

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
August 7, 2020 - SPECIAL MEETING

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5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

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

August 4, 2020

Members of the City Council
and
Kathleen Ligammari, City Clerk

Council Members and City Clerk

You are hereby notified of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York called pursuant to Section 3.9.b of the City Charter, to be held on **Friday, August 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York for the following purposes:

TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO ACCESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL AND EMERGENCY COVID-19 TESTING KITS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CITY RESIDENTS THROUGH NIAGARA FALLS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

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RESOLUTION No. 2020-46

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING USE OF COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT/CARES ACT FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL AND EMERGENCY COVID-19 TESTING FOR CITY RESIDENTS THROUGH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

BY:

Council Chairman Christopher Voccio
Council Member Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our nation learned first-hand that the ideal response to a communicable disease outbreak is for public health officials to begin testing for it early; and

WHEREAS, early testing leads to quick identification of cases, quick treatment for those people and immediate isolation to prevent spread; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, early testing also helps to identify anyone who came into contact with infected people so they too can be quickly treated; and

WHEREAS, while our nation is not obviously in an ideal situation with regard to Covid-19, testing remains critical to the bigger public health picture on mitigation efforts, helping investigators characterize the prevalence, spread and contagiousness of the virus; and

WHEREAS, without a vaccine to halt the spread of the coronavirus, widespread testing and tracing of the illness will be essential to ensure public confidence that children can safely return to school in the fall or to ease the restrictions that have shuttered businesses since the onset of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available so that the City can provide for Additional and Emergency COVID-19 testing kits which can be made available for City residents through Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, to foster this increased access to testing, the City will provide emergency funding as available from Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds and designated unspent program income, as deemed eligible by the City Controller.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Falls City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to access CDBG funds and designated unspent program income, as deemed eligible by the City Controller, in order to provide for Additional and Emergency COVID-19 testing kits for City residents which will be administered by and through Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center.

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	Council Member Kennedy	X			
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46	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Voccio	X			
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