

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 17, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:02-5:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 3, 2014

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS

Sara Capen, Project Manager for Niagara Falls National Heritage Area - Local History Month

Nicole Martineau, Bella Gandy, Alyssa Gara, and Imean Davis - Harriet Tubman Essay Contest Winners

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:02 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - ANDERSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Charletta Tyson	Agenda Item #4
Diane Tattersall	Agenda Item #15

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Paul Gromosiak	Put Tesla Statuary & Arch in front of Transformer House
Ron Anderluh	Happy Birthday to Niagara Falls; commended students who read their essays; Homestead/Non Homestead Equalization rates; use settlement from One Niagara for tax relief
Russ Petrozzi	Homestead/Non Homestead Equalization Rates & make commitment to when this will be done; use settlement from One Niagara for tax relief
Jim Hufnagel	Transfer Tesla Statute into City of Niagara Falls
Carmen Hamilton	Happy Birthday to Niagara Falls; presentation at Niagara Falls Library by Rotary Club on Border Patrol
Joan Johnson	Bring Tesla Statute into Niagara Falls from State Park

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Approval of City Clerk's Report for the Month of February 2014 R & F
2. Approval of Claims for the Month of February 2014 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

3. Approval of \$250,000 Capital Investment Grant from Casino Funds for NFMCC Cardiac/Stroke Care Center VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said that this is a good project for NFMCC & the City of Niagara Falls. Casino funds should not be used for private entities but this is a good investment for the City of Niagara Falls.

Council Member Grandinetti said that this project is a major milestone for this Community.

Council Member Touma said that this project is good for job creation & improving the quality of life in the City.

4. Approval of \$10,000 Grant from Casino Funds for North End Trades Job Training Investment Highland Community Revitalization Committee, Inc. & Isaiah 61 Project Partnership, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

5. Approval of Funding for Items needed by Police Dept. Criminal Investigation Division/CSI

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

6. Approval of DPW Capital Purchases

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

7. Approval of Funding for purchase of vehicles for Code Enforcement

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Member Touma said we need better Fleet management & possibly consolidate vehicle use.

8. Approval of Funding for purchase of Small Equipment for DPW

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

9. Notice of Mayor's Approval of Resolution 2014-17 relative to Amending Chapter 111 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Plumbing Code of the City of Niagara Falls, New York" & Approval of Resolution 2014-18 relative to Amending Chapter 1107 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Permits, Fees and Certificates"

R & F

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

10. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Sandra Welch in the amount of \$1,451.20

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

11. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Jamie Grissett in the amount of \$304.56

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

12. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Linda M. D'Agostino in the amount of \$5,000.00

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

RESOLUTIONS

13. Relative to retaining Special Counsel to the City Council for the purpose of reforming the City Charter

BY: Council Chairman Charles A. Walker

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
2014- Council Member Choolokian	X			
21 Council Member Grandinetti		X		
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Member Grandinetti moved to Table the Resolution, there was no 2nd to her Tabling motion. Therefore the Tabling motion failed.

Council Member Grandinetti said that this would be a conflict of interest for the person named & suggested sending out a request for proposals & getting public input before acting.

Chairman Walker said he believed the person named is qualified & this project needs to move forward.

14. Relative to expressing support for Housing Visions Project

BY: Council Chairman Charles Walker

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
2014- Council Member Choolokian		X		
22 Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Member Choolokian said that he voted against this project in the past because he believes that the PILOT is too long among other things.

Council Member Touma said that he was encouraged by the information he received after talking to the developer.

15. Relative to expressing support for Niagara City Lofts

BY: Council Chairman Charles Walker

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2014-23	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian		X		
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	4	1		

16. Relative to Honoring the Memory of Mr. Frank J. Accardo

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2014-24	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	5	0		

17. Relative to Honoring the Memory of Mr. Richard Jones

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2014-25	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
	Total:	5	0		

18. Approval of Personnel adjustments in various Departments

VOTE

	REMOVE FROM TABLE		AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X		X		X	
Council Member Choolokian	X		X		X	
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		X	
Council Member Touma	X		X		X	
Council Chairman Walker	X		X		X	
Total:	5	0	5	0	5	0

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

6:45 PM