to exceed \$131,000.00 to pay one half of the costs. The City's share of the costs would come from already approved Greenway Funding.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

## **Grant Agreement for Custom House/Harriet Tubman Plaza Improvements**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2016, by and between the CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as "CITY," and NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE COMMISSION INC., a not-for-profit corporation organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, hereinafter referred to as "COMMISSION."

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, CITY approved a contract ("Construction Contract") with Scrufari Construction Company Inc. as CITY'S general contractor of record, in an amount of \$22,691,000.00, to construct the Niagara Falls International Railway Station and Intermodal Transportation Center ("Station"), and

WHEREAS, the CITY made various value-engineering decisions to bring the Station's overall bid price in line with the projected Station construction budget, including an exclusion of betterments and improvements in the lawn area, adjacent to the north Customhouse facade, or Customhouse Plaza, and more recently referred to as the Harriet Tubman Plaza ("Plaza"), and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2015, COMMISSION approved a grant to CITY in an amount not to exceed \$131,000.00, to pay proportionally one-half of the costs associated with any change orders to the Construction Contract, necessary to achieve the originally intended Plaza betterments and improvements, and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2015, CITY approved the use of available Niagara River Greenway funding, in an amount of \$131,000.00, as the local share match, to pay proportionally one-half of the costs associated with any change orders to the Construction Contract, necessary to achieve the originally intended Plaza betterments and improvements, and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto wish to agree upon the terms and conditions relative to the grant funding to be provided by COMMISSION to CITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. PROJECT. CITY will approve the necessary change order(s) to the Construction Contract with Scrufari Construction Company Inc. to undertake construction of Plaza improvements according to the plan and scope of work developed for that purpose (a copy of which is attached hereto).
2. GRANT FOR PROJECT. COMMISSION shall provide a grant to CITY in the maximum amount of \$131,000.00 for the purpose of paying approximately half of the cost of the work to be covered by change order necessary to construct the Plaza improvements.
3. OTHER PROJECT FUNDING. The grant funds provided hereunder to CITY are available for a portion of the cost associated with the assisted program or project described herein. CITY represents to COMMISSION that it has sufficient funding available for payment of any additional proposed work in

excess of the grant funding provided herein to complete the Station inclusive of the Plaza.

4. RELEASE OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTING. Funds provided hereunder shall be transferred to CITY upon written request, provided:

- A. CITY has first executed the necessary change orders to the Construction Contract. The Grant Funds may only be used to pay a portion of the costs of the Construction Contract for improvements related to the Plaza.
- B. All work associated with the Plaza construction has been completed to the satisfaction of both the CITY and the COMMISSION as provided for in this agreement.
- C. CITY shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws, regulations, rules, orders and guidelines of the Construction Contract and the Plaza improvements.
- D. The request for transfer of funds shall identify the portion of the cost invoiced, by the Construction Contractor, and attributable to the Plaza construction specifically.

5. AVAILABILITY OF BOOKS AND RECORDS. CITY books, records, contracts and proofs of payment relative to the expenditure of funds provided pursuant to this agreement shall be available to COMMISSION for review upon reasonable written notice.

6. AMENDMENT. This agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties hereto and may be altered or amended only upon written instrument, duly approved and executed by the parties.

7. INDEMNIFICATION. CITY shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless COMMISSION from and against any and all liability, claims or damages arising out of the construction of the Plaza, which is the subject of this agreement. Nothing herein shall be deemed to constitute COMMISSION as contracting for the improvements to be performed in connection with the Plaza, or that COMMISSION is an owner of such improvements or real property associated therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands the day and year first above written.

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL A. DYSTER, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE  
COMMISSION INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM BRADBERRY, Chairman

Agenda Item #8

RE: Appointment of City Controller and re-organization of City Controller's Office

Council Members:

As part of my plans relative to the City's Finance Department, I hereby appoint Sandra Peplow, 669 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Niagara Falls, NY, to the position of City Controller. The agreed upon salary is \$30,000.00 annually; this is a savings of \$67,433.00.

With the appointment of Sandra Peplow, Maria Brown will return to a unionized, Civil Service position within the City Controller's Office. Given Ms. Brown's knowledge of the City's finances, it is appropriate to place her in a position that best suits her abilities. As such, I am recommending that the vacant Senior Auditor (Grade 22) position in the City Controller's office, currently funded at \$47,563.00, be reduced to a salary of \$1.00. I am also recommending that the position of Senior Accountant (Grade 24), be created for Ms. Brown at a salary of \$77,427.00.

Finally, I am recommending the creation of a \$10,000 stipend to be allotted to the Senior Accountant position to assist with the transition and reorganization of the City Controller's Office.

With salary and benefits, this reorganization will result in a net decrease in funding of \$27,568.00. If the Council so approves, Ms. Brown will be placed in the newly created Senior Accountant position. Pursuant to the City Charter, the Council must vote to confirm Ms. Peplow's appointment.

Will the Council vote to confirm the appointment of Sandra Peplow, and to approve the re-organization of the City Controller's Office as set forth above?

Will the Council so approve?

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS  
 PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE CONTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT  
 2016 AMENDED BUDGET

DEPT/Cost Center	Department	Job Title	Current Grade	Current Salary	Proposed New Title	Proposed New Grade	Proposed New Salary	Cost/Savings
A.1315.0000	Controller	Senior Auditor	CS-22	\$ 47,568	Senior Auditor	CS-22	\$ 1	\$47,568
A.1.315.0000	Controller	City Controller	Exempt	97,433	City Controller	Exempt	\$ 90,000	67,433
A.1315.0000	Controller	Senior Accountant	CS-24		Senior Accountant	CS-24	\$ 77,427	(77,427)
				144,996			\$ 107,428	
A.1315.0000	Controller	Stipend-Sr. Accountant	—		0 Stipend-Sr. Accountant		10,000	
				\$144,996			\$ 117,428	\$ 27,568

Agenda Item #9

SUBJECT: Commissioner of Deeds

The following have requested City Council approval for Commissioner of Deeds for a term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

This is in accordance with provision of the Niagara Falls City Charter, Article II, Section 7, Subdivision 5.

Dobrasz, Daniel	NFPD
Jaraszewski, Mark	NFPD
Kunecki, Julie	Code Enforcement
Myles, Bridgette	Council Office
Travis, Patricia	DPW
Curcione, Frances	3302 Walnut Ave., NF NY 14301
Fasciano, Louisa	1331 104 <sup>th</sup> St., NF, NY 14304
Graham, Alyson	2441 Woodlawn Ave. NF NY 14301
Keegan, David	337 Howard Dr., Youngstown, NY 14174
Kemp, Elyse	1543 Center Ave., NF NY 14305
Kennedy, Jean	1423 Wyoming Ave., NF NY 14305
Lincoln, James	3259 Jerauld Ave., NF, NY 14305
Pelosino, Denise M.	8375 Ziblut Court, NF, NY 14304
Sirianni, Juanita	3351 Ely Ave., NF NY 14303
Smith, Richard	1021 96 <sup>th</sup> St., NF NY 14304
Thomason, Candra	2470 LaSalle Ave., NF NY 14301
Zito, Peter	3351 Ely Ave., NF NY 14304

Agenda Item #10

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Sharonda Platt  
1862 Michigan Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	August 9, 2012
Date Action Commenced:	July 1, 2013
Date of Occurrence:	May 16, 2012
Location:	Niagara Street near 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street
Nature of Claim:	Injuries sustained in an accident with City vehicle
City Driver:	Patricia McCune
Status of Action:	Pre-trial stage
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$5,250.00
Make Check Payable to:	Sharonda Platt & Hagelin Spencer LLC, as attorneys
Conditions:	Stipulation of Discontinuance and 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

**RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF HYDE PARK OASIS RENTAL  
FEES FOR NIAGARA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. (NIACAP)**

**ON AUGUST 5, 2016**

BY:

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW TOUMA

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI

COUNCIL MEMBER EZRA SCOTT, JR.

COUNCIL MEMBER KENNY TOMPKINS

**WHEREAS**, the Niagara Falls City Council wishes to do its part to foster the community bonds that are strengthened by Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. They provide the following programs/services to qualified City families: emergency food, clothing, budget counseling, in-house weatherization, home repair, child care referral, training, registration, meal reimbursement for children, health and safety start-up items nutrition outreach, education and advocacy, on-the-job training, fair housing, back rent/mortgage/ utility payments, landlord/tenant resolution, and asset management; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2016, NIACAP will have a company gathering at Hyde Park Oasis and would like to request a reduction, or waiver of fees associated with the rental. The money saved will be used to support a needy family in our City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby waive the fee for rental of the Oasis at Hyde Park for the August 5, 2016 gathering.



Hyde Park Pavilion  
Agency

to:

bridgette.myles

05/19/2016 09:59 AM

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From: "Agency" <niagaracap@niagaracap.org>

To: <bridgette.myles@niagarafallsny.gov>

History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Dear Bridget:

Niagara Community Action Program, Inc., a private non-profit (501)c3 community action agency, is requesting consideration for a reduction or discount in the \$105.00 fee associated with rental of the Oasis Pavilion at Hyde Park on August 5, 2016.

The administrative office for Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. is located on Main Street in Niagara Falls with an outreach office (the Rose Marra Center) located at 564 – 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. provides the following programs/services to qualified City families: emergency food, clothing, budget counseling, in-house weatherization, home repair, child care referral, training, registration, meal reimbursement for children, health and safety start-up items, nutrition outreach, education and advocacy, on-the-job training, fair housing, back rent/mortgage/utility payments, landlord/tenant resolution, and asset management.

Please look favorably upon our request. The money we save will be used to support a needy family in our City. Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Shears  
CEO

Agenda Item #12

RESOLUTION No. 2016  
**(AMENDED)**

**RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF PARKING FEES FOR NIAGARA FALLS HIGH  
SCHOOL GRADUATION AND GRADUATION REHEARSAL**

BY:

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW TOUMA  
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI  
COUNCIL MEMBER KENNY TOMPKINS  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES WALKER

**WHEREAS**, Niagara Falls High School will hold its 2016 Graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., and its rehearsal ceremony on *Thursday, June 23, 2016* from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that the City of Niagara Falls does hereby waive parking fees in the Third Street city parking lot and downtown parking ramp for persons attending the Niagara Falls High School graduation and rehearsal events, scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., and *Thursday, June 23, 2016* from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., respectively.

Grandinetti \_\_\_\_\_ Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins \_\_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_\_ Touma \_\_\_\_\_

## Niagara Falls High School

4455 Porter Road  
Niagara Falls, New York 14305-3309  
Phone: (716) 278-5800  
Fax: (716) 286-7964



Mr. Robert L. Bradley, Jr., Chief Educational Administrator  
Mr. Derek A. Zimmerman, Administrator, Team 1  
Mrs. Carrie K. Buchman, Administrator, Team 2  
Mrs. Lynne M. Tompkins, Administrator, Team 3

April 6, 2016

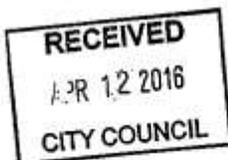
Honorable Mayor Paul Dyster  
City of Niagara Falls  
745 Main Street  
P.O. Box 69  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0089

Dear Mayor Dyster:

On Saturday, June 25, 2016, Niagara Falls High School will hold its graduation ceremony for approximately 425 seniors. We are again holding graduation at the Niagara Falls Conference Center. The ceremony will begin at noon and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. We will also conduct a rehearsal ceremony on Friday, June 24, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We are requesting that the parking fees for the adjacent city parking ramps be waived on June 24 and June 25 to accommodate our students, parents and guests. This kindness will be a tremendous support to the school and community.

In the past, we have worked successfully and cooperatively with Mr. Caso to make this happen in a smooth fashion. Please consider this request and advise me as to the appropriate next steps. I can be reached at Niagara Falls High School at 286-7910.



Sincerely,



Robert L. Bradley, Jr.  
Chief Educational Administrator  
Niagara Falls High School

RLB:mk  
cc: John Caso



Agenda Item #13

**CHANGING THE NAME OF THE JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT TO THE  
“KEN RUGGIERO JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT” IN HONOR OF KEN RUGGIERO**

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member Kristen Grandinetti  
Council Member Ezra P Scott, Jr.  
Council Member Kenny Tompkins  
Council Member Charles Walker

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls will hold its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Junior Golf Tournament on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at the Hyde Park Golf Course, in honor of Mr. Kenneth Ruggiero; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kenneth Ruggiero, who died on June 7, 2015, fell in love with Niagara Falls after leaving his hometown of Westbury, Long Island to attend college at Niagara University. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and a Masters in Special Education. Mr. Ruggiero and his former wife, Kathy Taibi Ruggiero, raised three sons: Ken Jr., Kevin, and Kris. A deeply spiritual man, Ken loved God, his family, his children, and golf. He was a proud and devoted “Papa” to four grandchildren. Blessed with a wonderful wit and the gift of gab, as an adult Mr. Ruggiero embraced a youthful zest for life, often being sought by the neighborhood children to play sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ruggiero taught physical education at many local schools, and in the early 1970s, served as city recreation supervisor for the LaSalle Neighborhood Facility at Griffon Manor. He was invited to work at the Hyde Park Golf Course, yet was reluctant to accept the offer until he was assured that he could continue working with children. His passion for engaging youth in sporting activities led to the launch of a golf lesson series that culminates in the annual Junior Golf Tournament. It was Mr. Ruggiero’s goal to teach city youth a sport, which at that time was unfamiliar to them, thus creating a new pool of future golfers for the city course; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ruggiero also provided golf instruction to hundreds of adults over the years. He covered the Porter Cup, worked on the local television show “Beat the Pro,” was the golf columnist for the Niagara Gazette for nearly 30 years, and a loyal advocate for the Hyde Park Golf Course; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Mr. Ruggiero wrote an extensive piece on the so-called red nine, making a plea to “resurrect” the historic course, always ending his weekly column with his familiar tag line: “Keep it in the fairway.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby honor Mr. Kenneth Ruggiero and his many contributions to the Niagara Falls golf community.

Agenda Item #14

**RELATIVE TO**  
**APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE SERVICE COMMISSION**

BY:

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW TOUMA  
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI  
COUNCIL MEMBER EZRA SCOTT, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KENNY TOMPKINS  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES WALKER

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a vacant seat on the Cable Service Commission, due to the resignation of Matthew Jones.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the City of Niagara Falls Cable Service Commission, effective immediately.

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES:</u>
Willie Lee Whitaker 1324 Calumet Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14305	12/31/2018

Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.

**CHANGING THE NAME OF STEPHENSON PARK TO**

**ROBERT A. ANDERSON, JR PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns a pocket park located at the corner of Stephenson Avenue and 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, which became known as Stephenson Park because of the proximity of this pocket park to Stephenson Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 1, 1986, Robert A. Anderson Jr. purchased a home on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street located directly across from Stephenson Park; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Robert A. Anderson Jr. was a frequent visitor to Stephenson Park and frequently undertook efforts to keep the park free of debris and refuse, supplementing the efforts made by the City to keep the park in good condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert A. Anderson Jr. visited this park on numerous occasions to attend sporting events played at the park by children and other persons in the park neighborhood, frequently providing them with food and beverages; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council wishes to recognize the efforts of Robert A. Anderson Jr. as a promoter and benefactor of this park.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this City Council does hereby recognize the efforts of our former City Council colleague, Robert A. Anderson Jr. for his many efforts to beautify and maintain the park across from his home.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this City Council does hereby rename Stephenson Park as "Robert A. Anderson Jr. Park" in honor of our deceased colleague; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a sign be erected at a suitable location at the park proclaiming the park to be named "Robert A. Anderson Jr. Park."

Council Chairman Andrew Touma

**RELATIVE TO PARKING RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City is in the process of installing parking pay stations in the downtown area on various City streets as shown on the diagram attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration and this City Council wish to set the rates for parking in the downtown area and confirm the parking rates established by this City Council on February 22, 2016 for parking in the various City lots; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council does hereby establish rates for on-street parking as being \$3.00 per hour during the peak tourist season defined as May 1 through October 31 and \$1.00 per hour during the off-peak season which is defined as November 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup>; and

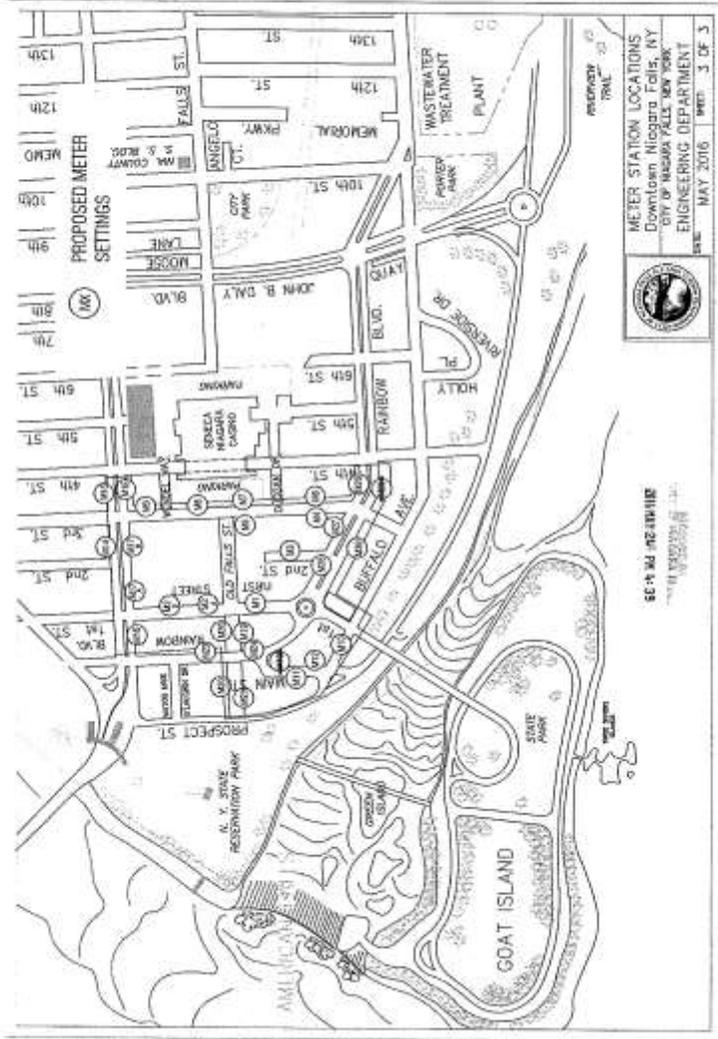
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that rates for the the pay stations to be installed in the RV lot located at 256 Third Street be established as follows:

- (a) For a 24-hour period, the parking rate for a passenger or SUV type vehicle is \$20 during the peak season defined as May 1 through October 31 and \$10 during the off-peak season defined as November 1 through April 30.
- (b) For a 24-hour period, the parking rate for a Recreational Vehicle (RV) is \$45 during the peak season defined as May 1 through October 31 and \$15 during the off-peak season defined as November 1 through April 30.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rates to be charged for the Rainbow/First Street Lot are confirmed to be \$20 per day during the peak season defined as May 1 through October 31 and \$10 per day during the off-peak season defined as November 1 through April 30.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the rates to be charged for the City Parking Ramp as well as the City owned lot at the corner of Third Street and Niagara Street are confirmed to be \$20 per day during the peak season defined as May 1 through October 31 and \$10 per day during the off-peak season defined as November 1 through April 30.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Department of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to make occasional adjustments to parking rates for good cause shown.



PROPOSED METER STATION LOCATIONS

SEAL OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY  
 MAY 2016



SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 MAY 2016

METER STATION LOCATIONS  
 Downtown Niagara Falls, NY  
 CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY  
 ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
 DATE: MAY 2016 SHEET: 3 OF 3

Agenda Item #17

**RELATIVE TO**  
**APPOINTMENT TO THE TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD**

BY:

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW TOUMA  
COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI  
COUNCIL MEMBER EZRA SCOTT, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER KENNY TOMPKINS  
COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES WALKER

**WHEREAS**, there is currently one vacant seat on the Niagara Falls Tourism Advisory Board.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the City of Niagara Falls Tourism Advisory Board, effective immediately.

APPOINTMENT

TERM EXPIRES:

Donna T. Venne  
2779 Orleans Avenue - #1  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

12/31/2016

Agenda Item #18

**RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF BANDSTAND FEE FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S  
RELAY FOR LIFE CHARITY EVENT**

BY:

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW TOUMA

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI

COUNCIL MEMBER EZRA SCOTT, JR.

COUNCIL MEMBER KENNY TOMPKINS

COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES WALKER

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society will hold its Annual Relay for Life of Greater Niagara Charity event on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Reservoir Park; and

**WHEREAS**, this charity event will help raise money for cancer patients and their families, as well as support life-saving cancer research programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby support this worthy cause and will waive the bandstand fee for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Charity Event scheduled to take place on June 4, 2016.

1680 Swann Rd

Ransomville, NY 14131

May 19, 2015

Bridgette Myles

City of Niagara Falls

745 Main St

Niagara Falls, NY 14302

RE: Bandstand donation

Dear Ms. Myles:

Relay For Life of Greater Niagara has filed paperwork to reserve the City's Bandstand for our event at Reservoir Park on June 4, 2016.

In the past there have been two Relay For Life events at the west side of Niagara County, one at Reservoir Park and the other held on Old Falls Street. Last year, in order to maximize our volunteer efforts, we merged the events into one larger event at the Reservoir Park location. When the event was held on Old Falls Street, the bandstand usage fee was waived as Relay For Life is a charity event, will all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

Money raised at Relay For Life events around the nation help to fund critical services for cancer patients and their families, as well as support life-saving cancer research programs. One in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, so almost everyone is touched by this disease, either personally, or through a family member or friend that receives a diagnosis.

We respectfully request that the City Council members consider waiving the fee and donating the bandstand again this year for our event on June 4.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this very worthwhile cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 716-628-9617.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Martin*

Cheryl Martin

Relay For Life of Greater Niagara

Agenda Item #19

**RELATIVE TO DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE APPLICATION**

By: Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Council Member Kristin Grandinetti  
Council Member Ezra Scott, Jr.  
Council Member Ken Tompkins  
Council Member Charles Walker

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls is submitting an Application for New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative with a total award of \$10,000,0000, and

**WHEREAS**, since 2010 the N.F.C. Development Corp. has authorized assistance for fifteen businesses in or adjacent to the targeted area with over \$1,200,0000 of financial incentives to leverage over \$28,500,000 in private investment resulting in the creation or soon to be creation of over 175 jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Power Authority has spent and pledged \$60,000,000 to remove the sections of the Robert Moses Parkway cutting off downtown Niagara Falls from the Niagara River, and

**WHEREAS**, investments by Empire State Development and the City of Niagara Falls have resulted in the growth of the tourist industry in the tourist sector of downtown Niagara Falls, and

**WHEREAS**, Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and the Seneca Niagara Casino are the two largest private sector employers in Niagara County, and

**WHEREAS**, the City's application for downtown Niagara Falls, if selected, will drive implementation of multiple smart growth projects in the downtown and in the surrounding core neighborhoods, which were called out in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan for "big moves," and

**WHEREAS**, the City's application will also promote new job creation, raise property values, create community amenities, bring in local tax revenues, attract new residents and businesses to downtown, building upon the city and region's strengths, and

**WHEREAS**, the area to be defined in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative City of Niagara Falls application represents the community with the greatest potential and most immediate opportunity for positive impact for all Western New York,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that it hereby supports the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application and authorizes the Mayor to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to the application process, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documentation necessary related to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative or award.

**MEMORIALIZING GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO TO PROCLAIM  
MAY 2016, AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN  
THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

BY:

COUNCIL MEMBER KRISTEN GRANDINETTI

**WHEREAS**, It is custom for the City of Niagara Falls to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious illnesses that affect the lives of citizens of Niagara Falls as well as the entire United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Huntington's disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain, it deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Niagara Falls is proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2016, as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby support the fight against Huntington Disease and agree to proclaim May 2016 as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.