

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

***RELATIVE TO CENTENNIAL PARK SEQR
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE***

BY:

Council Chairman John Spanbauer

WHEREAS, the City of Niagara Falls City Council (hereinafter referred to as “City Council”) is considering a proposal for creation of Centennial Park. (the “Action”), with a subject site of vacant parcels (907 Falls Street and a Portion of the Property Along John Daly Memorial Parkway Consisting of SBL Nos. 159.09-3-3 and 159.09-3-2) approximately 12 acres in size of which no less than 9.8+/- acres will be used for the Park, which the City intends to acquire by eminent domain, and which is bound on the north by Falls St, the east by 10th street, the south by vacant property and to the west by John Daly Boulevard, which Project, once complete will consist of a multi-faceted year round event campus potentially including an indoor arena, outdoor amphitheater, a water feature, ice skating rink, a multilevel surface parking deck, and a wall climbing adventure course as well as all related utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held duly noticed public hearings on June 29, 2022 and on September 6, 2022 on the proposed Action and potential acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) part 1 and other information, including the Traffic Impact Study; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the said Action is classified as a Type I Action under part 617.4 of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has issued a Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for the Project and no involved or interested agency objected to the City Council acting as Lead Agency;

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and

WHEREAS, the City Council has given consideration to the criteria for determining significance as set forth in Section 617.7(c) (1) of the SEQR Regulations and the information contained in the FEAF part 1 and taken a hard look at the potential impacts of the Action; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has completed part 2 and 3 of the FEAF; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form has been presented to the City Council for consideration, and the Council has considered the comments at the public hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby designates itself as the lead agency for the described action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Niagara Falls City Council has reasonably concluded there would not be any substantial adverse impact on the following: land use planning or zoning regulations; intensity of use of the land; character or quality of the existing community; environmental characteristics; existing level of traffic or infrastructure, use of energy; public or private water supplies; public or private wastewater treatment utilities; character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources; natural resources; potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems; or creation of a hazard to environmental resources or human health; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council determines upon the information and analysis documented that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council does hereby make a Determination of Non-Significance on the proposed Centennial Park Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council Chairperson is hereby directed to sign the FEAF part 3 and file with the City Clerk and other necessary agencies as evidence the City Council has determined the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact

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