

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 20, 2009

4:08 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.
~~4:00 P.M.~~

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X FOURNIER X FRUSCIONE X WALKER X ROBINS X

Approval of minutes from the City Council Meeting of April 6, 2009

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mt. Carmel School Students-Tribute to the City of Niagara Falls

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Courthouse Update

2. Hyde Park Ice Rink

3. Streets - Potholes

4. Street Paving Information

5. In-House Tree Trimming and Removal

6. Sinkholes, Fire Hydrants and actual holes in the street(result of meeting with the Water Board)

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X FOURNIER X FRUSCIONE X WALKER X ROBINS X

PRAYER - FRUSCIONE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING re: Restore NY Grant Applications

- Clinton Brown-in favor of grant application
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PUBLIC SPEAKERS (SEE NOTE ON LAST PAGE)

1. AGENDA ITEMS

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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

- Paul Gromosiak-close Robert Moses Parkway
 - Howard Goodwin-Car damage from pothole
 - Gretchen Leffler-Thanks for Relay for Life Resolution
 - Michael Parsnick-Keep Robert Moses Parkway open
 - Diane Tattersall-South Junior playground concerns
 - Vincent Mameli-Tourism/Signage concerns
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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| 1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of March, 2009 | R&F |
| 2. Claims Report for the Month of March, 2009 | R&F |

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

3. Approval of Bid #18-09 with Snowfighting Equipment & Consultants of Buffalo, Inc. for portable asphalt machine at a cost of \$120,417.00 VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

4. Approval of Bid #15-09 with Ennis Paint, Inc. for traffic marking paint VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

5. Approval to reappoint Don King to the library Board VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

6. Approval to renew agreement with the Health Association of Niagara County, Inc. to provide recreation services for the elderly at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Niagara Falls, Lockport and North Tonawanda Police Departments and the Niagara County Sheriff's Office relative to joint application of funding under the recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

8. Approval of contract with Giusiana Architects for services relating to the City's Commercial Façade program

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

9. Approval to assess property owners for unpaid expenses incurred by the City and Community Development for expenses incurred in the repair, Demolition or boarding up of structures

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

10. Approval to appropriate \$3,000.00 of casino funds for Explore Buffalo/Niagara Events

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

11. Approval to supply Niagara Falls logo pins to Cayuga Heat Travel Baseball team at a cost of \$1,508.88

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

12. Approval to donate \$1,200 to Midtown Little league to assist in the erection of a fence at it's athletic field

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

13. Approval to replace two air conditioner/humidifier units in the MIS Department at a cost not to exceed \$35,500

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

14. Approval of agreement with the Board of education for City use of South Junior area to create recreational area

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson		X		
Council Member Fournier		X		
Council Member Fruscione		Abstain		
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins		Abstain		
Total:	1	2		

DEFEATED-
Council Member Anderson said there are 25 parks in the City and they should be repaired first

2 abstained
DEFEATED

15. Approval of cooperative venture with the School District relative to bus turn-a-round and basketball courts in the Harry F. Abate School area

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	X				Council Member Walker said there is a need for basketball courts in the City and it is time to move forward
Council Member Fournier	X				
Council Member Fruscione		Abstain			
Council Member Walker	X				
Council Chairman Robins		Abstain			
Total:	3	0			
2 ABSTAINED					

16. Approval of appropriation to Public Works for temporary personnel and materials for patching and paving in the amount of \$207,124.00

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	X				Council Member Walker said that this will allow DPW to catch up and take care of more streets
Council Member Fournier	X				
Council Member Fruscione	X				
Council Member Walker	X				
Council Chairman Robins	X				
Total:	5	0			

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

17. Notice of NYS Department of State Filing of Local Law #1-2009 relative to Residency of Employees

R&F

18. Approval of Commissioner of Deeds appointments for a term from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2011

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

19. Tabling of request for All-Way stop signs at LaSalle Avenue & 22nd Street pending and Denial of Handicap Access Space at 206-70th Street

R&F

20. Approval of Handicapped Access Space at 1705 Willow Avenue

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

21. Approval of handicapped Access Space at 443-22nd Street

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

22. Approval of Alternate Overnight Parking on Witkop Avenue between 84th Street and 85th Street

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

23. Approval of Alternate Overnight Parking on Perry Avenue between 73rd and 74th Streets

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

24. Approval to install Handicapped Warning Sign Advance of 2103 Mackenna Avenue, and Install a 50' Loading Zone at 2103 Mackenna Avenue

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

25. Approval of Loading Zone at 2526 Pine Avenue

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

26. Approval of Loading Zone at 1818 Pine Avenue

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

27. Approval handicapped Access Space at 2709 Grand Avenue

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

28. Approval of Handicapped Access Space at 425 5th Street

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR

29. Approval of certification of Base Percentages, Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions for Homestead & Non-Homestead Assessment Roll VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

RESOLUTIONS

30. Relative to the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life-2009"
 BY: All Council Members VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2009-32 Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Fournier	X			
Council Member Fruscione	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Robins	X			
Total:	5	0		

31. Relative to South Junior Project and 39th Street School/Old Municipal Court Building Project
 BY: Councilman Charles Walker VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
2009-33 Council Member Anderson		X			Chairman Robins explained that this is just to apply for grants
Council Member Fournier	X				
Council Member Fruscione	X				
Council Member Walker	X				
Council Chairman Robins	X				
Total:	4	1			

32. Resolution relative to the Kiwanis Club of Niagara Falls John T. Anderson Awards Dinner
 BY: All Council Members

	TO ADD TO AGENDA		TO APPROVE			
	yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
2009-34 Council Member Anderson	X		X			
Council Member Fournier	X		X			
Council Member Fruscione	X		X			
Council Member Walker	X		X			
Council Chairman Robins	X		X			
Total:	5	0	5	0		

33. Approval of contract with Hamilton, Houston & Lownie Architects for consulting services relative to City Hall Exterior Restoration at a cost of \$67,720.00

VOTE

	TO ADD TO AGENDA		TO APPROVE		VOTE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X		X			
Council Member Fournier	X		X			
Council Member Fruscione	X		X			
Council Member Walker	X		X			
Council Chairman Robins	X		X			
Total:	5	0	5	0		

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING 8:02 P.M.