

February 22, 2016

Monday – February 22, 2016 Council Meeting

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Sale of 4th Street properties – Ellicott Development Company
Seth Piccirillo, Community Development, Director

2. Acceptance of the former Mehta properties
Seth Piccirillo, Community Development, Director

3. Underground Railroad Interpretive Center
Sara Capen, Executive Director - Niagara Falls National Heritage Area

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

None

Agenda Item #2

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF AWARD FOR ON-STREET PARKING METER INSTALLATIONS DOWNTOWN
NIAGARA FALLS - PHASE 1**

The following were the result of bids received on February 2, 2016 for the above referenced project:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALT.1</u>	<u>ALT.2</u>
Ber-National Automation, Inc. 1137 East Main Street Rochester NY 14609	\$257,950.00	\$58,580.00	\$38,660.00
T2 Systems	\$312,672.72	-	-
Cale America	\$349,032.00	\$64,798.26	\$38,880.40

After a thorough review of all the participants' proposals, qualifications and submittal information, it was determined that the firm Ber-National Automation, Inc. was the lowest qualified and responsible bidder. To that end, it is the recommendation of the undersigned that this project be awarded to Ber-National Automation, Inc. at their total bid of \$355,190.00. Funding will be made available from Casino funds to a dedicated capital code entitled: Parking Meter Program H1316.2013.1316.0449.599.

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

Agenda Item #3

RE: 250 Rainbow Boulevard – Approval of Encroachment

Council Members:

A restaurant is proposed to open on the ground floor of the Jefferson apartment building located at the corner of Rainbow Boulevard and Third Street. Shawn Weber, one of the owners of the building, is cooperating with the operator of the restaurant, and wishes to install a sign on the building which will encroach into the City right-of-way. Attached are diagrams showing the location of this sign. During its meeting on February 10, 2016, the Planning Board recommended approval of this encroachment request. Attached hereto is a copy of the Planning Board recommendation. Conditions are attached to the Planning Board's recommendation.

Will the Council so approve this request with the conditions imposed by the Planning Board?



City of Niagara Falls, New York

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

February 10, 2016

NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD

☒ **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**
Encroachment in City Right-of-Way

Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 10th day of February 10, your request is hereby granted.

NAME OF OWNER: Shawn Weber

ADDRESS OF ACTION: 250 Rainbow Blvd.

PURPOSE: To allow installation of a sign on the northeast side of the building

This application is hereby recommended to City Council with the following conditions:

- 1) The owner/applicant will add the City of Niagara Falls as an additional insured on its liability insurance policy for any and all such encroachments approved by City Council
- 2) The owner/applicant will agree to defend and indemnify the City from liability related to the encroachment
- 3) The City can revoke the license for the encroachment on sixty (60) days' notice
- 4) The owner/applicant shall comply with any conditions imposed by the City Engineer with regard to sufficient space for pedestrian passage on the sidewalk right-of-way and to insure that no damage occurs to the City's right-of-way
- 5) The owner/applicant must obtain all applicable permits and inspections and shall comply with the National Electrical Code

DATE: February 10, 2016


Tony M. Palmer, Chairman
Niagara Falls Planning Board



Agenda Item #4

RE: Carpeting in MIS Department

Council Members:

The Director of MIS advises that it is necessary to replace the carpeting in their offices, as it is worn and poses a safety issue.

Three estimates were obtained and Paynes Carpeting was the lowest estimate. This estimate is in the amount of \$4,785.00. Funding is available from casino interest.

Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #5

RE: Funding for development of new City web site

Council Members:

The Director of MIS is requesting that the sum of \$32,000.00 be transferred from phone system account line item H1517.2015.1517.0449.599 to MIS department account A.1680.0000.0449.599. The purpose of this transfer is to help pay the cost of the development of the new City web site. Casino revenues were utilized to fund the phone system account and therefore it is requested that the Council approve the transfer of these casino revenues to the MIS department code mentioned above.

Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #6

RE: Backstop and fencing for Maple Avenue baseball diamond

Council Members:

The Acting Director of Public Works advises that it is necessary to remove the existing fence, backstop and dugout concrete and replace those items. Bids were solicited and there were two (2) responses. It is recommended that the City enter into a contract with Davidson Fence Inc. to perform the required work for a total price of \$19,650.00. Attached is the estimate from Davidson Fence Inc.

Funding is available from Tourism Fund Balance.

Will the Council so approve?



Davidson

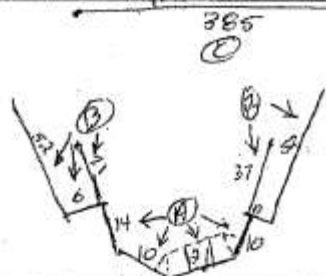
FENCE INC

Building Fences That Last!
1675 New Road • Niagara Falls, NY 14304
(716) 283-2843 Telephone
(716) 283-2845 Telefax



NAME Maple Ave School PHONE 286-4247 Alt. Low DATE 12/2/15
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

DIRECT TO OR SHIP TO							
SECTION	LINE	TYPE	QTY	FBSC	SELF	LINE POST	TOP RAIL
①	76	Brk Stop/Range	12	2x8x144		3"	15/B
②	174	Chain Link	6'	2x8x72		2 1/2"	15/B
③	385	Hydra Wire	5'	2x8x60		-	-



GRADE	WIDTH	HEIGHT	FRAME
	WALK		
	WALK		
	WALK		
TERMINAL POSTS			
END	O.D.		
CORNER	O.D.		
GATE	O.D.		
ESTIMATED START DATE:			
ESTIMATED FINISH DATE:			

NOTES: All wire to be core banded for strength
- Dig outs to have composite/steel roof in angle for run off
- All fences to have bottom rail to prevent bottom cup
- Job is prevailing wage
- All excess dirt & debris to be hauled away

Thirty percent (30%) of first installment must be used the next business day to purchase materials relating to this job. Extra charges may apply due to unforeseen and digging. Balance of 20% price is due and payable immediately upon completion of work unless otherwise set forth. Owner agrees to pay a three percent (3%) surcharge for orders placed on credit card. Check, upon signing this contract, represents and warrants that holder/owners is Owner of the above parcels and that holder/owner has read this Agreement, as set forth on both sides. It is further agreed this Contract is not subject to cancellation except by written consent of both parties. CANCELLATION BY OWNER. THE OWNER MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT UP TO MIDNIGHT OF THE 3RD BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE DAY ON WHICH THE OWNER HAS SIGNED THIS CONTRACT.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE _____ SALESMAN Jason Davidson
TYPE OR PRINT OWNER'S NAME _____ ACCEPTED FOR DAVIDSON FENCE

TERMS NET UPON COMPLETION	
ADDED PRICE BASED ON ABOVE FOOTAGE	\$19,650. Lump Sum
DEPOSIT	\$
BALANCE (DUE UPON COMPLETION)	\$
ANY CHARGES TO THIS CONTRACT MAY RESULT IN PRICE CHANGE.	

SUBJECT TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON REVERSE SIDE
A SERVICE CHARGE OF 1.50% PER MONTH WILL BE CHARGED IF NOT PAID WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF SERVICE DATE. THIS RATE IS AN ANNUAL PRICE INCREASE RATE OF 10%.



Agenda Item #7

RE: Acquisition of:
550 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York
557 Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York
565 Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York
571 Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York
569 Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York

Council Members:

The above referenced properties are presently owned by Malina P. Mehta, wife of Praven Mehta, M.D. Praven Mehta was a medical doctor and has pled guilty to various counts of unlawful distribution of controlled substances and has been sentenced to jail and a fine of \$500,000. As part of the plea negotiations entered into by and between the United States Attorney's Office and Dr. Mehta's attorney, Malina P. Mehta has agreed to forfeit the above referenced properties and deed them directly to the City of Niagara Falls for no consideration.

Title work is being done to make certain that title to the above referenced properties is clear. Attached are copies of surveys for most of the parcels as well as information on file in the City Assessor's Office.

The City has a strong interest in advancing the greater good of the community, protecting the public health, safety and environment and ensuring that neighborhoods are places where people want to live and business owners wish to invest. The above properties are in an important location in the City. Much state, local and private sector investment has taken place in the Third Street area in recent years where these properties are located including public realm infrastructure improvements. This area is undergoing a concerted urban revitalization effort by the City and its state and local partners and is expected to drive significant private sector commercial and residential development. Recently, local developers have purchased nine (9) vacant properties which represent in excess of 1.7 million dollars in acquisition and renovation investment. In addition to revived commercial spaces, the area has seen over twenty (20) new market rate apartments made available on Third Street.

Upon taking title to these properties, it would be the City's intention to solicit requests for proposals to seek private sector individuals and/or entities to develop some or all of these properties while possibly retaining one or more for municipal purposes.

The City has not sought appraisals on these properties. The assessed values total \$184,500. There are unpaid School, County and City taxes as well as unpaid water bills which total approximately \$8,000.00. This City is responsible to pay these unpaid bills as well as incidental closing costs which will total approximately \$3,000.00. The Business Development Director, the Director of Community Development, as well as the Acting Director of Planning and Economic Development believe this is money well spent to acquire these properties which are prime development properties.

The Planning Board reviewed this request for acquisition during its meeting on February 10, 2016 and recommended that the City Council approve the acquisition of these properties.

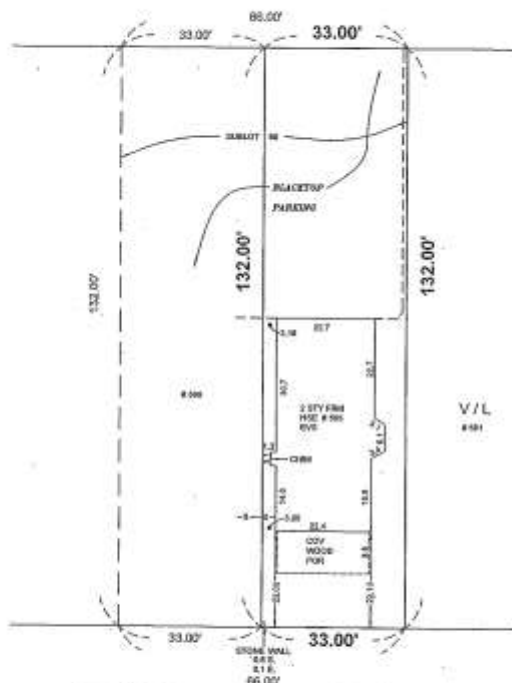
Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents required to acquire these properties which are in form and content acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?



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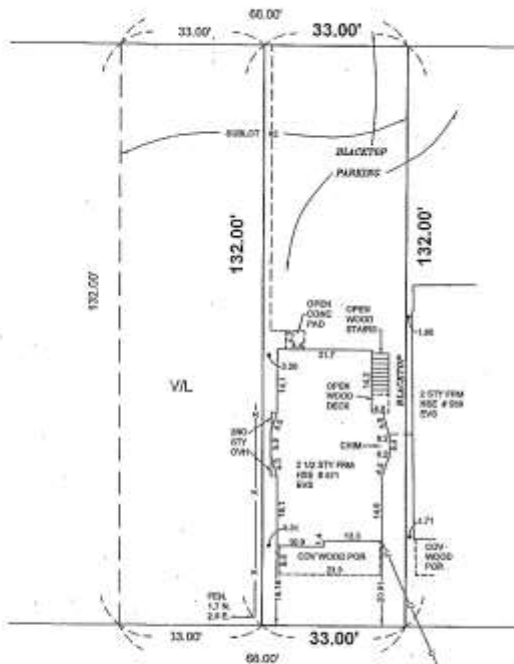
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ALLEY (16.5' WIDE)



THIRD (66' WIDE) STREET

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153.21-1-46 291100 Niagara Falls Active R/S: 1 School: Niagara Falls
 Mohita Mohini P Apt Year: 2016 Need Yr Det row bldg Land AY: 3,000
 550 Main St Land Size: 38.00 x 70.45 Noe Homestead Total AY: 83,300

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Last Name / Company: First Name MI J Sr. etc
 Mohita Mohini P

Attention To / In Care Of: Additional Address:

Street No: Prefix Dir Street / Rural Route St Suffix Post Dir Unit Name Unit No
 121 Markley Dr

Po Box No: City / town State Zip Code
 Getzville NY 14064

County (enter if not "USA") Ser Cd Ownership: e.g. Life Use Owner Type
 P = Primary

Owner's Primary Residence

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158-21-1-46 201100 - Niagara Falls Active R/S: 1 School Niagara Falls
 Mehla Malini P. Rct Year: 2016 Next Yr Det row bldg Land AV: 3,800
 550 Main St Land Size: 38.00 x 78.45 Non-Homeshead Total AV: \$3,300

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A17 External apt	5,122	0	Apartment	0
E83 Professional off	392	0		0

Site No: 1 Use No: 2

Used As Code: A87 External apt Total Eff: 1 Bed Sqft:
 Valuation Dist: 5 No of Units:
 Portable Sqft: 5,122 Annual Rent/Unit:
 Unit Code Desc: Apartments Total 2 Bedroom Sqft:
 No of Units: 6 No of Units:
 Total Rent: Annual Rent/Unit:
 Rent Type: Total 3 Bedroom Sqft:
 Lease Begin: 08/10/2008 No of Units:
 Lease Length: 0 yrs Annual Rent/Unit:

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158.21-1-43 291100 Niagara Falls Active R/S 1 School: Niagara Falls
 Mehta Malini P Ref Year: 2014 Next Yr 1 Family Res Land Av: 1,800
 557 3rd St Land Size: 33.00 x 97.90 Homestead Total Av: 11,800

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Owner Tax Bill Mailing Address 3rd Party Address Bank

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Mehta Malini P

Last Name / Company: Mehta Malini P First Name: Mr. A. Sr. etc.

Attention To / In Care Of: Additional Address:

Street No: 121 Prefix: St. Street / Rural Route: Mark Jay Suffix: Dr Post Dir: Unit Name: Unit No:

Po Box No: City/Town: Getzville State: NY Zip Code: 14458

Country: enter if not "USA" Ser Cst: Ownership: e.g. Life Use Owner Type: P = Primary

Owner's Primary Residence: No

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159.21-1-63 291100 Niagara Falls Active R/S 1 School: Niagara Falls
 Mohini Mahini P Ref Year: 2016 Need Yr 3 Family Res Land AV: 1,800
 557 3rd St Land Size: 33.80 x 97.00 Homestead Total AV: 11,800

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☐ Sale(s) 1/1/15

Site No: 1
 Bldg Style: 08 Old style Central Air
 No. of Stories: 2.5 Semi Type: 3 Partial
 Ext Wall Mat: 01 Wood Burn Gar Cap: 0
 Actual Yr Built: 1933 Overall Cond: 1 Poor
 Est Yr Built: Interior Cond: 1 Poor
 Yr Remodeled: C- Average
 No Kitchens: 1 Kitchen Ques: 1 Poor
 No Baths: 1 No. Hall Bath: 1
 Bath Ques: 1 Poor
 No Bedrooms: 3
 No Rooms: 6
 No Fireplaces: 0
 Fpn Type:
 Heat Type: 2 Hot air RCH: 148,201 SFLA: 2248
 Fuel Type: 2 Natural Gas RCHLD: 35,565 Per Paid Pen
 Run RPS410 Edit: X

1st Story: 1495
 2nd Story: 752
 Add Story:
 1 1/2 Story:
 3/4 Story:
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 Fin Basement:
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 Unfin 3/4:
 Unfin Fin:
 Unfin Over Gar:

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159.21-1-65 291100 Niagara Falls Active R/S: 1 School: Niagara Falls
 565 3rd St. Roll Year: 2016 Next Yr: 1 Family Res Land Av: 2,188
 Land Size: 33.00 x 132.00 Homestead Total Av: 25,600

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Owners: Tax Bill Mailing Address 3rd Party Address Bank

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Last Name / Company: First Name: Mx: Jr, Sr, etc:
 Mehla Mehla P
 Attention To / In Care Of: Additional Address:

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 Getville NY 14068
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153.21-1-67 251100 Niagara Falls Active R/S 1 School Niagara Falls
 Melvin Melini P Roll Year: 2016 Next Yr 1 Family Res Land AV: 2,100
 571 3rd St Land Size: 31.00 x 132.00 Homestead Total AV: 25,200

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Owner Tax Bill Mailing Address 3rd Party Address Back
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 Melvin Melini P

Last Name / Company: First Name: MI Jr. Sr. etc.
 Melvin Melini P
 Attention To / In Care Of: Additional Address:

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 121 Markley Dr

Po Box No: City/Town: State: Zip Code:
 Getzville NY 14358

County: enter if not "USA": Bldg Cd: Ownership: e.g. Life Use: Owner Type:
 P - Primary

Owner's Primary Residence:
 No

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159.21-1-66 291100 Niagara Falls Active R/S: 1 School: Niagara Falls
 Molta Molini P Roll Year: 2016 Next Yr: 2 Family Res Land AV: 2,100
 569 3rd St Land Size: 33.00 x 132.00 Homestead Total AV: 35,200

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Owner: Tax Bill Mailing Address: 3rd Party Address: Bank:

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Last Name / Company	First Name	MI	Jr, Sr, etc
Molta Molini P			

Attention To / in Care Of: Additional Address:

Street No: Prefix: Street / Rural Route: St Suffix: Post Dir: Unit Name: Unit No:
 121 Markley Dr NY 14068

Po Box No: City/Town: State: Zip Code:
 Getville NY 14068

Country: enter if not "USA" Est Cd: Ownership: e.g. Life Use Owner Type:
 P - Primary

Owner's Primary Residence:

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City of Niagara Falls, New York

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

February 10, 2016

NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD

☒ **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**
Real Property Acquisition

Pursuant to action taken by the Niagara Falls Planning Board on the 10th day of February, your request is hereby granted.

NAME OF OWNER: Malina P. Mehta

ADDRESS OF ACTION: 550 Main Street, 557 Third Street, 565 Third Street, 571 third Street, 569 Third Street

PURPOSE: Proposal by Malina P. Mehta to forfeit properties and deed them directly to the City

This application is hereby recommended to City Council.

DATE: February 10, 2016


Tony M. Palmer, Chairman
Niagara Falls Planning Board

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Agenda Item #8

RE: AGENDA ITEM: Sale of 428, 432, 446, 460 and 462 4th Street – Ellicott Development Co.

The administration requests Niagara Falls City Council approval of the sale of the following city owned parcels to Ellicott Development Company (EDC):

Properties	Assessed Value	EDC Proposed Price
460-462 4th St.	\$3,700	\$30,000
428-432 4th St.	\$3,600	\$9,000
446 4th St.	\$1,400	\$5,500
Total	\$8,700	\$44,500
Less: Consideration for demolition and asbestos/lead abatement (460 4th St.)		(\$27,000)
NET PURCHASE PRICE		\$17,500

The Niagara Falls Planning Board unanimously recommended the sale of these parcels to the Niagara Falls City Council at its January 11, 2016 meeting. EDC is a property management, leasing and development firm that is responsible for the management of over 1,500,000 square feet of office space in Downtown Buffalo, over 1,000,000 square feet of retail space throughout New York and Western Pennsylvania, eight major hotels in the Western New York, as well as over 550,000 sq. ft. of residential apartments, condominiums and townhomes in the Buffalo/Niagara region. EDC's local holdings include the Giacomo Hotel at 222 1st Street and 473 3rd Street, 606 6th Street, in addition to new purchase activity.

EDC is investing in the 3rd Street Commercial District, and the purchase of these ancillary properties will strengthen potential economic impact. In 2015, EDC purchased the former Niagara Gazette Building (310 Niagara Street) which includes the parking lot at 418-426 4th Street. EDC then created an agreement to relocate the Niagara Gazette offices to 473 3rd Street, which is also owned by EDC. This ensures that approximately 40 Niagara Gazette employees remain in downtown Niagara Falls.

EDC is requesting to purchase these parcels to support both the renovation/development of 310 Niagara Street and business operations at 473 3rd Street. EDC will convert 460-462 4th Street to off-street parking for employees/customers of 473 3rd Street. 428, 432, and 446th Street will be maintained as part of the larger development of 310 Niagara Street (former Niagara Gazette Building). **EDC has also agreed to include public parking access at 418-424 4th Street, off peak hour public parking access at 460-462 4th St and landscaping the 4th Street frontage of all aforementioned parcels as part of this sale agreement. Upon Niagara Falls City Council approval, the City of Niagara Falls Legal Department will draft a sales agreement that outlines the city's expectations of EDC for both parking access and**

landscaping. The sale agreement will not be presented to the Mayor for execution until the Niagara Falls Legal Department is satisfied with the material terms included in the sale agreement.

Public and residential parking is a pressing issue on both the 400 and 500 blocks of 3RD Street. As new businesses open and market rate apartments are added, available on-street and parking lot spaces diminish. This problem is compounded during an ever expanding tourism season. Off street parking along the 3rd / 4th Street alley is a logical and preferred solution. The City of Niagara Falls purchased 425 3rd Street, with Niagara Falls Planning Board approval, earlier this year to act as a pedestrian connection between the 3rd Street Commercial District and off street parking. EDC's purchase proposal will provide public parking access at 418-424 4th Street, which is already lit and paved, as well as a new parking option at 460-462 4th Street. In addition to returning five city owned properties to the tax roll and eliminating blight, this transfer offers a forward thinking and cost effective solution to some of the district's parking concerns.

The sale of these properties is part of larger, and vitally important, development initiatives in the downtown core. In 2012, the City of Niagara Falls Community Development Department was awarded a Western New York Regional Economic Development Council grant for the Downtown Niagara Falls Stabilization Project. Targeted demolitions of blighted structures on 4th Street, bordering the 3rd/4th Street alleys, was a grant component. The City of Niagara Falls demolished these blighted structures in order to support the private sector's purchase and renovation of vacant and under-utilized buildings along 3rd Street. Simply put, the strategy is working. In the past four years, 435 3rd Street, 444 3rd Street, 451 3rd Street, 460 3rd Street, 463 3rd Street, 231 Ferry Avenue and 539 Main Street have been purchased and renovated by local developers for market rate residential/commercial use. The addition of EDC as the developer of 310 Niagara Street, with its impressive renovation/management track record at the Giacomo Hotel, only adds to the ongoing success of the 3rd Street Commercial District. Based on contract review, the City of Niagara Falls deems the \$27,000 estimate for the demolition of 460 4th Street to be fair and reasonable. The Niagara Falls Community Development's average per structure demolition cost, including asbestos abatement, is \$24,000. Analysis of the 2013 demolition contract that included 4th Street demolition determined that dollar amount.

The City of Niagara Falls has a responsibility to address parking, pedestrian access, blight clearance and neighborhood walkability in a responsible and timely manner. Focusing on private sector partnership, the administration presents the sale of 428, 432, 446, 460 and 462 4th Street as a needed and valuable solution. The administration also requests the opportunity to give a presentation to the Niagara Falls Planning Board on this topic when it is included on the agenda. Thank you.

Will Council vote to so approve and the sale of 428, 432, 446, 460 and 462 4th Street and authorize the Mayor to enter into subsequent legal agreements, once the aforementioned material items are satisfied?

Agenda Item #9

SUBJECT: Bid #2016-01 Removal of Abandoned Vehicles

We respectfully request you award the above referenced bid as follows:

TO: Satarian Auto Parts

4250 Witmer Road

Niagara Falls, NY 14305

FOR: Removal of abandoned vehicles within the City of Niagara Falls, New York

\$101.00/vehicle to be paid to the City

The City Purchasing Division certifies that all bids were solicited in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Notice that bids were to be received was advertised in the Niagara Gazette and bids were sent to eight (8) vendors. Two (2) bids were received. In addition to Satarian Auto Parts, Pages Automotive & Towing, Inc. submitted a bid (\$100.00 per vehicle) to be paid to the City. After reviewing each bid we determined that Satarian Auto Parts submitted the highest price to be paid to the City.

Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #10

SUBJ: Approval of budget amendment to realign staff in the Assessor's Office

A Retirement of the Real Property Appraiser has allowed for the reallocation of job duties and the following changes are proposed in the Assessor's Office expense account A1355.0000.0110.00.

Assessor Administrative Aide, currently a grade 12 at a salary of \$38,589.28
Proposed grade 13 with a salary of \$39,674.49.
Difference of \$1,085.21

Assessor Technician position with a 2015 budgeted salary of \$34,506.56.
Proposed stipend of \$2,500 stipend.

Senior Assessor Data Clerk, currently a grade 9 at a salary of \$36,918.58.
Proposed grade 10 with a salary of \$37,821.33.
Difference of \$902.75.

The realignment will result in an increase of \$5,549.00 annually, inclusive of all fringe costs.
Funding is available through A.1990.7630.0449.599 Contingency A/C

Will Council so approve?

Agenda Item #11

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 2433 WOODLAWN AVENUE**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Joanne Artymowicz, on behalf of her mother, Nancy Dinardo,
2433 Woodlawn Avenue

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #12

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 538 MEMORIAL PARKWAY**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Helga Hickman, 538 Memorial Parkway

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #13

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 3022 ORLEANS AVENUE**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Jean Stewart, 3022 Orleans Avenue

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #14

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 2473 CUDABACK AVENUE**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Mae Stallworth, on behalf of her mother, Pearl Lewis, 2473
Cudaback Avenue

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item # 15

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 1129 LASALLE AVENUE**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Sarah Handley Turk, 1129 Lasalle Avenue

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #16

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL A 5' HANDICAPPED ACCESS SPACE
IN FRONT OF 529 16th STREET**

**[Physician verification of wheelchair dependency and/or severe
restriction of movement, has been received]**

Submitted By: Margaret Mitchell, 529 16th Street, Apt. 1

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #17

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL “NO STANDING ANYTIME” RESTRICTION ON 56TH
STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM GOODYEAR DRIVE TO
APPROXIMATELY 80’ NORTH**

This will allow for increased sight distances for tractor trailers exiting Goodyear’s facilities of southbound traffic on 56th Street.

Submitted By: Richard Collins, Manager of Engineering, Goodyear Tire &
Rubber Company, Niagara Falls Plant, 5500 Goodyear Drive

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #18

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

INSTALL ON HIGHLAND AVENUE: A) A “15 MINUTE PARKING” RESTRICTION ON THE WEST SIDE BETWEEN CENTER AVENUE & EASTON DRIVE; AND ON THE EAST SIDE BETWEEN GARDEN AVENUE & CALUMET AVENUE; B) “NO STANDING ANYTIME” RESTRICTION ON THE EAST SIDE BETWEEN CENTER AVENUE & GARDEN AVENUE.

Part A of this item was submitted as a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) recommendation to assist with crowd control and loitering in this area. Although the Commission had some concerns with the recommendations affect on area business, the Police Department is confident it will provide a deterrent to crime in the area and the 15 minute time limit will be adequate for the in and out type of businesses that are located here. The Niagara Falls Housing Authority, who owns Jordan Gardens, in addition to various area residents are in support of this.

Part B of this item will assist with building security and safety for the new Community Health Center of Niagara located here.

Submitted by: Bryan DalPorto, Superintendant of Police, Niagara Falls Police Department

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #19

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

INSTALL OVERNIGHT PARKING ON FERRY AVENUE BETWEEN 10TH STREET & MEMORIAL PARKWAY (SOUTH SIDE ONLY) WITH “NO PARKING TUESDAY 7 AM TO 1 PM” RESTRICTION

The New York State Department of Transportation has agreed to allow overnight parking on this roadway as long as it satisfies the City’s requirements.

A Petition from the residents of this block was received with 67% signatures.

Submitted By: Colleen & Michael Pembleton, 1005 Ferry Avenue, Apt.1 and
Petition/Residents of Block

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #20

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL ALTERNATE OVERNIGHT PARKING ON LINDBERGH
AVENUE BETWEEN 71st STREET & 72nd STREET**

A Petition from the residents of this block was received with 100% signatures.

Submitted By: Peter DiFrancesco, 501 71st Street and Petition/Residents of
Block

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #21

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL ALTERNATE OVERNIGHT PARKING ON MADISON AVENUE
BETWEEN DORCHESTER ROAD & VanRENSELAER AVENUE**

A Petition from the residents of this block was received with 80% signatures.

Submitted By: Kenny Tompkins, 3009 Madison Avenue and
 Petition/Residents of Block

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #22

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At a Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL ALTERNATE OVERNIGHT PARKING ON 68TH STREET
BETWEEN EDISON AVENUE & STEPHENSON AVENUE**

A Petition from the residents of this block was received with 73% signatures.

Submitted By: Brenda Williams, 242 68th Street, Joan Wahler, 247 68th
Street and Petition/Residents of Block

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #23

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM:**

At the Traffic Advisory Commission meeting held on February 9, 2016 the Commission recommended **APPROVAL** of the following item:

**INSTALL “NO STANDING ANYTIME” RESTRICTION EFFECTIVE
6:30 AM TO 8 AM & 2 PM TO 3:30 PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
IN FRONT OF 1885 LINWOOD AVENUE**

This will provide curb access for the safe pickup/drop-off of an autistic child by mini bus.

[Physician verification of the child’s condition has been received]

Submitted By: Etta Zacher, on behalf of her daughter, Marie Schear, 1885
Linwood Avenue

It is requested that City Council approve this recommendation.

Agenda Item #24

SUBJECT: Commissioner of Deeds

The following have requested City Council approval for Commissioner of Deeds for a term from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018.

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

Kim Bradberry	Human Resources
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Brook D'Angelo	DPW
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Leonard Lapp	City Clerks Office
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Rosanna Lively	DPW
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Kelly Cook	1026 92 nd St., NF NY 14304
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Lisa Kaczor	7050 Lakeside Dr., NF NY 14304
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Larry Kensinger	496 23 rd St., NF, NY 14303
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Teresa M. Kurilovitch	9311 Niemel Dr., NF NY 14304
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Jaclyn Pendola	620 28 th St., NF NY 14301
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Carletta Tyson	1744 Tennessee Ave., NF NY 14305
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Agenda Item #25

RE: In Rem Properties

Council Members:

We have been contacted by the attorney for the former owner of Ward 12 Pro 3673, which the City took title to in the recent In Rem proceeding.

It was anticipated that this property would be included in the upcoming home ownership auction being conducted by the Community Development Department. The prior owner had health issues which prevented him from redeeming the property during the regular period to do so. The attorney has in his trust account, enough funds to cover all outstanding City, School and County taxes and other fees associated with the property.

Based upon this, it is recommended that the Council approve the reconveyance of the property to the former owner, upon the payment of all outstanding taxes and fees as well as any recording fees and authorize the Mayor to execute a deed in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel.

At the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting, you voted to reject the bids on Ward 5 Pro 1607 and Ward 9, Pro 2797 due to the bidder having outstanding housing inspection issues on another property. We have been informed by the Department of Code Enforcement that these are recent violations and that the bidder normally resolves any such issues in a timely manner, but has been unable to proceed quickly on this property due to issues with the tenant. Based on this, it is recommended that the Council vote to accept the bids and authorize the Mayor to execute deeds in a form acceptable to the Corporation Counsel.

Will the Council so approve?

Agenda Item #26

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES ENTITLED "BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS"

BY:

Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr.

Council Member Kenny Tompkins

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Niagara Falls, New York that Chapter 171 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Benefits of Employees Not Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements" is hereby amended by amending Section 171.05 to read as follows:

171.05 HEALTH INSURANCE

d. City Council members first elected after January 1, 2016, or re-elected after January 1, 2016 following a separation from service, will not be entitled to receive health insurance "opt-out" payments as provided for under Section 4 of the City's "Health Care Memorandum of Understanding", agreed to by the City's Health Care Committee and adopted by the City Council January 17, 2006.

Bold and Underlining indicate **Additions**.

Bold and Brackets indicate **[Deletions]**.

RELATIVE TO GOLF COURSE FEES AND RELATED FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works has reviewed the Golf Course Fees and Related Fees that were in effect during the 2015 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, this City Council believes that certain Golf Course fees and Related Fees should be increased in order to compare with fees charged at other public golf courses in the area; and

WHEREAS, a schedule of proposed Golf Course fees and Related Fees for calendar year 2016 is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, this City Council is in agreement with the proposed increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that the attached schedule of Golf Course fees and Related Fees for calendar year 2016 is hereby adopted.

**Proposed 2016
Golf Rates**

Season Ticket - Resident	\$475
Season Ticket - Non Resident	\$600
Season Ticket - Senior Resident (60 and older)	\$350
Season Ticket - Senior Non Resident (60 and older)	\$500
Season Ticket - Junior (17 and under)	\$250
Season Ticket - Disability Pass (Monday through Friday)	\$600
Season Ticket Golf Cart (Monday through Friday)	\$550
Season Ticket Golf Cart (7 Day)	\$750
<i>Season ticket prices listed above are valid for tournaments in 2016</i>	
Season Pass Tee Time (Valid from May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016)	\$30
Red 9	\$9
Daily 9	\$12
Daily 9 Senior (60 and older) & Disability	\$10
Daily 18	\$18
Daily 18 Senior (60 and older) & Disability	\$14
<i>Prices above valid Monday through Friday until 3:00 pm</i>	
Weekend/Holiday 9	\$14
Weekend/Holiday 18	\$22
Golf Cart 9 Hole	\$12
Golf Cart 18 Hole	\$22
Golf Cart Rider	\$5
Locker	\$50
Pull Cart 9	\$3
Pull Cart 18	\$5
Club Rental 9	\$8
Club Rental 18	\$12
Daily Tee Time	\$2
Twilight Rate (Golf and Cart)	\$25
Driving Range	
Small Bucket	\$6
Large Bucket	\$8
Winter/Spring 18 Hole	\$10
Winter/Spring Cart	\$10

RELATIVE TO PARKING RATES IN CITY LOTS AND RAMP

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

WHEREAS, the Administration and Council desire to modify the fee schedule for the City's parking lots and ramp;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York that:

1. The daily parking fee for parking in City-owned parking lots and the parking ramp is increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 during the high tourist season (May 1 – October 31).
2. The daily parking fee for parking in City-owned parking lots and the parking ramp will remain at \$10.00 during the low tourist season (November 1 – April 30).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these fee increases be effective beginning May 1, 2016.

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BY:

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

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who worked in the Kentucky coal mines as a child, was the son of former slaves. He enrolled in high school at the age of 20. Dr. Woodson went on to graduate from Berea College, later receiving his master's degree from the University of Chicago and earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson was one of the first scholars to study African-American history. In 1926, Dr. Woodson proposed and launched a weeklong celebration of the individuals and occasions having a significant impact on African American History in America, and has since been known as the father of Black History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson chose the month of February to conduct this commemoration because the birthdays of two men whose actions have significantly affected African Americans in this country, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Former President Gerald Ford extended it to the entire month of February.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Niagara Falls City Council does hereby recognize February's observance as Black History Month and encourage the great citizens of Niagara Falls, New York, and our great Country, United States of America to recommit themselves, not only in February but throughout the year, to an ideal city where equality and justice will always prevail, and to the principals of love, wisdom, and compassion towards one another.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF REVEREND WADE THOMAS

BY:

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

WHEREAS, Reverend Wade Thomas was born in Montgomery Alabama on November 11, 1924. He was the youngest son and fifth child born to Rayfield and Mary Thomas; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Mr. Thomas moved to the city of Niagara Falls after his marriage to the former Miss Lola Mae Paige, they were blessed with two children. First born was a daughter named Ms. Juliette M. Thomas and later a son, Nelson W. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wade Thomas served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945, his service helped protect the City of Niagara Falls and the whole United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wade Thomas was ordained into ministry in 1955 by Pastor William White, Sr. of the Bethesda Full Gospel Church in Tonawanda, New York; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1957, through prayer and the study of god's word, became the roots of "Bethlehem Revival Temple;" Reverend Wade Thomas, Mother Lola Thomas, Deacon Joseph Bowns, and Sister Nazzie Ree Bowns. The group matured and eventually moved from the homes to the basement edifice that was located at 1912 Maryland Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, the group continued to grow and the first church building was built May 17, 1963, at 2010 Virginia Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York. As the lord added to the congregation, Reverend Thomas was lead to add an additional church building, built in 1975 at this location. The "Church in the Basement" was becoming more visible as he stayed true to his mandate; and

WHEREAS, throughout his ministry, Reverend Wade Thomas became the first African American to broadcast in this area. The radio and television broadcast was called "Good News". Reverend Thomas was also the founder of a quartette group called *The Songs of Joy*, and

WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas was a member of the Ministerial Council of Niagara Falls, New York. Reverend Thomas helped out with many youths in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, New York, that this City Council does hereby honor the memory of Reverend Wade Thomas and his many contributions to our great city through his ministerial work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signs saying "Reverend Wade Thomas Way" be placed underneath the street signs at Virginia Avenue & 20th Street and Hyde Park Boulevard & Virginia Avenue, in honor of Reverend Wade Thomas.