

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:22 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of February 6, 2017.

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		

20. Relative to Honoring Rev. Deacon Patrick J. Bradley with a Stole of Patches for his Military Service
BY: Council Woman Grandinetti

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2017-	18	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X
		Council Member Scott	X		X
		Council Member Tompkins	X		X
		Council Member Touma	X		X
		Council Chairman Walker	X		X
		Total:	5	0	5

Amendment was to add additional information and to have the item approved at the Committee of Whole Meeting

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Stole of Patches - Reverend Deacon Patrick J. Bradley
Presented by: Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - SCOTT
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCEPUBLIC HEARINGRelative to the abandonment of a portion of the alley running North/South between 24th and 25th Streets, South of Orleans Avenue.

SPEAKERS

Ron Anderluh	Dairy Queen building new building & the alley is needed for this construction
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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Galen Baille	Agenda Items #7, #17
Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #17
Harvey Albond	Agenda Item #17
Helen Kress	Agenda Items #7, #17
Kathie Kudela	Agenda Item #7
Lynne Neveu	Agenda Items #7, #17
Robert Borgati	Agenda Items #7, #17
Sara Capen	Agenda Item #7
Damon DeCastro	Agenda Item #17
Tim Huether	Agenda Items #2, #3, #7, #17
Nicholas Baio	Agenda Item #17
Linda Tomkiel	Agenda Item #17
Margaret Topor	Agenda Items #7, #17
Tim Baxter	Agenda Item #7
Robert Emerson	Agenda Item #7
Tom Chambers	Agenda Item #7
John Kinney	Agenda Item #7
Tod Kniazuk	Agenda Item #7
Bill Kennedy	Agenda Item #17

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Harvey Albond	Asking Council to propose electricity from Power Authority; Niagara Falls to walk on 2 legs, Tourism & Industry
Jamie Caldwell	Lodge bad idea; crime problems, roads; paying high utilities; take care of people who live here; Political nonsense
Damon DeCastro	the odor from the plants
Robert Porter	Accountability; Niagara Falls needs to be the jewel of the State again; chemical plants leaving the City; Crime rate
Mark Diodate	Lodge on Goat Island; new development; find a better location for new lodge
Earl Bass	against the Lodge; so much rich history here; highest water rates in the country

Vince Anello	Parkway drawings; John Daly Blvd.; revenue from the Power Authority; Lodge on Goat Island; yes to the shuttle
Cynthia Sgro	Thanks to Council Member Tompkins on helping with the Zombie home next to her home; Council Member Tompkins said that home is on the top of the list
Danielle DiPalma	Lodge; preserving natural environment; tourism; work together with the State
Pat Gall	Object to referring it as a Lodge not Hotel; 3 Sisters Island is a sanctuary
COUNCIL WOMAN KRISTEN GRANDINETTI STATED THAT SHE HAS JUST HEARD FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE THAT NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE LODGE WAS PROMISED. THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE MEETINGS WITH THE PUBLIC AND THEY ARE LISTENING TO US	
Charles Lamb	in light of the news from Council Woman Grandinetti, will not speak on the Lodge
Pat Scremin	contacted organizations on Gov. Cuomo's speech that contained the Lodge on Goat Island proposal
Robert Ventry	Benefits from Casino; State should work for better jobs

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of January 2017

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Change Order #2/Final in the contract to Scott Lawn Yard for Hyde Park Playground for drainage system

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		

3. Approval of the Contract for 70th St. Playground Installation to
Gardenville Landscape & Nursery

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 sale of 2878 McKoon Ave. to Habitat for Humanity
for \$500.00

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 the contract with Niagara County Office for the Aging

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 appointment of new City Controller

VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Scott	X			X
Council Member Tompkins	X			ABSTAIN
Council Member Touma	X		X	
Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:	5	0	3	1

Amendment was to change Paragraph 3, the Deputy City Controller was deleted.

7. Approval of participation in funding for Discover Niagara Shuttle

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:	3	2		

Council Woman Grandinetti said that she use to be in the Hospitality field and we need to invest in the City. This is a 1 time asking and it is an awesome thing. This is not taxpayer money.

Council Member Scott said that Sara is a hard worker who believes in this investment.

Council Member Tompkins stated that Tourism Funds were all spent last year and we should give them a lesser amount of money.

Council Member Touma said this is a difficult decision with all the discussion from tonight. They received no money from the City for the 1st year. He added that \$50,000.00 should be given & have other municipalities invest.

Chairman Walker said that Niagara Falls is taking care of Niagara Falls & we need to invest in the Tourism market. We need to work with other cities on this.

ADDITIONAL ITEMSFROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION8. Approval to install Alternate Overnight Parking on 37th St. between Walnut Ave. & Pine Ave.

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		

9. Approval to install Alternate Overnight Parking on 90th St. between Luick Ave. & Brookside Dr.

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		

10. Approval to install Alternate Overnight Parking on Maple Ave. between Bell St. & Hudson Dr.

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		

11. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 718 Buffalo Ave.

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 install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 3328 Church Ave.

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		

13. Approval of the amended item to install "2 Hour Parking Restriction" on the West side of 4th St., along the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel, 333 Rainbow Blvd., in the area between the Hotel's Porte-Cochere and the Parking Lot Driveway 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		

FROM THE CITY CLERK

14. Approval of appointments for Commissioner of Deeds 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		

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

15. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Gray Furnace Service in the amount of \$896.94

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		

16. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Tessia C. Harris in
the amount of \$125,000.00

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

17. Relative to further commercialization of Niagara Falls State Park
BY: Council Members Grandinetti, Scott, Tompkins, Touma

VOTE

		TO TABLE		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2017-	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
19	Council Member Scott		X	X	
	Council Member Tompkins		X	X	
	Council Member Touma		X	X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
	Total:	2	3	5	0

To Table was defeated

18. Relative to further commercialization of Niagara Falls State Park
BY: Council Woman Grandinetti
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED AND ADDED TO AGENDA ITEM #17

19. Relative to the appointment to the Planning Board
BY: Council Members Scott, Tompkins, Chairman Walker

VOTE

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

20. Relative to Honoring Rev. Deacon Patrick J. Bradley with a Stole of Patches for his Military Service
BY: Council Woman Grandinetti
THIS WAS AMENDED AND APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 5:00 PM

21. Relative to waiver of Parking Fees for Community Missions 20th annual Sweetheart Dinner
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Amendment was to correct date of dinner.

22. Relative to calling for a Public Hearing regarding the abandonment of a portion of the 6th Street Right-Of-Way adjacent to 543 6th St
BY: Council Members Scott, Tompkins, Chairman Walker

VOTE

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

23. Relative regarding the abandonment of a portion of the alley running North/South between 24th and 25th Sts., South of Orleans Ave.
BY: Council Members Scott, Tompkins, Chairman Walker

VOTE

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

