

Monday – February 6, 2017 Council Meeting

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Discover Niagara Shuttle
Sara Capen, Executive Director
Niagara Falls National Heritage Area
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

None

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DATE: February 1, 2017
TO: Council Members
FROM: Lisa A. Vitello, City Clerk

The following claims have been filed in the Office of the City Clerk during the month of January 2017.
The claims were subsequently referred to the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

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NOTICE OF CLAIM

Butry, Peter
a/s/o Progressive Casualty Insurance Company
P.O. Box 512929
Los Angeles, CA 90051-0929

In reference to reimbursement for vehicle damage
caused by a city tree.

Niagara Frontier Inspection Agency
c/o Merchants Insurance Group
P. O. Box 78
250 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14240

In reference to vehicle damage caused by a city tree.

Volpe, Robert
20 Partridge Run
Amherst, NY 14228

In reference to vehicle damage caused by a pothole.

Wojciechowski, Anna Marie
416 95th Street, Apt. 4

In reference to tire damage caused by a pothole.

Hawkins, Lawrence
P.O. Box 6056
Buffalo, NY 14240
c/o Geico General Insurance Company

In reference to vehicle damage.
Claim # 0241966610101058

SUMMONS

Philbrick IV, Guy S.
1086 101st Street
c/o Lipsitz, Green Scime & Cambria LLP

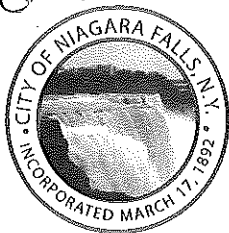
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NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC FILING
SUPREME COURT CASES

Michael Scozzafava, et al

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Yours truly,

Lisa A. Vitello

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CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
DATE: January 30, 2017

RE: City Council Agenda Item:
Consultant Contract to Trowbridge Wolfe Michaels Landscape Architects LLP –
Old Stone Chimney Site Interpretation \$20,835.00

Council Members:

The Planning Office will be working with a small steering committee representing, at a minimum, the Historic Preservation Commission and Tourism Advisory Board with the goal of more appropriately interpreting the historic significance of the Old Stone Chimney / Dean Adams hydraulic canal and the surrounding "RiverView Park" Site through signage and landscape design.

The Niagara RiverView Park Site is an essential component of the City's Waterfront Revitalization Program, fully described in the original study completed in 1988 by Saratoga Associates and approved as part of the City's 2009 Comprehensive Plan.

The City has recently been awarded a Niagara River Greenway Commission grant to work with NYPA, the owner of the Old Stone Chimney and New York State Park Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to develop a historically appropriate interpretation for the Old Stone Chimney and site. The Niagara River Greenway Commission grant award is in the amount of \$200,000.00.

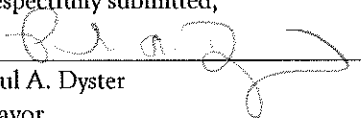
Other than staff "in-kind" services, no City funds will be used for this project. As such, there is no cash contribution or other cash disbursement required in accepting this award or in completing the Project. Total project expenditures will not exceed \$200,000.00.

Therefore, to effect the intended purpose of the grant, the Department of Planning Environmental & Economic Development solicited proposals for professional services and is now recommending that the proposal from Trowbridge Wolfe Michaels Landscape Architects LLP be accepted in the, not to exceed, amount of \$20,835.00.

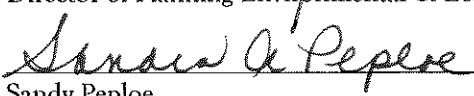
Will the Council vote to accept the Niagara River Greenway Commission grant, approve the contract award Trowbridge Wolfe Michaels Landscape Architects LLP and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary, in form and in content satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, to effectuate the same?

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Respectfully submitted,


Paul A. Dyster
Mayor


Thomas J. DeSantis, AICP
Director of Planning Environmental & Economic Development


Sandy Peploe
City Controller

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Addendum: Old Stone Chimney History

The Old Stone Chimney is an esteemed relic from the French imperial empire in North America. Once part of a structure known as "Fort Little Niagara," the chimney is the remains of a two-story barrack built in 1750 by Chabert Joncaire. The "Fort Little Niagara" was the terminus of the Niagara Portage trade route which funned all interior North American trade into/out of the Great Lakes region by bypassing the waterfalls and rapids of the Lower Niagara River. Due to its strategic location for movement of raw materials, "Little Fort Niagara" was once the third-most important occupying settlement for France in the New World. During the conflict of the French and Indian War in 1759, the barracks were destroyed in its entirety with the exception of the chimney.

Following the Treaty of Paris of 1763, control over the Niagara Region and portage trade route was handed over to the British Empire. Under the direction of Portage Master John Stedman, the former French barrack's chimney was incorporated into a new "Fort Schollosser." Once more, during hostilities of the War of 1812, the building was burned to the ground in December 1813. Yet, the chimney survived. As time passed, the chimney became one of the United States' last tangible links to both French and British rule. This relic became known as the Old Stone Chimney.

In 1891, a campaign was organized to "save" the Old Stone Chimney from growing industrialization along the Niagara River. Efforts to promote preservation included the popularization of a song written by T.V. Welch, a local friend of Theodore Roosevelt. In 1902, the Old Stone Chimney was carefully dismantled, stones numbered and carefully reconstructed at a new site. This was one of the earliest preservation efforts by the State of New York. The Niagara Frontier Historical Society marked its importance with a bronze plaque in 1915. Nevertheless, industrial expansion on Buffalo Avenue during WWII necessitated relocation again in 1942 to the more appropriate and prominent Porter Park. Unfortunately, the construction of the Robert Moses Parkway in 1962 awkwardly left Porter Park decimated and the Old Stone Chimney in a highway berm. As time went by, the Old Stone Chimney became forgotten and neglected.

With the reconfiguration of the southern section of the Niagara Scenic Parkway (formerly Robert Mosses Parkway), the Old Stone Chimney was once again carefully dismantled at its former Porter Park site and reconstructed at its current location at the former Grass Island/Dean Adams hydroelectric intake. Presently, the Old Stone Chimney stands once again on a more appropriate and prominent site. However, the powerful and significant history is not adequately being told.

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CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
DATE: January 30, 2017

RE: City Council Agenda Item:
Consultant Contract to Steinmetz Planning Group –
Review and Update City of Niagara Falls' Sign and Billboard Code \$25,000.00

Council Members:

The Planning Environmental & Economic Development, Law, and Code Enforcement Departments will be working with the Niagara Falls Planning Board as the Steering Committee along with business owners and other members of the public with the goal of drafting a new updated Sign and Billboard Ordinance.


In updating the Sign Code, the City will establish a new comprehensive system of sign controls governing the display, design, construction, installation, and maintenance of signs. The new Sign Code will be incorporated into the Niagara Falls Zoning Ordinance resulting in a document that is better organized, easily referenced, and more comprehensible by both staff and the general public, while also being reflective of the community's vision.

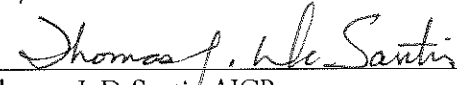
A brief overview of SPG and its relevant project experience, as well as the proposed scope, timeline, and fee are provided in detail and attached hereto.


In addition to staff-time to supplement this project, funding is currently available in the Tribal Revenue Account. Total project expenditures will not exceed \$25,000.00.

Will the Council vote to approve the contract award to Steinmetz Planning Group and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary, in form and in content satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,


Paul A. Dyster
Mayor


Thomas J. DeSantis, AICP
Director of Planning Environmental & Economic Development


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STEINMETZ PLANNING GROUP

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ROCHESTER, NY 14607

350 MAIN STREET, STE 1709
BUFFALO, NY 14202

December 19, 2016

Mr. Tom DeSantis, Senior Planner
City of Niagara Falls
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, NY



Mr. DeSantis:

As requested, I am pleased to submit to you a proposal on the behalf of **Steinmetz Planning Group (SPG)** to assist the City of Niagara Falls' with the following efforts:

- Review and update of the City's Sign and Billboard Regulations (Chapter 1121); and
- Complete an assessment of the City's Zoning Code (Chapter 1300) to identify necessary amendments to selected sections.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a brief overview of SPG and our relevant project experience, as well as our proposed scope, timeline, and fee. Our philosophy is to utilize past project knowledge and experience to augment and enhance our efforts, rather than duplicate them. Therefore, we have aligned our approach with the desired public meetings, workshops, and deliverables as discussed in our December meeting. We welcome additional negotiation and guidance from your office, if necessary, to ensure SPG captures the best project approach to suit your needs.

SPG BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

Founded in April of 2004, SPG set out to provide small and mid-sized communities across upstate and western New York with quality, affordable planning and development services. Now in our 12th year of business, SPG has completed over 30 zoning and regulatory-based projects including code updates, amendments, assessments, and project review assistance. Many of these efforts included updating local sign code requirements for clarity and legality, as well as the assessment of zoning chapters in need of revision. With the continually evolving struggle to balance local sign laws and the First Amendment, we are adept at evaluating and drafting codes based on the most current legal tests in a clear, concise manner. A few of our most recent zoning and sign code related efforts are listed below. References may be made available upon request.

- + **City of Cortland**, Zoning Code Update (On-going)
- + **Allegany County**, Sign Regulation Training Session (Held November, 16, 2016)
- + **Town of Geneseo**, Comprehensive Zoning Law Revision (Adopted November 10, 2016)
- + **Village of Attica**, Zoning Code Update (Adopted March 15, 2016)

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CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS – CHAPTER 1121 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Our initial review of Chapter 1121 (Signs and Billboards) has provided us with a preliminary assessment of the City's current regulatory approach, provisions that may be retained, and those that may be found unconstitutional in a court of law. It is our understanding that the City is looking for a newly drafted sign and billboard Chapter that reflects the current vision of the community, improves legality and enforceability, and presents itself in a simple, organized format that is easily referenced by both City Staff and the general public. The following is a brief summary of our initial recommendations to improve the Sign Code.

- + Update sign definitions and remove content-based restrictions.
- + Develop purpose and intent statements that reflect the current vision of the community and modern sign considerations.
- + Ensure required sign permit application and review process is well established in support of a compelling governmental interest and consistent with NYS Municipal Law.
- + Revise current language to reflect content neutral approach, increasing the legal defensibility of the regulations.
- + Provide summary tables for ease of reference of permitted and prohibited sign types and/or classifications by district.
- + Create separate provisions and/or process for the regulation of off-premise signs or billboards.
- + Reconcile or incorporate Chapter 315 (Licensing of Billposting and Advertising), Chapter 1107 (Fees for Sign Permits), Chapter 1140 (Political Signs), and Section 317.06 (Tourist Agency Signs) with the newly drafted Sign Code.
- + Review and remove sign regulations from the City Zoning Code (Sections 1321.1, 1323.1.4, 1328.3, and 1328.4), and replace in the newly drafted Sign Code, as necessary.
- + Incorporate newly drafted Sign Code into the City's Zoning Code, if desired, and include graphics, tables, and charts where appropriate.

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS – CHAPTER 1300 ZONING ASSESSMENT

As part of this task, SPG will complete a memorandum that provides an analysis of the issues and opportunities associated with the existing Zoning Chapter. In addition, the existing requirements will be compared to recommendations contained in the City's previous plans and studies as well as to national best practices. The memorandum will serve to identify alternative regulatory approaches that should be considered by the City and to prioritize the provisions that should be amended at the current time.

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SCOPE OF WORK

Phase 1: Sign & Billboard Code Update – We recommend the creation of a Steering Committee (SC) to oversee this process. The membership of the SC may include representation from the Departments of Planning, Environmental Services, Economic Development, and Code Enforcement, and the City Planning and Zoning Boards, as stated in the RFP previously shared with us. However, we also recommend including local review board members, residents, and property or business owners as part of the Committee. SPG may assist with the staffing of the SC, if desired. The anticipated timeframe for this update is estimated to be a total of six (6) months, including two (2) public meetings and up to four (4) Steering Committee meetings. Descriptions of the proposed tasks and required deliverables are provided in the table below.

Task	Description	Deliverable(s)
Project Kick-Off (SC Meeting #1)	The SC and SPG will determine the project goals and expectations, Public Participation Plan, and time/place/format of the first public meeting. SPG will also conduct a Sign Training Session described below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Plans Summary • Public Participation Plan
Sign Regulation Training Session	SPG will conduct a comprehensive training session for City staff and decision-makers on the do's and don'ts of sign regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Session Materials
Public Meeting #1	SPG will facilitate a public workshop to educate and engage residents through interactive elements, such as a sign-based Community Preference Survey or Character Area Mapping Exercise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Meeting Materials
SC Meeting #2	SPG will present the Public Input Summary and Sign Code Assessment and discuss key issues and opportunities with the SC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Input Summary • Sign Code Assessment
SC Meeting #3/#4	SPG will provide the SC with the Draft Sign Code for review and comment. The Draft Sign Code will be edited to reflect any necessary changes. This may require an additional SC meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Sign Code • Revised Draft Sign Code
Public Meeting #2 & Public Hearing	SPG and the SC, in tandem with the evening of the Public Hearing, will facilitate an Open House style public meeting allowing the public an opportunity to review the draft Code in a more informal setting. SPG will also present to the appropriate reviewing bodies as necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Meeting Materials • Public Hearing Presentation
Code Adoption	SPG will provide a final draft of the Sign Code to the City for adoption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Sign Code

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PHASE 2: ZONING ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC UPDATE

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Phase 2: Zoning Assessment & Strategic Update – It is anticipated that the zoning assessment will be developed with input provided by City Staff. Once the assessment is completed, SPG will work with the City to determine the number of strategic amendments to be prepared as part of this update process. Subsequently SPG will draft new regulatory language, as necessary, for consideration by City Council. The anticipated timeframe for this effort is estimated to be a total of four (4) months, including three (3) staff meetings.

Task	Description	Deliverable(s)
Staff Meeting #1	SPG will meet with City Staff to identify any issues and opportunities associated with the existing Chapter that have been identified by staff or local stakeholders.	• Key Issue Summary
Draft Zoning Assessment	SPG will prepare a memorandum for review and comment by City Staff.	• Final Assessment Memo
Staff Meeting #2	SPG and City Staff will determine the sections of the Chapter that will be amended at this time.	• List of Necessary Amendments
Draft Zoning Amendments	SPG will draft strategic amendment to various sections of the existing Chapter.	• Draft Section Amendments
Staff Meeting #3	SPG will meet with City Staff to review the draft provisions and revise them based upon Staff comments.	• Final Text Amendments

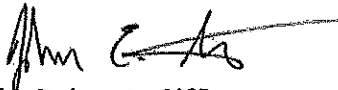
It is anticipated that both phases of this project will be conducted concurrently. This will allow the proposed sign regulations to be incorporated into the City Zoning Chapter and for both projects to be publicly reviewed and adopted simultaneously.

NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE

Based on the timeline, scope of work, and meetings included in this proposal letter, we have estimated the budget for this project as a not-to-exceed fee of \$25,000. If it is determined that a Sign Regulation Training Session is not required, or a reduction in the total number of meetings is desired, the fee may be adjusted accordingly.

Thank you again for considering **SPG** to assist the City of Niagara Falls with this effort. Should you have any questions or would like a full set of our qualifications; please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,



John Steinmetz, AICP

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Telephone: (716) 286-4310

January 31, 2017

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Approval of re-appointment of City Marshals

Council Members:

The City Council designated Gary Bevilacqua, Eugene Oshal, Frederick Pucci and Rocco Zendano as City Marshals with terms that expired on December 31, 2016. It is recommended that these four (4) individuals be re-appointed to terms expiring on December 31, 2018.

They will continue to provide satisfactory insurance coverage naming the City of Niagara Falls, New York as additional insured and their remuneration will continue to be limited to the fees that they collect for services rendered.

Will the Council so approve?

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. DYSTER
Mayor

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**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
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January 18, 2017

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster

SUBJECT: 3625 HIGHLAND AVENUE BUSINESS PARK
Additional Environmental Remediation
CHANGE ORDER #1

A contract for the above referenced project was awarded to Mark Cerrone Inc., 2368 Maryland Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY, on September 6, 2016 in an amount of \$153,635.00.


The project for buildings #2 and #3 required additional abatement work for unanticipated and necessary asbestos remediation work. In addition, un-safe areas of contamination and necessary demolition were required to be performed by our qualified contractor. The cost for both buildings associated with remediation and demolition is \$76,825.22

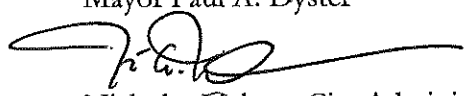
Furthermore, during the course work, subsequent cost savings of \$6,289.00 were realized to offset increases.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the undersigned that **Change Order #1** in the amount of \$70,536.22 be approved, bring the new contract total to \$224,171.17. Sufficient funds presently exist in the City's Economic Development Department project fund for 3625 Highland Avenue Business Park, approved by City Council.

Will the Council vote to so approve?


Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Paul A. Dyster


Nicholas Melson, City Administrator


Robert Buzzelli, Civil Engineer III

Funding Approval:


Sandra Peplow, City Controller

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TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster

SUBJECT: Additional Engineering, Construction Administration and
Inspection Services for the Completion and Closeout of
Tenth Street/Cedar Avenue Reconstruction Project
PIN 5757.17
CHANGE ORDER #5

A contract for the above referenced project was awarded to Foit Albert Associates, P.C., on May 29, 2007 in an amount of \$555,000.00. Change Orders request to date bring the total contract amount to \$1,685,197.35

The prime contractor for the Tenth Street/Cedar Avenue project abandoned the job in 2011 before completion and never returned. Since then, the City has settled litigation and can move forward with the remaining funding to correct defective and uncompleted work.

This Change Order covers Professional Engineering Services for design, contract documents, engineering services associated with administering the contract to completion and full time inspection in accordance with the NYSDOT standards specifications and the LAFAP manual.

This project was funded with Federal Highway money as a NYSDOT pass-through project. The NYSDOT is requesting that the project be "closed-out" in order protect the City from having to refund monies we have been reimbursed for earlier work.

The City's Engineering staff has been in contact with Foit-Albert Associates and have negotiated for the services to complete said project in the amount of \$139,000.00

As a Federal pass-through project it is still eligible for reimbursement at the standard 80% -20% split and a portion of funding is also reimbursable under N.Y. State Marchiselli funding.

It is the recommendation of the undersigned that **Change Order #5** be approved in the amount of **\$139,000.00** with funding for this change order still available in the original project funding Code H0632.9901.0000.0900.H0632.

Will the council vote to so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

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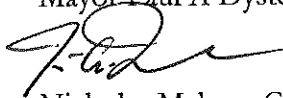
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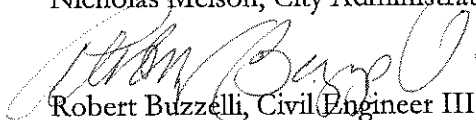
Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Paul A Dyster

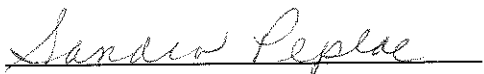


Nicholas Melson, City Administrator



Robert Buzzelli, Civil Engineer III

Funding Approval:



Sandra Peploe, City Controller

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**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
NEW YORK**

February 1, 2017

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
SUBJECT: LETTER OF AWARD FOR INSTALLATION OF C.I.P.P. LINING OF MAIN DRAIN AT
CENTRE COURT POOL

The following is the result of bids received on May 4, 2016 for the above referenced project:

CONTRACTOR

Dyna Mole LLC
195 Dewey Avenue
Rochester NY 14608

BASE BID

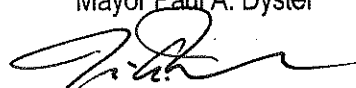
\$44,193.56

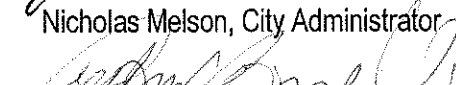
It is the recommendation of the undersigned that this project be awarded to the sole bidder Dyna Mole LLC at their total bid of \$44,193.56. Funding is available from casino funds.

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

Respectfully submitted,

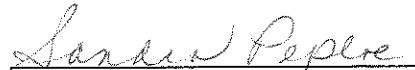

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January 31, 2017

The City Council
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RE: Wage Increases for Lead Parking Attendants and Parking Attendants

Council Members:

The Director of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") is requesting that the hourly wage for Lead Parking Attendants and Parking Attendants be increased. Presently Lead Parking Attendants make \$11.00 per hour and Parking Attendants make \$9.75 per hour. It is requested that the hourly wage for Lead Parking Attendants be increased to \$15.00 per hour and the hourly wage for Parking Attendants be increased to \$11.00 per hour.

These are seasonal employees. The Lead Parking Attendants have taken on all duties related to the new parking meters. Those duties include but are not limited to cash collection, cash balancing, cash deposits, banking, troubleshooting any maintenance issues as well as snow removal on and around the meters. The Parking Attendants new wage no longer includes Step 2, 3 or 4. The proposed increase will meet the New York State minimum wage increase and will remain in compliance through the end of 2018.

Attached hereto is a spreadsheet reflecting the cost of this increase which is anticipated to be \$32,237.41, inclusive of FICA.

Funds are available through budgeted funds. Will the Council so approve?

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. DYSTER

Mayor

Funding is in place

Sandra Peploe
City Controller

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	2016 Hours	Rate/Hour	2016 Cost	Proposed Rate/Hour	Cost	Appx. Cost of Increase
Lead Parking Attendants	4,226.00	11.00	46,486.00	15.00	63,390.00	16,904.00
Parking Attendants	10,434.00	9.75	101,731.50	11.00	114,774.00	13,042.50
				Total Appx. Cost of Increased Wages		29,946.50
				FICA		2,290.91
				Appx. Increased Cost with FICA		32,237.41



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January 31, 2017

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: *Funding Contribution for Feasibility Study for Necessity for New
Convention Center/Arena*

Council Members:

My understanding from a communication from Samuel M. Ferraro, Commissioner of Niagara County Department of Economic Development dated January 13, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto, is that Niagara County has allocated \$50,000.00 towards the cost of a feasibility study to determine the necessity for a new convention center/arena in Niagara Falls. My further understanding is that Senator Ort's office will also be contributing up to \$50,000.00 for this feasibility study. Based upon and contingent upon the \$50,000.00 allocation from Niagara County and the up to \$50,000.00 allocation from the office of Senator Ort, it is requested that the City of Niagara Falls also contribute up to \$50,000.00 towards the cost of such a feasibility study.

The City's contribution, as described above, is contingent upon the funding described from the County as well as the office of Senator Ort, and is also contingent upon the approval by the City's Law Department as well as the City's Office of Planning and Economic Development as to the content and terms and conditions contained in a *Request for* Response for Proposals for such a feasibility study developed by the Niagara County Department of Economic Development.

Funding is available from casino revenues.

Will the Council so approve?

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. DYSTER
Mayor

Funding is in place

Sandra Peplow
City Controller

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Samuel M. Ferraro
Commissioner

January 13, 2017

Paul A. Dyster, Mayor
City of Niagara Falls
745 Main Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14302

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SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY NIAGARA FALLS ARENA

Dear Mayor Dyster:

As a follow up to a conversation between Craig Johnson and my staff on November 15, 2016 regarding a feasibility study for a proposed Niagara Falls Arena, attached is information Craig requested on your behalf.

It is my understanding you will review this material to consider \$50,000 in financial support toward the study effort by the City of Niagara Falls. Please be advised Niagara County has allocated \$50,000 toward the study effort.


Enclosed is a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) my department will be issuing which includes a description of the study initiative and the evaluation criteria that will be used to select a consulting firm.

I hope this adequately addresses your request.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Samuel M. Ferraro, Commissioner
Niagara County Department of Economic Development

Enclosure

cc: Craig J. Johnson, Corporation Counsel, City of Niagara Falls
Nick Melson, City Administrator
Jason Zona, Niagara County Legislator, 5th District
Richard E. Updegrove, Niagara County Manager
Michael A. Casale, Deputy Commissioner of Business Development, Niagara County

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**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS
NEW YORK**

February 1, 2017

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Paul A. Dyster
SUBJECT: LETTER OF AWARD FOR CENTENNIAL CIRCLE WATERMAIN RELOCATIONS


The following were the result of bids received on January 31, 2017 for the above referenced project:

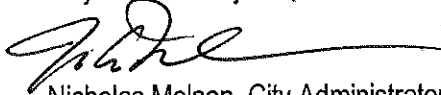
<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
Yarussi Construction Inc. 5650 Simmons Ave. Niagara Falls NY 14304	\$184,560.00
Scott Lawn Yard	\$228,905.00
Mark Cerrone Inc.	\$272,235.00
Accadia Site Contracting Inc.	\$399,650.00

It is the recommendation of the undersigned that this project be awarded to the low bidder Yarussi Construction Inc., Inc. at their total bid of \$184,560.00. Funding of \$150,000.00 is available from Greenway and \$34,560.00 from casino.

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

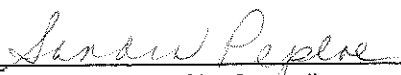
Respectfully submitted,


Mayor Paul A. Dyster


Nicholas Melson, City Administrator


Robert Buzzelli, Civil Engineer III

Funding Approval:


Sandra Peploe, City Controller
Council Meeting: February 6, 2017

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

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

January 31, 2017

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company a/s/o William and Anna Hartman
1899 Central Plaza East, Edmeston, New York 13335-1899

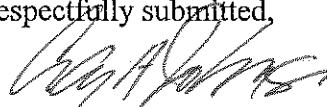
Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	August 18, 2014
Date Action Commenced:	August 27, 2015
Date(s) of Occurrence:	June 6, 2014
Location:	Intersection of 24 th Street and Grand Avenue
Nature of Claim:	Damages from collision with City vehicle
City Driver:	Ryan Mackie
Status of Action:	Pre-trial Stage
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$5,564.63
Make Check Payable to:	New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company a/s/o William and Anna Hartman
Conditions:	General Release and Stipulation of Discontinuance approved by Corporation Counsel.

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

Respectfully submitted,


CRAIG H. JOHNSON
Corporation Counsel

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

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January 31, 2017

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Request for Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Fatema Swanson
1707 Ferry Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301

Council Members:

Date Claim Filed:	September 13, 2016
Date Action Commenced:	N/A
Date of Occurrence:	September 10, 2016
Location:	1707 Ferry Avenue
Nature of Claim:	Tree branch fell on vehicle
City Driver:	N/A
Status of Action:	Claim stage.
Recommendation/Reason:	Best interests of City to pay claim.
Amount to be Paid:	\$2423.89
Make Check Payable to:	Fatema Swanson
Conditions:	General Release to City, approved by Corporation Counsel.

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

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG H. JOHNSON
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RESOLUTION No. 2017-

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
ABANDONMENT A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RUNNING
NORTH/SOUTH BETWEEN 24TH AND 25TH STREETS,
SOUTH OF ORLEANS AVENUE**

BY:

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

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WHEREAS, the adjoining property owner has requested the abandonment a portion of the alley running north/south between 24th and 25th Streets, south of Orleans Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended to Council that this request be approved; and

WHEREAS, this Council declares its intention to abandon said alley portion.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that a public hearing be held relative to the abandonment of the aforementioned alley portion, said public hearing to be held at a meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chambers in City Hall on February 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of intention to discontinue and abandon the said alley portion in the official newspaper once a week for two successive weeks preceding February 21, 2017.

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RESOLUTION No. 2017-

**RELATIVE TO THE WAIVER OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR A
NEW EMPLOYEE PURSUANT TO LOCAL LAW #7, FOR THE YEAR 1984, AS AMENDED**

BY:

Council Member Kristen Grandinetti
Council Member Ezra Scott
Council Member Kenny Tompkins
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls has been without a City Engineer since April 2013, and the absence of the engineer has caused significant hardship for the City both financially and operationally; and

WHEREAS, since April 2013, the City has conducted several local and nationwide searches for candidates for the City Engineer position. All of these searches have proven to be unsuccessful as a number of qualified candidates have been either unable or unwilling to comply with the City's Local Law #7 for the Year 1984, as amended, which requires all newly hired City employees to become residents of the City within six months of their date of hire; and

WHEREAS, one of these candidates, John A. Gerlach, is at the top of the City's list for potential City Engineers; however, Mr. Gerlach is a resident of Youngstown, New York and is unable to relocate due to personal/family circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a copy of John A. Gerlach's resume is attached hereto; and

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WHEREAS, Section 6 of Local Law #7 for the Year 1984, as amended, provides that this Council may, by resolution, waive the requirement of residency for newly hired employees if it determines that enforcing the Local Law is not in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is obvious that there is a lack of qualified applicants for the City Engineer position residing within the City or unwilling to accept the City Engineer position if required to comply with the City's residency requirement and, further, that enforcing the residency requirement for a new City Engineer is not in the best interest of the City since the most qualified candidate for the position is not a City resident and is unable to relocate into the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, duly convened, does hereby grant a waiver pursuant to Section 6 of Local Law #7 for the Year 1984, as amended, to John A. Gerlach, exempting him from the residency requirements contained in said Local Law for the specific purpose of the hiring of John A. Gerlach as City Engineer, and it is further

RESOLVED, that this waiver shall continue for the duration of Mr. Gerlach's employment with the City, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Administrator of the City of Niagara Falls, New York are hereby authorized to effectuate said waiver in relation to the hiring of John A. Gerlach for the City Engineer position.

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John Anthony Gerlach, PE

Summary of Experience: Over 35 years of experience in design and construction projects for the Federal Government on civil works and military facilities.

Projects Included;

- Harbor break walls, flood control and stream bank erosion protection projects such as levees, sheet pile and gabion walls
- Forensic engineering, analyzed various earthen slopes and foundations as to why they failed
- Facilities on military bases to include barracks, family housing, dining facilities, hotels, airfield runways and facilities, training grounds.
- SCIFS (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility).
- Humanitarian aid projects to include the construction of orphanages, medical clinics, schools and local government admin buildings.
- Worked throughout Japan, Korea, Western and Eastern Europe as well as various locations in Africa.
- Clients have been the US military and US State Department agencies. I am willing to accept foreign assignments.

Education:

State University of New York @ Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Bachelor's Degree: Civil Engineering

Master's Degree: Geotechnical Engineering

Registered Professional Civil Engineer, April 1979, New York No. 056591

OTHER INFORMATION:

Administrative Contracting Officer July 2009-March 2013

Top Secret Clearance issued 19 May 2014

ACI Grade 1 Certified

ACI CCSI Certified

OSHA 10 Certified

Jan 2015 – Present

Resident Engineer

Haks Engineering/NYC DEP

Gilboa Dam Low Level Outlet

Gilboa, New York

My responsibilities as a Resident Engineer for construction include;

- Manages an office staff of 11 to administer a construction program totalling over \$142 million. The project entails an approximately 190ft deep shaft thru soil and rock, a land leg and water leg micro tunnel in rock approximately 2000ft long, roller compacted training wall and concrete outlet structure.
- Reviews contractor submittals, technical reports, design proposals, test results and construction procedures to insure conformance with technical and contractual requirements.
- Continuously provides input to improve processes to meet the customer's needs as well as DEP directives.
- Controls all aspects of construction, inspection management and document control.
- Tracks progress payments, project schedules and change orders/modifications for all projects.

- Participates in coordination meetings with NYC DEP, the contractor and the Project Delivery Team to ensure proper contract administration and construction management.

May 2014- Nov 2014

Project Engineer/Rehired Annuitant
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project
Wellington, Florida Resident Office

As a project engineer, my duties include Project Engineering, Quality Assurance testing and Contract Administration for the \$46million construction contract for culverts C11 and C16, Herbert Hoover Dike Restoration. The Herbert Hoover Dike is considered a DSAC 1, (Dam Safety Action Classification System) dam, meaning it has the highest priority for remediation to ensure public safety.

- Involved in analyzing and negotiating contractor claims for changes in testing requirements for the filter layer within the soil cofferdam, adding of water proof seals, adding additional armor stone and signage and delay of work construction claims due to weather for the C16 culvert and cut-off dike.
- Reviewed and processed submittals, schedules and RFI's for the C11/C16 culvert contracts.
- Monitored both the quality assurance inspections of concrete, steel and earthwork construction operations and contractor quality control activities to assure compliance with all construction requirements for the C11/C16 culverts and associated earthwork cut-off dikes.

April 2013-April 2014

Project Engineer
Advance Testing Company
3348 Route 208
Campbell Hall, NY 10916

My duties included the oversight of materials testing, data management and foundation engineering and construction on a variety of asphalt paving, highway bridges and building projects within the northeast. Projects include;

- Dynamic pile testing and the monitoring of the installation of steel H-piles for the I-84 Bridge at Exit 1.
- Monitoring the installation of micro piles and underpinning for the new addition to the building on E85th St, Manhattan
- Review and evaluate; concrete test results, asphalt test results, the placement of concrete on numerous bridge decks, and the placement of asphalt on numerous highway projects for all for NJDOT and NYSDOT, using the MURK format.

Sept 2010-Dec 2012

Resident Engineer for Construction,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Caucasus Resident Office,
Tbilisi, Georgia

My responsibilities as a Resident Engineer for construction of Humanitarian Aid projects within Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan totaling \$9.5 million dollars annually included;

- Successfully managed an office staff of 5 local nationals and 1 Dept of the Army civilian responsible for conducting periodic site inspections to ensure the timely and economical execution, proper quality and quantity of materials used, equipment and workmanship, adequacy of contractor's methods and operations, interpreting the contractual documents to ensure that all work is carried out in accordance with the plans and specifications.

- Supervised quality assurance inspections of construction operations and monitored the contractor quality control activities to assure compliance with all contract requirements for the construction of CoE projects in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Reviewed, accepted or rejected finished work and evaluated contractor performance on all projects.
- Recommended and involved in the termination for default of 3 task orders awarded to the same contractor. These task orders were USAID funded and were for the partial renovation of 3 hospitals within the Republic of Georgia.
- Negotiated with contractors concerning modifications to the contract for the construction of the 2 story, \$1.3 million boat maintenance facility for the Georgian Coast Guard and for construction of the 4 floors, \$1.8 million Pathology lab and morgue for the Georgian Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- Participated in weekly coordination meetings with representatives from the U.S. Embassy, the customer and the end user and the Project Delivery Team to ensure proper contract administration and construction management.

Aug 2011-Feb 2012

Area Engineer for Construction,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Shank/Salerno Area Office
Afghan Area North

My responsibilities as an Area Engineer for construction in 6 Northern provinces in Afghanistan included;

- Successfully managed a diverse Area Office with 35 Dept of the Army civilians and 40 local nationals within 6 Resident Offices to administer a military construction (MILCON) program valued at over \$500 million across more than 60 contracts.
- Completed work on high visibility/high impact projects for the MILCON program; the Afghan National Army program (\$87 million project at Khair Khot garrison) and the Afghan National Police program (numerous, remote ANP District and Provincial Police HQs), all in one of the more kinetic areas of Afghanistan.
- Served as the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) for all projects within the Shank/Salerno Area Office and handled actions associated with suspensions and terminations of contractors and projects.
- Continuously provided input to improve processes to meet the customer's needs as well as higher HQ's directives.
- Controlled all aspects of construction, inspection management and document control.
- Tracked progress payments, project schedules and change orders/modifications for all projects.
- Participated in weekly coordination meetings with higher HQ's as well as the customer, the end user and the Project Delivery Team to ensure proper contract administration and construction management.

Jan 2007-Sept 2010

Resident Engineer for Construction,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Stuttgart Resident Office,
Stuttgart, Germany

My responsibilities as a Resident Engineer for construction included;

Managed an office staff of 2 local nationals and 6 Dept of the Army civilians to administer a construction program totaling over \$110 million annually consisting of Operations and Maintenance (OMA) contracts as well as indirect contracts through the German Government.

- Reviewed contractor submittals, technical reports, design proposals, test results and construction procedures to insure conformance with technical and contractual requirements for the \$160.

million Army Family Housing renovation Projects on Kelley and Robinson Barracks as well as the \$85 million renovations of all buildings for AFRICOM HQ's, Kelley Barracks.

- After reviewing contractor invoices for accuracy, paid invoices for all projects in a timely manner.
- Negotiated with contractors concerning differing site condition as well as time delays due to weather for the renovation of the 12 unit, \$78 million Army family Housing project on Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany.
- Participated in weekly coordination meetings with representatives from the Garrisons, the customer, the German Government, the end user and the Project Delivery Team to ensure proper contract administration and construction management and delivery of a quality product.

July 2002-Jan 2007

Project Engineer for Construction,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
West Point Resident Office,
West Point, New York

Responsibilities include the following;

- Supervised quality assurance inspections of construction operations and monitored the contractor quality control activities to assure compliance with all contract requirements for the construction of 5 new police stations on various reservoirs in the Catskills for the New York City Dept of Environmental Police. Involved in commissioning of plumbing, HVAC, fire suppression and alarm systems as well as the inspection of structural steel, concrete and site work.
- Between 2002 and 2007, participated in weekly coordination meetings with representatives from the CoE, the contractors and the NYC DEP.
- Involved in analyzing and negotiating contractor claims for differing geotechnical site conditions and delay of work construction claims due to weather for the state of the art, 6 stories, \$93 million Arvin Physical Development Center.
- Reviewed and processed submittals, schedules and RFI's for the Arvin Physical Development Center.
- Project Engineer on the \$62 million state of the art, library at Jefferson Hall, USMA, West Point. Duties included blast monitoring during excavation in rock for the foundation, as well as monitoring the contractor quality control activities for structural work.

Sept 1997-July 2002

Civil Engineer, QA Section
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Japan Engineer District,
Camp Zama, Japan

Responsibilities include the following;

- Managed the technical submittal program for all projects and provided review comments and acceptability of submittals to the field offices.
- Provided technical support and assistance to field offices to include the geotechnical design and construction monitoring of the sand pile ground modification and required surcharge of the foundation of the 100,000 barrel POL tank construction, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.
- recommendations to the job mix formula and asphalt placement on the taxiway and turnaround at Misawa, AB, and technical support and review of QA/QC test data for the concrete runway at Yokota, AB
- Member of source selection team to evaluate and determine technical capabilities of offerors for advertised projects.

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July 1975-Sept 1997

Geotechnical Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Drum NY
Goldberg-Zoino Associates
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo
Federal Highway Administration

- Senior Geotechnical Engineer, Goldberg-Zoino Associates, on the \$500 million Light Rail Rapid Transit (LRRT) Program in Buffalo, NY, I was involved in the planning, implementation of geotechnical instrumentation programs to monitor movements of adjacent structures during the mining of the rock tunnel portion as well as the construction of the cut and cover soil portion as well as the analysis of the data obtained.
- Reviewed contractor submittals for the installation of rock bolts to prevent pop outs in the mined tunnel section.
- Monitored the installation of the concrete tunnel liner.
- Monitored Contractor efforts to dewater the tunnels during construction.
- Reviewed and recommended for approval/disapproval, Contractor claims for differing site conditions.
- Developed, monitored and determined the effectiveness of the cement and chemical grouting program for water tightness of the twin rock mined tunnels, LRRT, Buffalo, NY.
- Involved in the design and monitoring during construction of cofferdams for the construction of new lock chambers, \$40 million lock and dam replacement at Point Marion and Grays Landing, PA, U.S Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh. Also involved in all aspects of the soil and rock investigation, logging and testing programs for the design of these new locks and dams.
- Member of the Dam Safety Inspection Team for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District. Involved in the inspection and monitoring of approximately 5 of the flood control dams within the Pittsburgh District. Duties included visual monitoring of the dams, review and interpretation of instrumentation data, preliminary stability reanalyses to determine the dam's stability using new design requirements. Also reviewed the operation aspects of the individual dams under different types of high risk scenarios.
- Geotechnical engineer during construction of the \$900 million Fort Drum Expansion Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Drum, NY. Involved in the construction monitoring of the placement of 88 acres of RCC hard stands. I reviewed and recommended for approval/disapproval contractor submittals regarding batch plant and concrete materials, monitored placement techniques and Contractor's QC testing program and was responsible for Government's QA testing program. Beams for flexural testing were taken as well as cores of the placed RCC pavement to determine density and thickness. Assisted representatives from the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in determining the ability of the placed RCC pavement to withstand the freeze/thaw cycles common to the fort Drum area. Responded to Contractor RFI's regarding design and installation of RCC pavement.
- Geotechnical engineer, Federal Highway Administration, responsible for the deep and shallow foundation designs reports used during construction of various bridges along the Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways. I analyzed various highway cuts and slopes as to why they failed, also planned and conducted geotechnical investigations and the associated laboratory testing

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programs. My responsibilities included logging and testing of soil and rock to determine their engineering qualities.

- Geotechnical engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, NY responsible for stream bank erosion and flood control projects, containment and harbor facilities within the Great Lakes. Responsible for design and implementation of soil and rock investigation programs.

**Professional
Publications:**

Publication, Foundation Treatment using Sand Compaction Piles and Surcharge Loading, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan; Proceedings 5th International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering, April 2004.
Invited speaker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Geotechnical Conference, 1992.
Invited speaker, Association of Engineering Geologists Conference, 2002.
Publication, Anchored for Success, Civil Engineering Magazine, April 1994.

Awards:

Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, April 1993 for contract administration duties, Hurricane Andrew.
Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, July 1996 for geotechnical design works on the Johnstown, PA. Flood Control Project.
Commanders Award for Civilian Service, July 2002 for geotechnical and construction support on projects in Japan.
Commanders Award for Civilian Service, January 2012 as Area Engineer, Shank/Salerno Area Office, Afghanistan
1997 - 2012, Exceptional Performance Ratings.

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RESOLUTION No. 2017-

RELATIVE TO WATER BOARD REINSTATEMENT OF DRIP PROGRAM

BY:

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

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WHEREAS, certain neighborhoods in the City have been adversely affected by water lines that tend to freeze during certain periods of inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, in prior years, the Niagara Falls Water Board ("NFWB") has enacted a "drip program" which allowed certain residents on a list developed by the NFWB to participate in a program that allowed those residents up to 2,500 cubic feet of water usage at no charge for keeping their faucets running at all times during periods of time in the winter months in an effort to keep pipes from freezing; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has learned that the NFWB is planning to discontinue the drip program going forward and this City Council believes that the drip program is an important resource for residents in order to help guard against frozen water lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council does hereby request that the NFWB reinstate the drip program and make it available to residents as it has in the past.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the NFWB.

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING MARY ANNE HESS,
NIAGARA'S HONEYMOON SWEETS**

BY:

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

WHEREAS, Mary Anne Hess the owner of Niagara's Honeymoon Sweets received and accepted an invitation from the New York State Society of Washington D.C. to attend the inauguration of the 45th president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 20th, 2017 Mary Anne made the trip to the capital representing Niagara Falls and the State of New York at the 45th, inauguration where she and her chocolates participated in a show, where she made sure to show off her hometown with 13 handcrafted chocolate frames featuring images from around Niagara Falls; and

WHEREAS, Mary Anne has also participated in the swearing in ceremony of former president Barack Obama also by invitation, other high profile events such as the Grammy's, the Emmys and the Oscars to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mary Anne Hess has done an outstanding job of representing Western New York and the City of Niagara Falls,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that this City Council does hereby recognize Mary Anne Hess of Niagara's Honeymoon Chocolates for her outstanding work and for the recognition and promotion of our city. We also honor her and recognize her great accomplishments over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Niagara Falls, New York we do recognize in Mary Anne Hess an outstanding citizen worthy of this honor, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our state and federal representatives that they may make note of her accomplishments.

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RESOLUTION No. 2017

**RELATIVE TO WAIVER OF HYDE PARK OASIS RENTAL
FEES FOR THE 2017 NIAGARA FALLS SERTOMA CLUB, ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE CITY**

BY:

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

WHEREAS, the Niagara Falls Sertoma Club wishes to do its part in helping those in our city who are considered less fortunate,

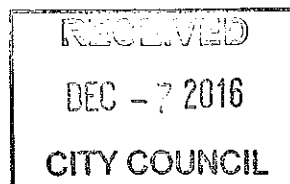
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that the City of Niagara Falls does hereby waive the fee for rental of the Oasis at Hyde Park for the Niagara Falls Sertoma Club Annual Chicken Barbecue, to be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017. This is one of their main fundraisers that help support various organizations throughout the City.

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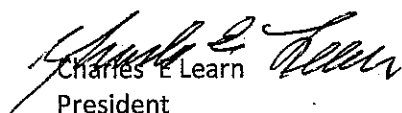
Chairperson
Council for City of Niagara Falls, N.Y.
P.O. Box 69
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14302

Sertoma Club of Niagara Falls N.Y.
Charles E Learn
69 Deuro Drive
Niagara Falls, New York 14304

Sir/Madam, once again the Sertoma Club will be holding its annual Chicken Barbecue on Sunday 20 August 2017 from 0800 until 6:00PM We have served Niagara Falls for 62 years helping those with hearing difiiculties and the less fortunate .

Again this year we are asking that you allow us to use the OASIS Pavilion without us having to pay a rental fee or a beer permit fee. We have received a Picnic Permit in the past for this function and would very much appreciate doing so for 2017.

Respectfully,


Charles E Learn
President
297-7994

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RESOLUTION No. 2017

RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT TO THE TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

BY:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual is hereby appointed to the City of Niagara Falls Tourism Advisory Board, effective immediately, for the term expiring on the date which appears opposite his name:

APPOINTMENT:

Christian G. Printup
310 Fourth Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

TERM EXPIRES:

12/31/2017

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