

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 Januray, 2008

		<u>CONTROLLER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
A1255-001 A012	Vital Statistics	\$ 8,842.00	\$ 8,842.00
A1255-004 A013	Certificates of Marriage	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00
A1255-004 A013	Copies of Records	\$ 479.50	\$ 479.50
A2501-014 A046	Electrician- Active	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
A2501-014 A046	Electrician- Inactive	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
A2501-016 A047	Stationary Engineers	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 1,472.00
A2542-000 A053	Dogs/N County Treasurer	\$ 264.02	\$ 264.02
A2542-000 A053	Dogs/NYS Agr. & Mkts	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00
A2542-000 A053	Additional Dogs	\$ 1,615.48	\$ 1,615.48
A2545-001 A054	Marriage License/NYSHD	\$ 652.50	\$ 870.00
A1255-002 A123	Commissioners of Deeds	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
A2501-009 A127	Helicopter	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
A2501-015 A266	Home Improvement	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
A2545-021 A316	Vending	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
A2545-023 A318	Hunters/NYS DEC RAU	\$ 32.11	\$ 32.11
A2545-023 A318	Hunters Fees	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.89
A1255-003 A499	Notary Fee	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
A1255-005 A528	Dog Release	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
A2501-027 A696	Photos / Passport - License	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<u>\$ 1,041.63</u>	<u>\$ 14,982.37</u>
Check #	<u>34700</u>	Niagara County Treasurer	\$ 264.02
Check #	<u>34740</u>	NYS Dept.of Arg. & Mkts	\$ 93.00
Check #	<u>34699</u>	NYS Health Department	\$ 652.50
		NYS DEC	
Check #	<u>ET</u>	RAU	\$ 32.11

Item #2

Council Members:

As part of the 2008 budget process, Council eliminated the various equipment purchase lines contained in the proposed budget.

It is requested that the Council appropriate \$58,200 to fund the proposed equipment purchases in the Fire Department as set forth on the attached spreadsheet. Funding is available from the Casino interest, which has been transferred to the General Fund.

Will the Council so approve?

Item #3

**Council Members:**

The Department of Community Development has concluded its research regarding the availability of leasehold space in the 18<sup>th</sup> Street area that would be suitable for a police substation/community resource center. Four (4) properties were identified for potential use; however, after numerous attempts to contact the owners, only two (2) responded to our inquiries. After examining both properties it is our recommendation that the City enter into a one year lease agreement with the above referenced property owner for approximately 1,522 sq. ft of commercial office space located at 1667 Linwood Avenue.

This location will provide an extremely well maintained commercial unit that will be suitable for use by the Niagara Falls Police Department and by community groups such as the Niagara Falls Block Club Council. The property owner has agreed to lease the aforementioned space for \$750.00 per month plus utilities. Utility bills for the subject premises were examined for a one year period from 11/06-10/07. Utility costs are estimated to cost an additional \$400 per month for heat, electric and phone. Based on these estimates, the \$15,000 allocation of Community Development funds previously approved by City Council seems sufficient to cover the City's costs for a one-year period.

It is our recommendation that City Council approve a one-year lease agreement with Charles R. Colavecchia for a commercial unit located at 1667 Linwood Avenue at \$750.00 per month plus utilities. It is our understanding that City Council has agreed to advance Casino Interest Funds for this project until the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Fund is released to the City by HUD. Once CD funds are received, the City will be reimbursed for payments made and Community Development will assume all payments thereafter.

Will the Council vote to so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the required lease agreement?

Item #4

**RE:                   Extension of Community Development Funding Agreements with  
                          God's Woman House of Hosea and New Jerusalem Boy's Reporting  
                          Center**

**Council Members:**

The above referenced sub-grantees received funding through the Department of Community Development in 2007 to conduct programs serving homeless women and youthful offenders, respectively. The standard annual funding agreement between the City and a sub-grantee is for a twelve-month period, normally expiring on December 31. Both sub-grantees have unexpended funding from the 2007 program year that they would like to utilize in 2008. This action requires City Council approval to carry over the funding and execute a new grant agreement.

God's Woman House of Hosea currently operates two shelters for homeless women in the City. City Council previously allocated \$13,750 of Emergency Shelter Gant funds to help offset operating costs at the facilities. A \$6,200 fund balance exists and God's Woman House of Hosea is requesting that \$4,800 be approved to replace a deteriorated roof at one of the facilities. If approved, a new grant agreement will be prepared, requiring a ten-year occupancy use as a homeless shelter. God's Woman will be required to reimburse the City if they fail to meet this requirement. Additionally, a mortgage lien in the amount of the grant will be placed on the property receiving the new roof.

Independent Church of Christ in God received Council approval last year for \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to operate a boy's reporting center located at 2709 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The Boy's Reporting Center provides counseling and guidance to young men referred to them by the juvenile justice system and the Probation Department. A \$28,384 fund balance exists in this project line and they have requested that these funds be utilized in 2008 to continue funding the operation of the program. If approved a new grant agreement will be executed allowing the continued use of Community Development funds in 2008.

It is our recommendation that City Council approve the extension of funding agreement for God's Woman House of Hosea and the Boy's Reporting Center as outlined above.

Will the Council vote to so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the required grant agreements?

Item #5

The following have requested City Council approval for Commissioner of Deeds for a term from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010.

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

Frank Coney	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
John DeMarco	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Michael Kachurek	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Dave Kinney	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Nicholas Ligammari	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Raymond Maietta	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
William Smith	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Frank Tedesco	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Stanley R. Wills	Niagara Falls Police Dept.
Leonard Lapp	City Clerk's Office
Donna L. Crawley	City Court
Cynthia L. Davey	City Court
Nicole Feathers	City Court
Moira Prokop	City Court
Nancy L. Valery	City Court
Lisa Kaczor	627 Pasadena Ave., NF, NY 14304
Patrick Moriarty	NYS Parks Police
Laura A. Smith	542 Portage Rd., NF, NY 14301
Kandie Stedman	231 Niagara St., Lockport, NY 14094
Marlene J. Suess	5130 Dana Dr., Lewiston, NY 14092
Joyce A. Wiepert	3504 Ransomville Rd., Ransomville, NY 14131

Item #6

**Council Members:**

Attached is the report from the Niagara Falls Historic Preservation Commission recommending designation of 1417 Falls Street, the Holy Trinity Catholic Church complex, as an historic landmark under the City Historic Preservation Ordinance. The elements designated for landmark status will be the exterior of the church, school, convent, garage and rectory, together with the interior of the church nave, apse and narthex. This proposed designation was approved based on the action of the Commission on its own initiative pursuant to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The property is listed in the assessor records as owned by Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Society of Niagara Falls, New York.

The Historic Preservation ordinance provides:

133.05-02(I) At its next scheduled meeting after receipt of any recommendation from the Commission, the City Council shall consider the designation or acquisition of the landmark site or historic structure, or the designation of the historic district. A majority vote shall be required by the City Council for the designation or acquisition. The Mayor shall approve or veto said designation or acquisition as provided by law.

Will the Council vote to approve the historic landmark designation of the exterior of the church, school, convent, garage and rectory, together with the interior of the church nave, apse and narthex for the Holy Trinity Catholic Church complex at 1417 Falls Street, and forward the designation to the Mayor, as provided by City Ordinance?

Agenda item #7

RESOLUTION No. 2008–  
RELATIVE TO THE  
NIAGARA COUNTY REALITY CHECK

BY:

Council Chair Sam Fruscione  
Council Member Robert A. Anderson, Jr.  
Council Member Steve Fournier  
Council Member Chris Robins  
Council Member Charles Walker

WHEREAS, smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that tobacco advertising contributes to youth smoking rates. In 2003, tobacco companies spent \$15.1 billion to market cigarettes in the United States, including \$516 million in New York. Children who report seeing cigarette advertising in stores are 33% more likely to have experimented with smoking; and

WHEREAS, three out of four teenagers are reported to shop at convenience stores at least once a week, and are therefore exposed at high rates and with great frequency to tobacco marketing; and

WHEREAS, stores within 1000 feet of schools in New York were significantly more likely to place ads near candy displays and also had significantly more tobacco advertisements posted on the store exterior than stores further from schools. An estimated 1/3 of adolescent experimentation with smoking can be directly attributed to tobacco advertising and promotional activities; and

WHEREAS, Niagara County Reality Check is a group of youth working together to reduce the use of tobacco and exposure to secondhand smoke in Niagara County. One specific goal of the Reality Check is to reduce youth initiation of tobacco use. Because advertising has been shown to be a primary influence for youth initiation of tobacco use, as part of a New York statewide initiative, one specific objective of the Reality Check is to reduce the amount of tobacco advertising in the retail environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that **the Honorable Paul A. Dyster of the City of Niagara Falls, New York**, along with **the Niagara Falls City Council**, hereby supports the efforts of Niagara County Reality Check to protect the youth of the City of Niagara Falls by reducing tobacco advertising.