

Monday, November 10, 2014 Council Meeting

PRESENTATIONS:

Niagara Falls Community Development 2015
Action Plan & 2015-2019 Strategic Plan – Seth Piccirillo

Niagara Falls Small Business Week – Seth Piccirillo

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Agenda Item #1

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

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Strzelczyk, Betsy J.
2211 Weston Ave

In reference to personal injuries sustained by
city sidewalk

Wolcottsville Volunteer Fire Co.
6337 Wolcottsville Rd
Akron, NY 14001

In reference to damages while providing aid
fighting an industrial fire

Harerberger, Lara
by 2225 Center Terrace #2
Grand Island, NY 14072

In reference to auto damage sustained
city mower

Cafarella, Linda
2951 North Ave

In reference to personal injuries sustained by
city sidewalk

Carpenter, Matthew
509 82nd Street

In reference to auto damage sustained by
city tree

Fratello, Amy
3207 Lower Mountain Road
Sanborn, NY 14132

In reference to auto damage sustained by
city tree

Mihailou, Charly
sustained 720 8th Street

In reference to property damage
by city trees.

Weinholtz, Christian
10 Kettering Dr
Kenmore, NY 14223

In reference to vehicle damage caused by
pothole.

National Fuel Gas Dist. Corp.
6363 Main St
Williamsville, NY 14221

In reference to property damage caused by
excavating

Sutter, Frederick J.
443 Memorial Parkway

In reference to property damage caused by
city zoom team

Pettijohn, Cheryl
c/o Lewis & Lewis, P.C.

In reference to personal injuries

Frew, Lorna
15-627 Wharncliffe Rd S
London, Ontario N6J 2N7

In reference to personal injuries sustained by
broken sidewalk

Chamberlain, John
Liberty Mutual Ins. Co.

In reference to damages to a vehicle caused c/o
by city truck.

Upper Mountain Fire Co.
McNeil and Co. Inc.

In reference to damages while providing aid c/o
fighting an industrial fire

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION SUBJECT TO MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING

Karen Peterson
Mark Peterson

Index# E154045/2014

SUMMONS

Ryan MacDonald
5260 Rogers Road
Hamburg, NY 14075

Index #E154118/2014

Gurmail Ram
485 Portage Rd

Index# E154099/2014

Agenda Item #2

SUBJECT: Renewal of Bid #33-12 Security Guard Services

At its meeting of December 23, 2013, the City Council approved the extension of Bid #33-12 Security Guard Services to G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc. until December 31, 2014 (see attached copy of Council letter.) If mutually agreeable, these services may be extended for a third term under the same terms, conditions, and specifications until December 31, 2015. G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc. has agreed to this extension.

We recommend the Council approve extension of this agreement for one more year.

Funds for this expenditure are included in the Public Works Department budget, Special Security major and minor code 0449.004 under Administration A.1490.0001, Buildings Rainbow Mall A.1620.2340, and Parking Ramp II CR.1720.2570.

Will the Council so approve?

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City of Niagara Falls
New York

December 16, 2013

TO: The Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
SUBJECT: Renewal of Bid #30-12 Watchman Services

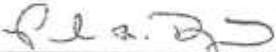
At its meeting of January 7, 2013, the Council awarded the above referenced bid to G4S Secure Solutions (USA), Inc. (see attached copy of Council letter). The contract is in effect for one year thru December 31, 2013. If mutually agreeable, the agreement may be extended one additional year thru December 31, 2014 under the same terms, conditions and specifications. G4S Secure Solutions (USA), Inc. inc. has requested we exercise this extension.

Therefore, we recommend the Council approve extension of this agreement for one additional year.

Funds for this expenditure are included in the 2014 proposed budget in the Public Works Department, Administration code: A1490.0001.0449.004.

Will the Council so approve?

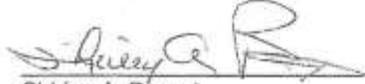
Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Paul A. Dyster



Donna D. Owens, CPM
City Administrator



Shirley A. Bernat
Principal Purchasing Clerk

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ANDERSON FRUSCIONE GRANDINETTI WALKER CHOOLOKIAN

Agenda Item #3

RE: Environmental Protection Fund Grant for Hyde Park Stone Comfort Station and Ice Rink Repairs

Council Members:

The City received \$125,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$125,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 Environmental Protection Fund grants for the repairs and renovations at the stone building comfort station and the ice rink.

There is no City match required for these grants. The grants do require the City to execute a Preservation Covenant related to public access and future preservation of the historic property.

Will the Council authorize acceptance of the grants and authorize the Mayor to execute any documentation related to the grants including the Preservation Covenant that are in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Agenda Item #4

**RE: AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Community Development
 2015 Action Plan & Budget
 HUD Funding**

Council Members:

Niagara Falls Community Development (CD) proposes the DRAFT 2015 Niagara Falls Community Development Department (CD) Action Plan for City Council review and approval. The proposed budget is the key component of the CD's 2015 Annual Plan and Strategy, a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandated planning document that assesses community needs, identifies how the City will address those needs and allocated federal funds.

The 2015 Action Plan is the end result of a 22 week, well advertised citizen participation process that included:

- **Four neighborhood based meetings throughout the city in May 2014**
- **A public application period from May 12 to June 30, 2014**
- **Public release of the draft action plan on August 12, 2014**
- **A public hearing on August 21, 2014**
- **A written comment period from August 22 to September 21, 2014**

Since August 12, the 2015 Action Plan has been available for public review in paper form at both the Carnegie Building, the Main Street and LaSalle Public Library branches, and electronically at www.nf-cd.org. All public meetings were advertised in the *Niagara Gazette*.

CD will directly administer the federal grant programs listed below. This is a draft budget, still subject to HUD approval, based on projected revenues for 2015 that may change once U.S. Congressional funding appropriations are announced at a date to be determined. Project implementation is also dependent on the date that federal funds are allocated to HUD. The 2015 action plan is comprised of the following HUD programs and funding estimates:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$2,234,848
HOME Investment Participation Program (HOME)	\$359,489
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)	\$180,862
Section 8 Leased Housing Program	\$3,100,000
PROJECTED FEDERAL REVENUE	\$5,875,199

The CDBG, HOME and ESG programs also leverage \$1,776,000 in additional private and public investment as matches to individual projects and program. The draft action plan, including the proposed budgets, must be adopted by the City Council prior to submission to HUD. It must be reviewed and approved in order to establish CD's letter of credit with the United States Treasury. Therefore, Council's approval at this time will represent the officially adopted CDBG, HOME, and ESG budgets for FY 2014. The Section 8 Leased Housing is renewed automatically by HUD but must still be adopted at this time by the City Council.

Will the City Council vote to so approve the 2015 Annual Plan and Budget and authorize the Mayor to implement all activities specifically identified in the plan?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Entity	Activity Description	2015 CDBG	Needs Addressed	CDBG Eligible Activity	Program Income	Other Public	Private	Source of Funds
Niagara Falls Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants and new home owner counseling programs.	\$50,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.				
City of Niagara Falls	New Home Owner Closing Cost Assistance Grants	\$50,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.				
The City of Niagara Falls	Department of Public Works - Special Operations Project. Targeted clean-up task force addressing needs in CDBG eligible areas.	\$70,000	Eliminate Slums or Blight.	Interim Assistance		\$70,000		City of Niagara Falls

City of Niagara Falls	Construction of a new municipal playground (replacement) at Hyde Park. Hyde Park is the city's largest public green space and centrally located in a dense residential area. Improvements to this playground/park are consistent with the recently completed Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.	\$123,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements.		\$25,000	City of Niagara Falls
City of Niagara Falls	Construction of a public skate park, providing a constructive space for the 12-17 year old youth population. Creation of a urban skate park is consistent with the recently completed	\$100,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements.		\$25,000	Foundation Grant

	Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.							
City of Niagara Falls	70th Street Park Improvements - park accessibility and playground improvements within this green space, surrounded by a dense residential area. Improvements to this parcel are consistent with the recently completed Niagara Falls Parks Master Plan.	\$100,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements.		\$35,000		New York State Regional Economic Development Council Grant (to be applied for in 2015)
The Isaiah 61 Project	Rehabilitation of vacant houses by students enrolled in the Isaiah 61 Project free trades job training program for under-employed residents. The renovations are	\$150,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.		\$214,000		New York State Power Proceeds Allocation Board Grant, various foundation and bankin

	supervised by licensed contractors and Orleans/Niagara BOCES instructors. HUD funds will be dedicated to material costs, instructor fees and administration.							g grants
Highland Community Revitalization Committee, Inc.	Targeted housing rehabilitation - HCRC will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the city.	\$100,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.		\$400,000		New York State ACH grant funds (application pending*)
The City of Niagara Falls	Demolition of blighted structures in low to moderate income areas. Asbestos abatement service is an eligible cost.	\$100,000	Eliminate Slums or Blight	Clearance		\$500,000		City of Niagara Falls

The City of Niagara Falls	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - The City will administer deferred home rehabilitation loans and grants in its designated target area of the city. \$40,000 in CDBG Program income will be used for program delivery costs as a supplement. Previous unexpended funding is available for additional housing activities.	\$160,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.	\$40,000			
Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - NF Neighborhood Housing Services- NHS will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the	\$140,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.				New York State AHC

	City using \$40,000 in CDBG for rehabilitation, and \$100,000 for program delivery.							
Center City Neighborhood Development Corp.	Targeted Home Rehabilitation - Center City Neighborhood Development Corp. will administer housing rehabilitation programs in targeted areas of the City, using \$66,500 for program delivery and \$73,500 rehabilitation costs.	\$140,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.		\$178,000		New York State AHC
The City of Niagara Falls	Commercial Façade Rehabilitation Program - Matching, reimbursable grant for building owners making capital improvement	\$20,000	Eliminate Slums or Blight.	Special Economic Development Activity		\$20,000		Business owners. This is a matching grant.

	ts to the façade of a structure.							
Community Missions of Niagara	Capital Improvement Project - Mill and overlay of facility parking lot at 1590 Buffalo Avenue.	\$80,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements				
City of Niagara Falls	Small Business Advocate - Part time position supervised by the Niagara Falls Community Development Department. The small business advocate will coordinate with Niagara Falls business associations and oversee a campaign to better highlight local businesses through social media, targeted	\$12,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Special Economic Development Activity				

	advertising and community based events.							
Niagara Falls Wrestling Club	Capital Improvements - Replacement of mats, alarm system and façade renovation at 2402 Niagara Street.	\$10,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements.			\$23,000	Niagara Falls Wrestling Club
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	Construction of the Center for Community Health within the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center Medical Campus on 10th Street.	\$50,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Facilities and Improvements.			\$300,000	Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
PUBLIC SERVICES ACTIVITIES	Cannot Exceed 15% of the total 2014 CDBG Amount (\$330,300)							
Niagara Falls Police Department	Contribution to Police Officer salaries, Police Department Community Liaison	\$95,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services				

	salary, and payment of rent and utilities at the Highland Avenue Police Substation and Resource Center.							
Niagara Falls Police Department	Niagara Falls Ranger Program - Targeted police/ambassador foot patrol operation that incorporates the hiring of local residents.	\$100,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services				
Youth Motivation - Early Detection and Correction	Youth counseling program designed to prevent crime through coordinated case management. Services include anger management, anti-drug and anti-gun workshops, and life skills workshops.	\$45,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services				

Niagara Arts and Cultural Center	Art Summer Camp Program that will provide academic, youth development and cultural activities for up to 120 students from ages 7-18 at the NACC (1201 Pine Avenue.)	\$8,500	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services		\$7,000	Niagara Arts and Cultural Center
Niagara Falls Housing Authority	After school Program providing literacy training, music instruction, educational field trips, arts and crafts held at the Doris Jones Resource Center and at the Packard Court Community Center. Funding will be used to pay for contractual services, field trips,	\$60,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services		16,000	Niagara Falls Housing Authority

	arts and crafts and music instruction							
God's Woman Program	Youth program focused on teen pregnancy rate reduction and improved life and leadership skills.	\$10,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services				
Niagara County Financial Literacy Coalition/ Consumer Counseling	Provision of financial literacy classes in the City of Niagara Falls and one on one financial coaching.	\$14,000	Benefit Low to Moderate Income Persons.	Public Services			\$95,000	Private foundation and banking industry grants.
ADMINISTRATION	Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2014 CDBG Amount							
The City of Niagara Falls	Administration - Cannot Exceed 20% of the total 2014 CDBG Amount.	\$437,348	Administration	Administration				
Highland Communi	Fair Housing Program	\$10,000						

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TOTAL		\$2,23 4,848			\$40 ,00 0	\$69 4,00 0	\$44 5,00 0	

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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Entity	Activity Description	2015 HOME	Needs Addressed	HUD Eligible Activity	Program Income	Other Public	Private	Source of Funds
Center City Neighborhood Development Corporation	Housing Rehabilitation.	\$119,830	Benefit s Low and Moderate Income Person s.	Rehabil itation of residen tial propert ies.	\$25,000	\$138,000		NYS AHC
Niagara Falls Neighborhood Services,	Housing Rehabilitation.	\$119,830	Benefit s Low and Moderate	Rehabil itation of residen tial		\$330,000		NYS AHC

Inc.			Income Persons.	properties.				
City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department	Single Family Housing Rehabilitation.	\$119,829	Benefits Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rehabilitation of residential properties.	\$50,000			
TOTAL		\$359,489			\$75,000	\$46,800		

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM								
Entity	Activity Description	2015 ESG	Needs Addressed	HUD Eligible Activity	Program Income	Other Public	Private	Source of Funds
YWCA Carolyn's House and Community Missions of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Rapid Re-Housing Program. 50% to Carolyn's House for Housing stability case management and 50% to Community Missions for	\$58,862	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Rapid-Re-housing.			\$50,000	YWCA Carolyn's House and the Community Missions.

	Housing relocation and stabilization services.							
YWCA Carolyn's House	Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach.	\$35,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter .			\$20,000	YWCA Carolyn's House
Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.	Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach.	\$40,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Emergency Shelter .			\$20,000	Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.
Niagara Community Action Program	Homelessness Prevention.	\$10,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Homelessness Prevention.			\$20,000	Niagara Community Action Program
Fellowship House	Homelessness Prevention.	\$10,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Person	Emergency Shelter .				

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Family and Children's Services	Essential Services.	\$15,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Street Outreach.			\$19,000	
City of Niagara Falls	ESG Administration.	\$12,000	Benefits Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Persons.	Street Outreach.				
TOTAL		\$180,862					\$129,000	

Agenda Item #5

**RE: AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of
2015 – 2019 Strategic Community Development Plan
HUD Funding**

Council Members:

Niagara Falls Community Development (CD) proposes the DRAFT 2015 – 2019 Niagara Falls Community Development Department Five Year Strategic Plan for City Council review and approval.

The City of Niagara Falls prepares a five year strategic plan in order to efficiently implement federal programs that fund housing, community development and neighborhood based services within the City. Public participation is essential to this process. The end result of the process: a consolidated plan and annual applications for the use of federal entitlement funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The City of Niagara Falls submits this five year strategic plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval.

The 2015 – 2019 Five Year Strategic Plan is the end result of a 12 week, well advertised citizen participation process that included:

- **Four separate stakeholder meetings in September 2014 on Housing, Neighborhood Services, Youth/Public Services and Homelessness Prevention**
- **A September 11, 2014 public session on Housing, Neighborhood Services, Youth/Public Services and Homelessness Prevention**
- **An October 2, 2014 public hearing on the draft plan**
- **30 day public comment period**

Since October 2, 2014 the 2015 plan has been available for public review in paper form at the Carnegie Building, the Main Street and LaSalle Public Library branches, and electronically at www.nf-cd.org. All public meetings were advertised in the *Niagara Gazette*.

Will the City Council vote to so approve the 2015 - 2019 Community Development Strategic Plan (**ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**) and authorize the Mayor to implement all activities specifically identified in the plan?

Agenda Item #6

**SUBJECT: Hyde Park Ice Pavilion Existing Locker Room Renovations-
PHASE III (Plumbing Contract) CHANGE ORDER #1**

A contract for the above referenced project was awarded to Mollenberg Betz, Inc., 300 Scott Street, Buffalo, N.Y., on April 28, 2014 in an amount of \$108,000.00.

The project required various revisions in scope for unanticipated and necessary work. This work was intended to be added to the contract, but we choose to expose and video inspect the original sewers in order to field determine what actually was needed to be replaced, rather than just replacing pipe under the alternate that may still be serviceable. The video inspection saved \$15,100.00 from the contractors alternate bid price.

Furthermore, during the course work, piping hidden within an existing wall needed to be relocated, insulated and additional unanticipated sewer drain vent piping was added to meet the New York State Plumbing Code.

The total cost of all the additional work is \$10,609.00 bringing the contract total to \$118,609.00.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the undersigned that **Change Order #1** in the amount of \$10,609.00 be approved. Sufficient funds presently exist in Code H0819.2008.0819.0449.599 and in casino funds.

Will the council vote to so approve?

Agenda Item #7

**SUBJECT: Hyde Park Ice Pavilion Existing Locker Room Renovations
Phase III (General Contract)**

CHANGE ORDER #1

A contract for the above referenced project was awarded to Sicoli Construction Services Incorporated, 4800 Hyde Park Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY on April 28, 2014 in an amount of \$408,600.00.

During the course of work, the project required various unanticipated work and to provide substitute locker rooms, while construction was still underway. Specifically three items (temporary locker rooms, bleacher modifications and CMU infill) are an addition to the contract and one (rubber flooring) was for a credit.

The main cost was to provide temporary locker rooms to meet the requirements of the City's contract with Niagara Sports Tournaments Inc., the rink operators. That cost is based on a minimum three-month rental and delivery fee, which total \$19,117.85.

The total cost of all the additional work is \$16,629.78 bringing the contract total to \$425,229.78.00

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the undersigned that **Change Order #1** in the amount of \$16,629.78 be approved. Sufficient funds presently exist in Code H0819.2008.0819.0449.599 and in casino funds.

Will the council vote to so approve?

Agenda Item #8

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company a/s/o James Norton PO Box 2372, Bloomington, IL 61702-2375

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	April 17, 2013
Date Action Commenced:	February 3, 2014
Date of Occurrence:	February 8, 2013
Location:	2760 Grand Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY
Nature of Claim:	Property damage sustained in an accident with City vehicle.
City Driver:	John Rosino
Status of Action:	Pretrial stage.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$2,627.91
Make Check Payable to:	Stuart D. Markowitz, Esq., as attorney
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 #9

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Robert D. Holstrom
457 Tenth Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14303

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	September 3, 2013
Date Action Commenced:	N/A
Date of Occurrence:	July 29, 2013
Location:	457 Tenth Street, Niagara Falls, NY
Nature of Claim:	Property damage sustained in accident with City vehicle.
City Driver:	Gregg Guerin
Status of Action:	Claim stage.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$107.00
Make Check Payable to:	Robert D. Holstrom
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 #10

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Allstate Insurance Company a/s/o
Anna Digiovanni-Vogel
3800 Electric Road, Roanoke, VA 24018

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	May 14, 2012
Date Action Commenced:	December 20, 2012
Date of Occurrence:	February 24, 2012
Location:	Intersection of Rainbow Boulevard and Niagara Street, Niagara Falls, NY
Nature of Claim:	Automobile damage sustained while crossing intersection as directed by police officer.
Status of Action:	Pretrial state.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$2,161.82
Make Check Payable to:	Allstate Insurance Company
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 REAPPOINTMENT TO THE
NIAGARA FALLS BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

BY:

Council Chairman Charles Walker

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual is hereby reappointed to the City of Niagara Falls Board of Assessment Review, effective immediately, for a term concluding at the expiration date which appears opposite her name:

APPOINTMENT _____ **TERM EXPIRES:**

Ms/ Candace Corsaro

9/30/2019

1826 North Avenue

Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Agenda Item #12

RELATIVE TO HONORING ELKS LODGE #346 AND OUR NATION'S VETERANS

BY:

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

November 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Niagara Falls Elks Lodge #346 will be hosting its annual Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon on November 9, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Lodge #346 provides transportation to this event for disabled veterans from the Veteran's Day Treatment Center in Buffalo, NY, and

WHEREAS, Lodge #346 honors our missing and unaccounted-for veterans with an POW/MIA ceremony, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to offer its full support and appreciation for those who hold the cause and memory of our nation's veterans in the highest regard, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Niagara Falls, New York hereby recognizes the Niagara Falls Elks Lodge #346 on the occasion of its 2014 Veterans Appreciation Day Luncheon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Niagara Falls, New York thanks Lodge #346 on behalf of the citizens of Niagara Falls for their commitment to honoring the memory of our fallen veterans while respecting the immense sacrifice of those veterans who are still with us.

RELATIVE TO DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 6, 2014
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

BY:

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

November 10, 2014

WHEREAS, "Small Business Saturday," a holiday wherein shoppers are encouraged to patronize small, local, brick and mortar businesses, will fall on November 29 in 2014, and

WHEREAS, "Small Business Saturday" has grown into a nationally recognized event in recent years, drawing attention to the importance of small businesses to the local and national economy, and

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Department of Community Development is a designated "Small Business Saturday Neighborhood Champion," and

WHEREAS, a number of the city's business associations are coordinating with one another to hold events and rallies that spotlight local small businesses, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to promote the vitality of small businesses in the Cataract City, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York hereby declares Saturday, November 29, 2014 to December 6, 2014, to be "Small Business Week" in Niagara Falls, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Niagara Falls, New York wishes to recognize the hardworking men and women that operate small businesses in the city, and encourages the citizens of Niagara Falls to participate in Small Business Week by patronizing small businesses and by participating in events and rallies that highlight their contributions to our city.

Agenda Item #14

RELATIVE TO HONORING MR. JOHN J. MAROON, SR.

BY:

Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, Mr. John J. Maroon, a native of Niagara Falls, New York, and the last surviving World War II P.O. W. from Western New York, passed away on May 7, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maroon served during campaigns in Italy and France as a member of the Army's 36th Infantry Division, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maroon, along with 12 other members of his unit, was taken prisoner on November 22, 1944 and interned in Stalag VII-A, Germany's largest prisoner-of-war camp during World War II, and was then moved to a farm north of Munich, Germany, before being liberated by American troops on April 29, 1945, and

WHEREAS, Numerous military honors have been bestowed upon Mr. Maroon, including the Bronze Star, the P.O.W. medal, the World War II Victory Medal, induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, and

WHEREAS, John was an all-star athlete, having been on track to pursue a career in professional baseball prior to his entry into the second World War, having pitched three no-hitters as a pitcher in the Double I League at Hyde Park in the city of Niagara Falls, as well as winning the 1942 championship as a member of the Niagara Falls High School basketball team, and

WHEREAS, John's love of sport prompted him to found the CP Recreation Group, an organization that offers people with physical disabilities the opportunity to participate in sports, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maroon's community service work earned him a number of awards, including induction into the Niagara Falls Old Timers Hall of Fame, the Top Hat award from Tops Market, the Youth Award from the Niagara Falls Teachers Association, the Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award, and the Caritas Medal from Niagara University, and

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls has endeavored to make each of its parks and green spaces accessible to people that utilize wheelchairs or other mobility devices, and

WHEREAS, a wheelchair-accessible path will be installed in Jayne Park, in the City of Niagara Falls, shown on the map attached hereto (**ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**), in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls wishes to honor John Maroon, Sr., for his contributions to our region, country, and world, and finds it fitting to name the new path after a Niagara Falls native who devoted much of his life to the well-being of people with physical disabilities, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the pathway at Jayne Park, which is to be constructed in 2015, be named "John Maroon Path," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a sign be placed along this path, honoring John J. Maroon, Sr., and the legacy of service and selflessness that he has left to the people of Niagara Falls New York.

