#### THE HONORABLE BODY

Council Chambers Municipal Building North Tonawanda, New York 14120 Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:30 P.M.

## REGULAR SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT LAVEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL** 

**Present:** President Lavey

Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Austin J. Tylec

City Attorney Edward Zebulske III

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - None

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 21, 2025

MOVED by Alderman Marranca SECONDED by Alderman Loncar That the minutes of the regular session held October 21, 2025 be approved as circulated and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey (5)

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

II. Attorney

October 30, 2025

Hon. Mayor and Common Council City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Renewal Agreement between NY Unified Court System and City of North Tonawanda for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

Attached is a proposed renewal agreement between the New York State Unified Court System and the City of North Tonawanda to allow for reimbursement to the City for cleaning and maintenance of our court facilities. This is a renewal of a five-year lease (2023-2028) and covers the third year of the 5-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2025.

Should your Honorable body concur, please pass a resolution to permit the execution of the lease agreement by the Mayor, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours, Edward A. Zebulske, III City Attorney

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel That the Common Council hereby approves the attached renewal agreement between the New York State Unified Court System and the City of North Tonawanda to allow for reimbursement to the City for cleaning and maintenance of our court facilities.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey (5)

Nays: None

CARRIED.

IV.1 Engineer

October 28, 2025

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall / 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Re: Project 2024-01: Smart Growth 2.0 CFP Improvements Project Approval of Change Order No. 3

**Dear Honorable Body:** 

Approval of Change Order No. 3 for the Smart Growth 2.0 CFP Improvements Project is hereby requested. The change order is for the additional cost of changes made to the project. These changes include the replacement of four additional light poles and fixtures along Webster Street. Attached is a change order listing the additions that are to be performed on this project and their associated costs.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Common Council approves add Change Order No. 3 for the Smart Growth 2.0 CFP Improvements Project in the amount of \$28,051.95 with Miller Construction Services, 3305 Haseley Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304; increasing the contract amount from \$860,314.21; to the contract amount of \$888,366.16; authorizing the Mayor to sign said change order.

Very truly yours, Chelsea L. Spahr, P.E. City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel

That the Common Council hereby approves add Change Order No. 3 for the Smart Growth 2.0 CFP Improvements Project in the amount of \$28,051.95 with Miller Construction Services, 3305 Haseley Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304; increasing the contract amount from \$860,314.21; to the contract amount of \$888,366.16; and authorizes the Mayor to sign said change order.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey (5

Nays: None (0)

CARRIED.

### IV.2 Engineer

## October 30, 2025

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor And Common Council Members City Hall North Tonawanda, NY 14120

> Re: City Parks Paving Improvements – Pinewoods Park Project No. 2025-03 SEQRA – Environmental Assessment

#### **Honorable Body:**

In accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), in City in its capacity as lead agency, has prepared an environmental assessment of the significance of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project to construct additional parking (approx., 6000 SF) at Pinewoods Park. This project is considered an unlisted action under SEQRA.

In order for the City to issue a Negative Declaration, Notic of Determination of Non-Significance, the Common Council should act on the following attached resolution.

Very truly yours, Chelsea L. Spahr. P.E. City Engineer

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Marranca That the Common Council at a regular meeting, held at City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, New York at 6:30 pm on November 5, 2025, approves the resolution for the City Parks Paving Improvements – Pinewoods Park Project No. 2025-03, SEQRA - Environmental Assessment and it reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Tonawanda intends to construct additional parking at Pinewoods Park.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Common Council has reviewed the Environmental Assessment prepared by the Engineer; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Common Council declares that based on the Environmental Assessment which has been prepared, the project is an unlisted action and will not result in any significant adverse impacts, and therefore will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

**FUTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Common Council hereby issues a Negative Declaration under SEQR Regulations for the City Parks Paving Improvements at Pinewoods Park, and directs the Mayor to sign said Environmental Assessment form.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey
Nays: None
CARRIED.
(5)

VII. Accountant

October 30, 2025

Honorable Austin J. Tylec, Mayor and Common Council City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda NY 14120

#### **Dear Honorable Body:**

In accordance with Article V, Division 1, Section 5.002 and 5.003 of the City Charter, an Abstract Sheet, comprised of a Warrant of Claims, has been submitted by this office for your review and approval.

Accordingly, please authorize for payment the current Warrant of Claims for Common Council audit, dated November 5th, 2025, and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant.

> Warm regards, Jeffrey R. Zellner **City Accountant**

MOVED by Alderman Schmigel SECONDED by Alderman Marranca That the Common Council hereby authorizes for payment the current Abstract of Claims for Common Council Audit dated November 5th, 2025, and further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer to respectively sign and countersign said Warrant:

01	General Fund	\$359,517.42
02	Water Fund	\$37,909.09
04	Sewer Fund	\$38,585.84
06	Capital Project Fund	\$791,206.81
07	Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$8,412.01</u>
00	Final Total	\$ <u>1,235,631.17</u>

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey **(5)** Nays: None (0)CARRIED.

XVII. Traffic Safety

October 20, 2025

Donna Braun **City Clerk-Treasurer** 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

#### **Traffic Safety Minutes:**

The October meeting of the North Tonawanda Safety Committee was called to order at 1800 hours. Roll call showed the following members present: M. Meisenburg, R. Frank, M. Lemke, J. Sikora, N. Ferguson, M. Nalbone, N. Phelps, and R. Brennan. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted, the following new concerns/requests were discussed, and recommendations made.

- 1. Request of a sign "No Turn on Red" at Sweeney/Main St. The sign will be on Sweeney for vehicles heading northbound on Main St. The reason for the request is people coming from the bridge going northbound on main are approaching the intersection too fast. The committee agreed with the request.
- 2. Vince Caradonna NT school crossing guard supervisor requested numerous additional signage around Drake, High School, Intermediate, Ohio and Spruce. Members Meisenburg and Frank met with Vince out at each location to fully discuss his requests. The additional signage was to aid crossing guards, so they have more visibility when crossing students.
- 3. Tom Krantz informed the committee that there has been an increase in speeding on North Ave. The complaint was from 381 North Ave. Member Frank had his officers sit in the driveway 381 numerous times and put the speed sign up, average speed 32 mph.

The next Traffic Safety Meeting will be held on November 17th, 2025.

Travel safely!
Matthew R. Meisenburg

**MOVED by Alderman** Loncar **SECONDED by Alderman** Lavey That the Common Council hereby approves Traffic Safety recommendation #1 and receives and files the Traffic Safety minutes from their October meeting. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey **(5)** Nays: None (0)CARRIED. XXV. Monthly Reports .1 Police Department SECONDED by Alderman Schmigel **MOVED by Alderman** Lavey That the Common Council hereby receives and files the aforementioned Monthly Reports. Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey Nays: None (0)CARRIED.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHERS**

A.

Tonawanda's United Veteran's Council

October 19, 2025

North Tonawanda Council 216 Payne Avenue North Tonawanda, NY 14120

On November 11, 2025, Tonawanda's United Veteran's Council will hold our Veterans Day ceremony at 11am on the Renaissance Bridge. We are asking that the bridge be closed to traffic on the North Tonawanda side at 10:30am and reopen to traffic at 11:30am. The same request was sent to the Tonawanda Council. All city officials are invited to our service. Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the service at the VVA Chapter 77 museum on Main St. Thank you.

In service to Veterans, Paul Pietrowski President

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Loncar That the Common Council hereby approves the closing of the Renaissance Bridge from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, for the annual Veterans Day Observance, and directs the Police Department to help with traffic control and DPW to provide barricades and for said event.

Ayes: Alderman Schmigel, DiBernardo, Marranca, Loncar, Lavey
Nays: None (5)

**CARRIED.** 

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- None

# **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Alderman DiBernardo SECONDED by Alderman Marranca That this regular session of the Common Council be and hereby is adjourned. CARRIED.

Time of Adjournment: 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Braun

City Clerk-Treasurer