

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 7, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:04-6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 22, 2016

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Pitch N Hit Events, Neal Turvey
Sal Maglie Stadium)
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

11. Relative to recognition of the Firefighter Kevin Dobmeier and the
Crew of Fire Dept., Engine 9
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME		ADOPT	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 24	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Scott	X		X	
	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Tuma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - CHAIRMAN TOUMA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #2
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #2, #5, #8, #9, #11
Robert Ventry	Agenda Item #2
Vince Anello	Agenda Items #2, #6

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Tony Gara	Drug use in City
Judy Finitz	City should receive more Casino money from the State and use it to lower taxes; Fire hall at College & Highland is still boarded up-get accounting of use of money that was given to fix it; Seneca Gas Station/ Convenience store will hurt area businesses; Casino funding has been wasted
Candace Corsaro	Narcan training course
Tina Galyn	Methadone Clinic concerns
Michael Murphy	Methadone Clinic concerns; additional charge for duplicate bills
Ken Hamilton	Methadone Clinic concerns; monitors not working for presentations; blocked exit door; voting on items at Work session
Bob Belton	Availability of Variance report
Jamie Caldwell	No operating budget for Train Station; Hamister Hotel; No City Engineer; various concerns in the City
Vince Anello	Sixth Street is wrong location for Methadone Clinic; City needs Casino revenue spending policy

INFORMATIONAL ITEMSFROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk Claims for the Month of February 2016

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Letter of Award for on-street parking meter installations,
Ber National Automation, Inc.

VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Scott	X		ABSTAIN	
Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
Council Member Walker		X	X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	4	1	4	0

Amendment is to add additional language.

Council Member Tompkins said he was not happy 2 weeks ago with the lack of information & didn't get much time to digest this information. There is no real plan, but additional funding is being requested. He will vote yes because he realizes the value of getting the meters installed.

Council Member Walker said the additional \$90,000 that was requested should be used to purchase additional meters, more work needs to be done on the Plan.

Chairman Touma said a Parking Plan is needed for future development, and meters should increase traffic flow. The revenue will be good, and tourists expect to pay for parking. The meters will be managed in house at a minimum labor cost.

3. Approval of Change Order in the contract for Ice Pavilion, Electrical
Ice Rink Floor/Dasher Board Replacement, South Buffalo Electrical

VOTE

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

4. Approval of Purchase & Installation of Network & Server Equipment,
Alternative Information Systems

VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said that he hopes this will be the last time he's asked to approve a purchase for the Network.

5. Approval of Proposal to Operate & Manage Sal Maglie Stadium, Pitch & Hit Events LLC

VOTE

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

Council Member Grandinetti said she is very excited about this Plan. Chairman Touma said the Developer will install a new scoreboard and pay for utilities. This Developer has been successful & will generate revenue & Profit Sharing may be a possibility down the road.

6. Approval of 2016 funding for members of City Cable Television Commission

VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

7. Relative to amending Chapter 341 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Vendors and Peddlers"

BY: Council Members Kristen Grandinetti, Charles Walker,
Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- Council Member Grandinetti	X			
25 Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Chairman Touma said the residents need to be protected.

8. Relative to amounts to be charged for duplicate tax bills and duplicate Water and Sewer bills

BY: Council Member Kristen Grandinetti

VOTE

		TO TABLE			
		yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti			X		
Council Member Scott		X			
Council Member Tompkins		X			
Council Member Walker		X			
Council Chairman Touma			X		
Total:		3	2		

TABLED

9. Relative to Home Rule request, reduction of speed limit in downtown Niagara Falls

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said that this was the third time the Council is making this request.

10. Relative to reappointments to the Tourism Advisory Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

11. Relative to recognition of the Firefighter Kevin Dobmeier and the Crew of Fire Dept., Engine 9

BY: All Council Members

RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

12. Resolution relative to implementation of Casino Spending Plan

BY: Council Chairman Touma, Council Members Scott, Tompkins, Walker

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		ADOPT	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 28	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Scott	X		X	
	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Chairman Touma said he's glad the Mayor agreed to do this.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:00 PM