

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR JUNE 22, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meetings of May 26 and
June 8, 2015

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation - John Percy

2. Oakwood Cemetery Associates - Trudy Christman

3. Bishop Euriah Colvin - (Council will present resolution to family)

4. JB Aaron - (Council will present resolution)

5. Desmond Associates - Gregory Shumate RE: Parking Meters

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:00 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - CHOOLOKIAN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Members presented JB Aaron a Resolution honoring him for his achievements in the Country Music field.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

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| Vincent James Cancemi | Agenda Item #6 |
| Lisa Vitello | Agenda Item #6 |
| John Percy | Agenda Item #6 |
| Diane Tattersall | Agenda Item #6 |
| Russ Petrozzi | Agenda Item #6 |
| Toby Rotella | Agenda Item #7 |
| Remy Orlowski | Agenda Item #7 |
| Willie Dunn | Agenda Item #6 |

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Vincent James Cancemi | Thanked Ron Anderluh for his work at Gill Creek Park |
| Ron Anderluh | Thanked Rick Crogan for his work on the Music & Art Festival; Parking revenues |
| Rob Scofield | Condition of neighbors pool |
| Rick Crogan | Thanked Council for recognizing Joe Calato; Thanked John Caso, Bob Spacone & DPW for their help with the Music & Art Festival; downtown parking issues |
| Robert Ventry | Great to see hotels & restaurants opening Downtown; property conditions & pot hole issues not being addressed; no need for parking meters; Property Management Cos., should be licensed by the City; give money to School Board for summer camp |
| Gerald Skrlin | State audit of Niagara Falls; condition of Merani property on Buffalo Ave. |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of May 2015

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Change Order #1 in the contract for ADA Compliance Project,
Construction Inspection & Contract Administration

VOTE

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

3. Approval of Contract for Gill Creek Park Sign, K.J. Smith Enterprises VOTE

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

4. Approval of additional funding for Electrical Repair Work, Old Falls St. VOTE

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

5. Approval of Mutual Aid Agreement between the City & NF ARS Fire Emergency Services

VOTE

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

6. Approval of funding request from NF School District to assist in funding of 2015 Summer Youth Camp

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|----------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Choolokian | | X | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | ABSTAIN | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Touma | X | | | |
| Total: | 3 | 1 | | |

Council Member Choolokian said he supports kids in Niagara Falls but the Board of Education gets Casino Money. The Audit shows that the City is in the hole & the deficit needs to be addressed. The City Parks are not funded 100%. There is a spending freeze in effect. Tourism dollars should be spent downtown.

Council Member Grandinetti said the City funds Youth Programs through CD & DPW, and there are still Summer Programs at the Y. She questioned the administration of this Program, and said the School District can find funds they need when they are needed for Administrative costs.

Council Member Walker said he supports Programs like this to keep kids active & off the streets.

Chairman Touma said the City has invested in the downtown area & now needs to invest in our youth.

7. Approval of funding for 2015 Annual Niagara Falls Blues Festival

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | | X | | |
| Council Member Choolokian | | X | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Touma | X | | | |
| Total: | 3 | 2 | | |

Council Member Choolokian said the City should not support Private Festivals. Chairman Touma said the City should be "A" sponsor not "THE" sponsor.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Relative to Honoring the Memory of Bishop Euriah Colvin

BY: Council Member Charles Walker

VOTE

| | | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| 2015- | Council Member Choolokian | X | | | |
| 55 | Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| | Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| | Council Chairman Touma | X | | | |
| | Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

9. Relative to Honoring Joe Calato, innovative musician & inventor of the
Regal Tip Drumstick

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

| | | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| 2015- | Council Member Choolokian | X | | | |
| 56 | Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| | Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| | Council Chairman Touma | X | | | |
| | Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

10. Relative to Fee Rentals for Niagara Falls City Pools

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

| | | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| 2015- | Council Member Choolokian | X | | | |
| 57 | Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| | Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| | Council Chairman Touma | X | | | |
| | Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

Chairman Touma said this sets reasonable fees.

11. Resolution relative to appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals
BY: Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

| | | ADD TO AGENDA | | APPROVE | |
|-------|----------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|-----|
| | | yea | nay | yea | nay |
| | Council Member Anderson | X | | X | |
| 2015- | Council Member Choolokian | X | | X | |
| 58 | Council Member Grandinetti | X | | X | |
| | Council Member Walker | X | | X | |
| | Council Chairman Touma | X | | X | |
| | Total: | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:00 PM