

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:05-6:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of January 23, 2017

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	<u>X</u>			
Council Member Scott	<u>X</u>			
Council Member Tompkins	<u>X</u>			
Council Member Touma	<u>X</u>			
Council Chairman Walker	<u>X</u>			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Discover Niagara Shuttle
Sara Capen, Executive Director
Niagara Falls National Heritage Area

16. Relative to recognizing Mary Anne Hess, Niagara's Honeymoon Sweets
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2017-	Council Woman Grandinetti	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
12	Council Member Scott	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
	Council Member Tompkins	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
	Council Member Touma	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
	Council Chairman Walker	<u>X</u>		<u>X</u>	
	Total:	5	0	5	0

Item was amended to add the item to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.
City Clerk Lisa Vitello read the Resolution & it was presented to Mary Ann Hess by the
Mayor and the Council Members.
Council Member Touma stated that Ms. Hess said Council Member Tompkins represented us
well in Washington for the Inauguration.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PRAYER - TOMPKINS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Dave Bieksza	Agenda Item #15
Gerald Skrlin	Agenda Item #13
Roger Wingo	Agenda Item #15
Nicholas Forester	Agenda Item #15
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #9, #15
Vince Anello	Agenda Items #2, #9, #10, #14

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Mike Parsnick	Commend City's endeavor for refugees; Lodge on Goat Island; downtown hotels paying taxes
Bill Carroll	Importance of Discovery Shuttle; SPCA
Gerald Skrlin	Statue on Circle; Political Elite; Promoting the City
Dr. Joseph DiPasquale	Spirit of Solidarity
Mark Diodate	Support Councilman Scott on solidarity
Dana Carr, Jr.	Taxicab Livery Ordinance; regulate medallions
Nicole Carr	Medallions; A-1 Taxi
Ken Hamilton	Event Center due diligence by Council; taxi cabs, Liveries, ambulance drivers; properly regulating medallions
Alysia Welch-Chester	possibilities of people speaking up & doing Community work; Black History Month
Amber Hill	Solidarity; Black History Month
Mick	Taxicab issue; need City support of medallions
Damon DeCastro	People who sold medallions

INFORMATIONAL ITEMSFROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claim Report for the Month of January 2017

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of funding in the Consultant Contract for the Old Stone Chimney Site to Trowbridge Wolfe Michaels Landscape Architects VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Woman Grandinetti stated that no City funds is being used for this & it is a Historical Site.

3. Approval of funding in the Consultant Contract for review/update of NF Sign & Billboard to Steinmetz Planning Group VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

4. Approval of re-appointment of City Marshalls VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

5. Approval of Change Order #1 in the contract for 3625 Highland Ave.
Business Park to Mark Cerrone Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

6. Approval of Change Order #5 in the contract for the Completion
& Closeout of Tenth St/Cedar Ave. Reconstruction Project to Foit
Albert Associates

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

7. Approval of Letter of Award for installation of C.I.P.P. Lining
of Main Drain at Centre Court Pool to Dyna Mole LLC

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

8. Approval of funding for wage increases for Lead Parking Attendants & Parking Attendants

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott		X		
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Member Scott stated that there should be contracts.

Council Member Touma stated that we are fortunate to have responsible people for these positions.

9. Approval of funding contribution for Feasibility Study for Necessity for New Convention Center/Arena

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	X			

Council Woman Grandinetti agonized over her decision but she was convinced by the City Administrator & Ken Hamilton.

Council Member Touma said we are working with Senator Ortt's office & the County on this.

Chairman Walker stated that collaboration with all, opens door for other Projects.

10. Approval of Letter of Award for Centennial Circle Watermain Relocations to Yarussi Construction Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins		X		
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Woman Grandinetti said there are a lot of pieces that fit into this.

Council Member Tompkins can't see spending so much money & it should be the responsibility of the Water Board.

Council Member Touma said we are lacking in culture & this would be a start.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

11. Approval to settle & pay claim of NY Central Mutual Fire Ins. Co & William & Anna Hartman in the amount of \$5,564.63

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

12. Approval to settle & pay claim of Fatema Swanson in the amount of \$2,423.89

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

RESOLUTIONS

13. Relative to calling for a Public Hearing regarding the Abandonment a Portion of the alley running north/south between 24th & 25th Sts, south of Orleans Ave.

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2017-				
13				
Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Woman Grandinetti said the abandonment would be a help.
Council Member Touma voted yes to the Public Hearing.

14. Relative to the waiver of the Residency Requirement for a new Employee pursuant to Local Law #7, for the year 1984, as amended
BY: Council Members, Grandinetti, Scott, Tompkins, Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott		X		
14	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker		X		
	Total:	3	2		

Council Woman Grandinetti said she is a hugh believer in residency requirement however the Engineering Dept. is in need of a Director.

Council Member Scott said he met with the gentleman considered. He also said that we could find talent that would move to Niagara Falls.

Council Member Tompkins said he agrees with Council Woman Grandinetti.

Council Member Touma based his decision on fact & this will make the Engineering Dept. move efficient.

Chairman Walker stated that we've had opportunities for someone that will live in the City.

15. Relative to Water Board reinstatement of Drip Program

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott	X			
15	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	5	0		

Council Member Touma said the Water Board doesn't play by the rules.

Council Chairman Walker said the idea of City & Water Board separation was a bad idea.

16. Relative to recognizing Mary Anne Hess, Niagara's Honeymoon Sweets

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

This item was voted on at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

17. Relative to waiver of Oasis Rental Fees for Sertoma Club

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott	X			
16	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	5	0		

18. Relative to the appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott	X			
17	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	5	0		

19. Relative to Amending Chapter 365 of the Codified Ordinances entitled
"Taxicabs & Taxicab Drivers"

BY: Council Members Grandinetti, Scott, Tompkins, Touma

VOTE

		REMOVE FROM TABLE		AMEND		TO TABLE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X		X	
	Council Member Scott		X		X	X	
	Council Member Tompkins	X		X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X			X
	Council Chairman Walker		X		X	X	
	Total:	3	2	3	2	4	1

Council Member Touma said we are the protectors of the people, services should be regulated.

Council Woman Grandinetti stated that we need a committee for this.

TABLED

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:50 PM