

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 2, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:06-7:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON absent CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PUBLIC HEARING

Relative to the Abandonment of a proportion of 76th Street, north
of Niagara Falls Boulevard.

SPEAKERS:

Attorney James Baglioli for Benderson

Attorney David Boniello

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 17, 2015

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Tuma	X			
Total:	4	0		

PRESENTATIONS:

Seth Piccirillo, Community Development - Downtown Stabilization Project Update

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:30 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON absent CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Vitello	Agenda Item #19
Gene Carella	Agenda Item #19
Michael Henderson	Agenda Items #18, #19
Craig Avery	Agenda Item #19
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Item #18
Vince Anello	Agenda Items #4, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #19
Pat Proctor	Agenda Item #19
Joanne Gialloredo	Agenda Items #6, #19
Ron Anderlueh	Agenda Item #5

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Henry Krawczyk	In Rem Auction issues; use of Casino money; Benderson Projects
Linda Burge	Issues with frozen water lines
Vince Anello	Cost of Municipal Complex; wants Casino Spending Plan posted online; Post Financial Advisory Panel Activities online
Charles Morris	Need activities for children in the City
Joanne Gialloredo	Water Board issues
Charles McCombs	Issues with frozen water lines
Robert Ventry	Ice Rink is important; parking meters hurt Businesses; need stronger Code Enforcement Dept.; Pothole at base of Porter Rd. Bridge
Jessica Rupert	No staffing at Police Sub-station at 19 th & Ferry

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval to Award Design Contract for Skate Park Design to Spohn
Ranch Skate Parks

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

2. Approval of transfer of Demolition Funds to CDBG Federal Line of Credit VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

3. Approval of funding for annual Italian Festival VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

4. Approval of restoration of Senior Storekeeper position at DPW VOTE

	TO TABLE		yea	nay
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

TABLED

5. Approval of purchase by the City of 425 Third Street VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

REMOVE FROM THE TABLE, ITEM NUMBER 7 FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING, DEALING WITH POSITIONS REMOVED
DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS AND SEPARATE OUT THAT PORTION DEALING
WITH THE SWEET TEAM BUDGET.

6. Approval of funding for positions from DPW that were removed during the Budget Process

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

7. Approval of Change Order #1 for Consultant Services Agreement in the Contract of Ice Pavilion Phase IV, DiDonato Associates

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

8. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board replacement (Plumbing Contract) to J. R. Swanson Plumbing, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

9. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board replacement (Electrical Contract) to South Buffalo Electric Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

10. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board replacement (Mechanical Contract) to Parise Mechanical, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

11. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board replacement (General Contract) to Scrufari Construction Services, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

12. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board replacement (Ice Rink Contract) to Mollenberg Betz, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #19, was defeated.

13. Approval of Award of Services, Electrical Service Relocation Traffic Signals at Third St. & Rainbow Blvd. to M&M Electric Co.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

14. Approval of Award of Services, Boiler Replacement, Dept. of Public Works Administration Bldg. to J.R. Swanson Plumbing Co.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

15. Approval of Change Order #1 & Final in the Contract for the John Duke Center/Sal Maglie Parking Lot Resurfacing Project, Louis DelPrince & Sons

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

16. Approval of Award of Services, Electrical Relocation Traffic Signals at Fourth St. & Rainbow Blvd. to M&M Electric Co.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

RESOLUTIONS

17. Relative to Youth Board appointments/reappointments
BY: Council Member Charles Walker

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	Absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

18. Relative to the Abandonment of a portion of 76th St., north of
Niagara Falls Blvd.

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	Absent			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian		X		
19	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	3	1		

Council Member Choolokian said since the Planning Board voted No on this Item, he was also voting No.

THIS RESOLUTION NEEDS 4 YEA VOTES IN ORDER TO BE APPROVED

19. Relative to authorizing the issuance of Bonds for the cost of the
Reconstruction/Construction of improvements to the Ice Pavilion

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	Absent			
	Council Member Choolokian		X		
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	3	1		

DEFEATED

Council Member Choolokian said that Mr. Carella is doing a Good Job and this is a great Project but he still feels that Casino Funds should be used to pay for it. Council Member Walker said that the point is with the amount of money already invested in this Project, the Project needs to be finished. Chairman Touma said that Casino funds will be used to pay back the Bond for this Project.

20. Approval to reject bid on Ward 12, Pro 8056 from December 4, 2014
In Rem Auction

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	Absent		Absent	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
	Total:	4	0	4	0

21. Resolution relative to Reappointment/Appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-20	Council Member Anderson	Absent		Absent	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		4	0	4	0

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:35 PM