

Re-organizational Meeting
Council Chambers
Tonawanda, New York
January 3, 2018

The Common Council convenes pursuant to Division 3, Section 2.045 of the City Charter.

Council President Jenna N. Koch seats the new Council.

Roll Call: Councilmember 1st Ward Charles M. Gilbert
 Councilmember 2nd Ward Dawn M. Kammerdeiner
 Councilmember 3rd Ward Michael R. Young
 Councilmember 4th Ward David R. Mileham

The City Clerk reads the following acceptances and oaths of the officers elected at the last General Election held on November 6, 2017.

Councilmember 1st Ward Charles M. Gilbert
Councilmember 2nd Ward Dawn M. Kammerdeiner
Councilmember 3rd Ward Michael R. Young
Councilmember 4th Ward David R. Mileham
 Ordered filed

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Koch

Prayer led by Associate Chaplin Rick Oates

Swearing-In of Deputy City Attorney S. Michael Rua
By Judge Mark Saltarelli

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Communication from City Engineer Jason LaMonaco to Russel Stoll, P.E, Executive Engineer at Erie County Water Authority requesting reimbursement for costs associated with Koenig Alley Water main Replacement Project.

Email communication from Council President Koch to Fire Chief Stuart raising concern with damaged fire hydrant at Niagara and Two Mile Creek

Email Communication from Council President Jenna Koch announcing appointments of Department Council Liaisons for 2018-2019

A letter from City Attorney Ronald C. Trabucco to Deputy City Attorney S. Michael Rua, dated December 27, 2017, reappointing him to the position of Deputy City Attorney, term to expire December 31, 2018.

City Clerk Gayle Syposs read communication from City Attorney Ronald C. Trabucco

Dated January 3, 2018, to Mayor Rick Davis

Dear Mayor Davis:

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the fine City of Tonawanda as the City Attorney for 22 years.

However, I have decided to retire, therefore, I shall be officially leaving the office of City Attorney effective February 1, 2018.

Very truly yours,
Ronald C. Trabucco

The following monthly reports were received by the City Clerk:

December Minutes of the Board of Appeals

Treasurers 2017 Final Overtime Report

Referred to the Committee of the Whole
Ordered filed

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. By the Council seconded by the Council
Resolved, that the Common Council minutes from December 19, 2017, be accepted as filed.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

2. By Councilmember Mileham seconded by Councilmember Gilbert
Resolved, that the reading of all of the resolutions be waived.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

3. By the Council seconded by the Council
Resolved, that all departments and department functions in existence as of December 31, 2017, as long as they are not inconsistent with the current Charter, are hereby ratified as provided in Article 3, Division 1, Section 3.005 of the City Charter.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

4. By the Council seconded by the Council
Resolved, that the Rules and Orders for the Government and Procedures of the Common Council of the City of Tonawanda for the years 2018-2019 are hereby adopted.

**RULES AND ORDERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PROCEDURES
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TONAWANDA
FOR THE YEARS 2016-2017**

PREFACE

The Councilmembers of the City of Tonawanda and the President of the Common Council shall constitute the Common Council, and the President of the Common Council shall be the presiding officer thereof.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Tuesdays in each calendar month; such regular meetings shall convene at 7 o'clock P.M. Regular meetings shall be open for the transaction of any business which may properly come before the Council. Dates and times of regular meetings may be adjusted by the majority vote of the Common Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At the hour appointed for the meeting of the Council, the President shall call the meeting to order, and direct the Clerk to call the roll, the Clerk recording the names of all Councilmembers present and noting the absentees. If a quorum is not present, absent members shall be sent for in the manner prescribed by law.

1. Roll Call by the City Clerk
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Opening prayer
4. Results of bid openings
5. Communications from the Mayor
6. Communications from City Officials and Correspondence
7. Presentation of Petitions

8. Resolutions to be acted on by the Common Council at its Regular Meeting shall be submitted by the appropriate Department Head and/or Mayor's Office to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 P.M. on the Thursday preceding the meeting. Said draft resolutions will be delivered to the members of the Common Council by e-mail, mail or personal delivery no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting. Any Councilmember having objection and or questions to said resolutions shall consult with the Department Head. Objections to the resolutions shall be conveyed to the Council President and City Clerk expeditiously. Resolutions submitted past the deadline will not be considered unless deemed by the majority to have such urgency.

9. The Tonawanda Common Council, in an effort to conduct business in a timely fashion and maintain an open line of communication with the public, welcomes comments on resolutions and other City business.

- Persons wishing to speak and be recognized by the President of the Common Council are to be courteous, respectful, non-repetitive and brief.
- All questions and/or comments should be addressed to the President of the Common Council.
- Please state your name and address clearly for inclusion in the Common Council minutes. In the event any person wishes a response outside the confines of the Common Council meeting, please leave all necessary contact information with the City Clerk after the meeting.
- Persons may address the Common Council during (2) separate sessions of the meeting for a total of 30 minutes per session. Once prior to the resolutions and also after the resolutions prior to Common Council comments.
- Individuals may speak a total of (3) minutes per speaker per session. The President of the Common Council will adhere to this (3) minute guideline in an effort to allow everyone an opportunity to speak who wishes to do so.
- The President of the Common Council reserves the Council's right to limit or expand upon these limits as he/she may deem necessary and prudent.
- Usage of cell phones other than for emergency is prohibited during all Council Sessions.

10. Motions and Resolutions
11. Closing remarks by members of the Common Council.
12. Adjournment

Note: With respect to written questions or comments referred to in numbers 9 and 11 above, responses will also be in writing done in a timely manner.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The President of the Common Council, as Presiding Officer, shall possess the powers and perform the duties as herein prescribed, viz:

1. The President of the Common Council shall preserve order and decorum.
2. The President of the Common Council shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Common Council. On every appeal she shall have the right in her place to assign her reason for her decision; but any member may state the grounds for their appeal.
3. The President of the Common Council shall, with the consent of the Council, have the right to invite to the floor, and to extend the privilege of addressing the Council, to such persons as shall request the privilege.
4. The President of the Common Council may vote on any question submitted to the Common Council.
5. The President of the Common Council may introduce or second any matter that can come before the Common Council.
6. The President of the Common Council shall be the ex-officio member of all committees.
7. The President of the Common Council shall appoint all committees, chairmen of said committees and determine the number of members of all committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

The following liaison(s) have been appointed by the President of the Common Council at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council. The Council Representative will act as a liaison between Departments and the Council:

1. Police - Mileham
2. Fire - Young
3. Public Works - Gilbert
4. Parks & Recreation - Kammerdeiner
5. Finance ó Mileham/ Young
6. Engineering - Mileham
7. Land Sales - Kammerdeiner
8. School ó Gilbert/ Young
9. Building Inspector ó Mileham
10. Plumbing/ Electrical - Gilbert
11. Youth Board ó Gilbert
12. Traffic & Safety ó Kammerdeiner
13. Main Street Program - Kammerdeiner
14. Civil Service - Young

RULES

1. Every member of the Common Council, when they speak, shall address the presiding officer as "Madam President", and shall not proceed until recognized.

2. The Presiding Officer shall call for a voice vote of the body, or the Clerk shall, upon order of instruction from the Presiding Officer, call the ayes and nays on all questions by law required, which shall be entered upon the minutes of the Council. If any member requires it, on any questions, a like call shall be made, and the result likewise entered. In calling ayes and nays on any question, the members shall be called in the following order: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch. The Council President shall vote last. Exception: A motion to waive the reading shall be voted on by a voice vote of the body, aye or nay.

3. Every member shall vote when a question is stated from the Chair, unless excused by the Chair after stating substantial reason and or conflict of interest.

4. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall name the one who is first to speak.

5. Any member may be called to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, the point of order shall be stated at the request of the Presiding Officer, by the member raising the question of order, and shall be decided without debate, before proceeding to other business.

6. If any question contains several distinct propositions, it shall be decided by the chair at the request of any member but a motion to strike out and/or insert shall be indivisible.

7. Any member may have any paper in possession of the Council read, unless the reading of the same shall be objected to by some other member, and then question shall be determined by a vote of the Council, without debate.

8. Every member, upon presenting a petition, memorial, resolution or other paper, shall move some action thereon.

9. All petitions or other papers addressed to the Council shall be considered by the Common Council.

10. A motion to amend or amendments, lay on the table, or for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, and all question of order, and all questions relating to the order of business, shall be decided without debate. The several motions to postpone, or refer, shall preclude all debate on the main question.

11. When a question has been once put and decided, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority to move for the reconsideration and possible rescinding of that question.

12. A motion for reconsideration, if lost, shall not again be repeated at the same meeting of the Council, nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.

13. When a question is pending, no motion shall be received, except as hereinafter specified, and these shall have preference in the order stated, viz:

- A. For an adjournment of the Council
- B. To lay on the table
- C. For the previous question
- D. To postpone indefinitely
- E. To postpone to a certain day
- F. To refer to a standing committee
- G. To refer to a special or select committee
- H. To amend

14. After the roll call upon any question has been commenced, no member shall speak on the question, nor shall any motion be made until after the result is declared.

15. Upon the presentation of any claim or account, it shall be referred to the Audit Committee, and no account or claim shall be audited or allowed until it shall be examined and reported on by said committee.

16. A majority vote or more of the whole Council and not a majority of the members present shall be necessary to the appointment of any person to any appointed office.

17. Every motion presented to the Council shall have a sponsor before it is placed on the agenda.

18. Every motion which shall have been offered shall be distinctly stated by the City Clerk, upon being seconded and before being debated, shall be reduced to writing by the City Clerk, upon request of the Presiding Officer or any member of the Council. It may be withdrawn at any time before decision, commitment, or amendment by majority consent.

19. No standing rule or order of the Council shall be repealed, rescinded, or changed except by an affirmative vote of at least three members of the Council; nor shall any new rule be added thereto, except by a like vote; but they may be suspended at any time by the consent of the majority of the whole Council.

20. Whenever any questions not covered by these rules arise, this Council shall be governed by the majority rule of the Common Council.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted

5. By Councilmember Koch seconded by Councilmember Young
Resolved, that at the recommendation of the City Clerk, Laurie L. Schultz, Account Clerk-Typist in the City Clerk's Office, be appointed Deputy City Clerk for the City of Tonawanda, effective January 3, 2018 with the additional annual stipend as per budget, term to expire December 31, 2019, or until such time after December 31, 2019, an appointment is made.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

6. By Councilmember Koch seconded by Councilmember Gilbert
Resolved, that Laurie L. Schultz be appointed Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of Tonawanda, said two year appointment to expire December 31, 2019, or until such time after December 31, 2019, an appointment is made.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

7. By Councilmember Young seconded by Councilmember Koch
Resolved, that at the recommendation of the City Treasurer, Coleen Overholt, Senior Account Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, be appointed Deputy City Treasurer for the City of Tonawanda, effective January 3, 2018 with the additional annual stipend as per budget and term to expire December 31, 2019, or until such time after December 31, 2019, an appointment is made.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

8. By the Council seconded by the Council

BE IT RESOLVED, that Key Bank, N.A. headquartered in Buffalo, New York, JP Morgan Chase NA/Buffalo, New York, M&T Bank/Tonawanda, New York and Citizens Bank/Tonawanda, New York, are designated as authorized depositories of this corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all drafts, checks, or other instruments or orders for the payment of money drawn against the account or accounts of this corporation with said depositories shall be signed by any 1 of the following:

Treasurer, Joseph M. Hogenkamp
Mayor, Rick Davis

And be it further

RESOLVED, that said depository is authorized to place to the credit of the account, or any of the accounts, of this corporation, funds, drafts, checks or other property by whomever delivered to said depository or agent thereof for deposit to the accounts of this corporation, endorsed with the name of this corporation, by rubber stamp, facsimile, mechanical, manual, or other signature (and any such endorsement by whomever affixed shall be the endorsement of this corporation), or otherwise endorsed, or unendorsed, provided that if any such item shall bear, or be accompanied by, directions (by whomever made) for deposit to specific account, then such deposit shall be to the credit of such specific account: and be it

RESOLVED, that said depository is hereby directed to accept, and/or pay and/or apply any draft, check, instrument or order for the payment of money, or any proceeds thereof, drawn on such account or accounts when signed as required by these resolutions by manual, rubber stamp, facsimile, or other mechanical signature (by whomever affixed) without limit as to amount, without inquiry, and without regard to the disposition of any such item or any proceeds thereof. Further, said depository shall not be liable in connection therewith notwithstanding that such item may be payable to the order of a person whose signature appears thereon or of any other officer or officers, agent or agents of this corporation, or such items or any proceeds thereof may be used or disposed of for the personal credit or account of any such person or persons, officer or officers, agent or agents with the depository or otherwise

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

9. By Councilmember Kammerdeiner seconded by Councilmember Mileham

WHEREAS, City Treasurer Joseph M. Hogenkamp has notified the Council that there are various county, city and school tax delinquencies within the City and that it would be appropriate to commence an in rem tax foreclosure proceeding to compel the payment of those delinquencies; and,

WHEREAS, City Treasurer Joseph M. Hogenkamp is of the opinion that the delinquent taxes on properties located in the City through the school tax due September 1, 2015, are the most appropriate group of delinquent taxes to commence such proceedings against;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that City Treasurer Joseph M. Hogenkamp and City Attorney Ronald C. Trabucco are directed to commence an in rem tax foreclosure proceeding (In Rem # 14) pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Article 11 against all properties located in the City with delinquencies in their taxes through September 1, 2015, as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

10. By Councilmember Gilbert

seconded by Councilmember Young

WHEREAS, The New York State Legislature enacted a Law (Bill Number A8801 same as S5797, 2005 Chapter 542) on August 16, 2005, with the approval of the Governor, authorizing the City of Tonawanda to discontinue the use of certain municipal lands as parkland; and

WHEREAS, said Law required that in order to effectuate the alienation authorized, the City of Tonawanda shall dedicate an amount of land, equal to or greater than the fair market value of the parkland being alienated, as additional parklands and/or authorize capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the lands authorized to be discontinued as parklands by said Law are described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate and being in the City of Tonawanda, County of Erie and State of New York and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of Hamilton Street One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet north of the northerly line of Fletcher Street as measured along said easterly line of Hamilton Street; thence westerly and parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street and One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet distant from, as measured at a right angle, One Thousand One Hundred Two (1,102) feet; thence northerly and parallel to said Hamilton Street Four Hundred Ninety-Two (492) feet; thence easterly and parallel to said northerly line of Fletcher Street and Six Hundred Twenty-Four (624) feet distant therefrom as measured at a right angle, Nine Hundred Ninety-Five (995) feet; thence southerly parallel to the easterly line of Hamilton Street One Hundred Sixty-Two (162) feet; thence easterly and parallel to said northerly line of Fletcher Street and Four Hundred Sixty-Two (462) feet distant therefrom as measured at a right angle, Seven Hundred Thirty-One (731) feet; thence southerly parallel to the easterly line of Hamilton Street Three Hundred Thirty (330) feet; thence westerly and parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street and One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet distant from as measured at a right angle, Six Hundred Twenty-Four (624) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 16.09 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, the said Law required the City of Tonawanda to comply with any federal requirements pertaining to the alienation or conversion of parklands that may be imposed by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has determined that no federal or state funds have been used in the parklands to be alienated and verified the same with the New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation department, there is therefore no federal requirements that need to be satisfied or approved by the Secretary of the Interior to complete this action;

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has had an appraisal, completed by Emminger, Hyatt, Newton & Pigeon, Inc., of the entire parkland parcel to be alienated to establish the fair market value of the property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has decided to designate an irregular shaped parcel of land with a frontage of 2,360 feet and a depth of 100 to 500 feet which contains approximately 16.9 acres and the bike path and is presently designated as 401 Two-Mile Creek (S.B.L. #52.32-2-1.1, vacant lot on Duffy Drive (S.B.L. #52.32-3-1.5.111) and 104 Brookside Terrace Rear (S.B.L. # 52.41-1-26), commonly referred to as "Two-Mile Creek Bike Path", and also the parcel designated as 541 Main Street (S.B.L. #153.29-2-

1.1) with a square footage of approximately 14,135 feet, commonly known as Heritage Point Park, as municipal parklands in compliance with the above stated State Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has also had appraisals, completed by Girasole Appraisal Associates, LLC, for the proposed parklands to establish the fair market value of those properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has determined that the substitution of the proposed parklands are of equivalent fair market value and recreational usefulness.

WHEREAS, the reason for the alienation of these parklands is that the City of Tonawanda desires to convey to a developer approximately 14 acres of the alienated lands for the purposes of developing residential dwellings, now commonly referred to as Riverwalk Villas, pursuant to a contract between the City of Tonawanda and David Home Builders, Inc. dated February 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the contract price for the transfer of the 14 acre parcel has taken into consideration the fact that the developer shall be financially responsible to install and construct all necessary infrastructure and all roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda has caused to be completed a full SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to New York State Environmental Law on the lands proposed to be developed and a negative declaration has been issued indicating that the proposed residential project will not result in any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonawanda acknowledges that the parklands which are being alienated do not include any of the lands which are currently lands used for the bike and walking paths.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following municipally owned land be discontinued as municipal parkland as authorized by New York State Law (Bill Number A8801 same as S5797, 2005 Chapter 542) and more particularly described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate and being in the City of Tonawanda, County of Erie and State of New York and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly line of Hamilton Street One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet north of the northerly line of Fletcher Street as measured along said easterly line of Hamilton Street; thence westerly and parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street and One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet distant from, as measured at a right angle, One Thousand One Hundred Two (1,102) feet; thence northerly and parallel to said Hamilton Street Four Hundred Ninety-Two (492) feet; thence easterly and parallel to said northerly line of Fletcher Street and Six Hundred Twenty-Four (624) feet distant therefrom as measured at a right angle, Nine Hundred Ninety-Five (995) feet; thence southerly parallel to the easterly line of Hamilton Street One Hundred Sixty-Two (162) feet; thence easterly and parallel to said northerly line of Fletcher Street and Four Hundred Sixty-Two (462) feet distant therefrom as measured at a right angle, Seven Hundred Thirty-One (731) feet; thence southerly parallel to the easterly line of Hamilton Street Three Hundred Thirty (330) feet; thence westerly and parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street and One Hundred Thirty-Two (132) feet distant from as measured at a right angle, Six Hundred Twenty-Four (624) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 16.09 acres more or less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following municipal owned lands be dedicated as municipal parklands to substitute for the property alienated above and are more particularly described as follows:

An irregular shaped parcel of land with a frontage of 2,360 feet and a depth of 100 to 500 feet which contains approximately 16.9 acres and the bike path and is presently designated as 401 Two-Mile Creek (S.B.L. #52.32-2-1.1, vacant lot on Duffy Drive (S.B.L. #52.32-3-1.5.111) and 104 Brookside Terrace Rear (S.B.L. # 52.41-1-26) commonly referred to as "Two-Mile Creek Bike Path" and also the parcel designated as 541 Main Street (S.B.L. #153.29-2-1.1) with a square footage of approximately 14,135 feet, commonly known as "Heritage Point Park", as municipal parklands in compliance with the above stated State Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Tonawanda Common Council hereby authorizes and directs Mayor Rick Davis to execute the deed and any and all other supporting documents deemed necessary to transfer the 14 acre parcel to the developer, David Home Builders, Inc. pursuant to the contract between the parties, and more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Tonawanda, County of Erie and State of New York being part of Lot Nos. 89 + 90 of the Mile Reserve and also part of lands shown under Cover No. 461, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the center line of the northerly line of Fletcher Street (66 feet wide) with the westerly line of Rogers Avenue (70 feet wide); thence northerly along the westerly line of Rogers Avenue and along the easterly line of lands conveyed by deed in Liber 8648 of Deeds at page 431, a distance of 132 feet to the point or place of beginning; thence westerly along a line parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street a distance of 557 feet to a point on the easterly line of Hamilton Street; thence continuing westerly along said line parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street a distance of 853.37 feet to a point (said point being the northwest corner of lands conveyed by deed recorded in Liber 11069 of Deeds at page 2527); thence northerly along an extension in a straight line of the west line of lands conveyed by deed last mentioned above a distance of 492 feet to a point located in Broad Street as shown under Cover No. 461; thence easterly on Broad Street and along a line parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street, a distance of 749.36 feet to a point; thence southerly and parallel to the westerly line of lands conveyed by deed in Liber 11069 of Deeds at page 2527, aforementioned, as the same is extended northerly in a straight line a distance of 162 feet to a point; thence easterly and parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street and crossing Hamilton Street a distance of 731 feet to a point in the easterly line of Rogers Avenue (70 feet wide); thence southerly along the easterly line of Rogers Avenue a distance of 330 feet to a point; thence westerly parallel to the northerly line of Fletcher Street 70.01 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Ayes: Gilbert, Kammerdeiner, Young, Mileham, Koch
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC AFTER RESOLUTIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCILMEMBERS AFTER RESOLUTIONS

Councilmember Gilbert: I want to thank all the people who came together to put together the New Years Eve Celebration. Thanks to Damon Piatek, Mayor Davis and Megan Davis, my wife Renee Gilbert, Jackie and Dennis Smilinich, Paul Piatrowski and Bill Patton. Without the Tonawanda Fire Department for the actual Ball Drop in the super frigid temperatures, it would not have happened. They are true professionals. I want to thank the Tonawanda Police Department for their help as well.

My thanks also go out to our Fire Department for their great job controlling the house fire on Morgan Street, again in frigid temperatures. I am glad that no one was harmed.

Councilmember Kammerdeiner : Thanks to the Committee who put together the New Years Eve event and thank you for including me in it. It was great and I enjoyed being part of it. The Fire Department did an outstanding job.

Councilmember Young: My thanks to all the Public Works employees who spend a lot of time away from their families keeping our streets clear of snow and do a great job.

I want to commend Fire Chief Stuart for the Departments job with the fire on Morgan Street. With frigid cold and 45 mile winds, this was a very tough situation and having served in the department, I know what a job they did.

On December 16th, it was a pleasure to watch Tonawanda Fire distribute some 200 Holiday baskets to needy families in our Community. They have done this for over 40 years now.

Councilmember Mileham: I want to echo the comments regarding our Public Works for the great job they do. Not always the case when you cross over the City line other communities.

To Chief Stuart and his department, that was a great save and my hats off to you and the men.

Mayor Davis: I am happy to see the resolution that moves the Little League Project forward passed tonight. This has been a project we have tried to get moving since the 2006. Almost as long as the Bills Playoff Drought.

I want to add my thanks to all the committee who put together our First Annual New Years Eve Ball Drop. Hats of to Fire, Police and DPW/Parks for all the work.

I want to thank the surrounding Fire Departments for responding to the fire on Morgan Street. Our Department did an amazing job containing what could have been much worse.

Council President Koch ó I want to congratulate our new Common Council members tonight and congratulate Michael Rua as well for his appointment.

To Ron (Trabucco), I hope to have plenty of time to say thank you for all your service. I appreciate and value your service to our community and friendship for so many years. Thank you.

To Fire Chief and the First Responders, our thanks for the job you did with the Fire on Morgan Street and preventing a worse outcome to the neighborhood.

