

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
August 22, 2013

I hereby notify you that at twelve noon today the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening August 27, 2013 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2013

Roll Call

Moment of silent prayer

The Pledge

Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on August 13th.

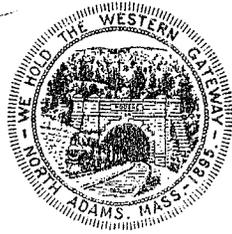
- 11,335 Mayor's communication #33 regarding a presentation for Officer Gregory Onorato.
- 11,331 An Order authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of vehicles and equipment for various municipal departments, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of August 13th.
- 11,334 Communication submitted by Councilor Barrett regarding the operations of the Transfer Station, which was tabled at the meeting of August 13th.

CORRESPONDENCE
LICENSES

An application submitted by Charity R. Rondeau, 39 Hall Street to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of August 13th.

An application submitted by Edmond Raymond, 661 Main Road, Savoy to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi, which was postponed at the meeting of August 13th.

COUNCILLOR'S & MAYOR'S CONCERNS
OPEN FORUM



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

August 27, 2013

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To: North Adams City Council
Re: Commendation

Dear Honorable Members:

As you will recall, we had a very serious public safety incident on Union Street a couple of months ago.

During that event, Officer Gregory Onorato who was first to arrive on the scene, took control and maintained order until other officers were able to respond. His actions saved lives and contained a very tense situation. Director Cozzaglio and I will be recognizing Officer Onorato at the Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

Letter of Commendation – August 27, 2013

Officer Gregory Onorato

On Saturday June 15, 2013 at 1:43 a.m. while on patrol on Union Street in the area of the Artery Lounge, Officer Gregory Onorato came upon a large crowd of people in the street (approximately 50). Officer Onorato immediately contacted dispatch as to his location and situation.

Upon getting out of the cruiser he was overwhelmed with unknown people coming to him explaining that a person had been stabbed and another had a bottle broken across their face and they needed help. Officer Onorato called for an ambulance, advising them to stage at a safe location until the scene has been deemed safe by him.

The situation was very dangerous and chaotic as multiple people were surrounding Officer Onorato. Emotions and tensions were very high. Officer Onorato had the presence of mind to stay calm, assess the situation quickly, guard the injured, provide a detailed description of the fleeing vehicle purported to contain suspects, speak to witnesses, all while dealing with a very volatile crowd and situation.

Within minutes and with the information provided by Officer Onorato, Officer's Cardeno and Thomas had the suspect's car stopped. With all officers committed to different areas, Officer Onorato remained in his position alone for 10-15 minutes until mutual aid from Adams, Williamstown and Massachusetts State Police arrived.

In our opinion Officer Onorato displayed great restraint, caring and common sense. Officer Onorato never complained and it was his action that led to a successful investigation, six arrests and survival of the victims. We feel that Officer Onorato is a credit to the NAPD and to the law enforcement community.

With this, we formally commend Officer Gregory Onorato for his courage and professionalism.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

Michael P. Cozzaglio
Director - NAPD