

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 31, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:02-6:05 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 17, 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

Niagara Youth Bureau - Hyde Park playground improvement proposal

City Planner, Tom DeSantis - Status update of upgrades to Griffon Park

Niagara Falls Little League Presidents - Update on city fields

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:20 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PRAYER - CHOOLOKIAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Paul Gromosiak	Agenda Item #27
Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #22, #29
Mark Laurrie	Agenda Item #29
Russ Petrozzi	Agenda Item #29
Jim Hufnagel	Agenda Item #27
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #27

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Paul Gromosiak	Old Stone Chimney will be moved
Jennifer LaMoy	Help with issues at Packard Court
Ruth Cooper	Issues with transient housing in Memorial Pkwy. Neighborhood
Noreen Chatmon	Issues with transient housing in Memorial Pkwy. Neighborhood
Mary Sutter	Issues with transient housing in Memorial Pkwy. Neighborhood
Brian Hamilton	Issues with transient housing in Memorial Pkwy. Neighborhood
Ken Hamilton	Kite Flying Festival; electronic trash pickup; changes to Legends Park equipment house; Code Enforcement is function of Administration Branch of Government; Death of Helen Schoniger
Robert Ventry	Road/Pothole repairs

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

- Approval of Extension of Remediation & Development Dates for Tract I and Tract II VOTE
 THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA
 NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

- Approval of Letter of Award for 2014 Sidewalk Replacements at Various Locations to Ventry Concrete Contracting 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		

3. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract with Urban Engineers of New York, PC for the reconstruction of Lockport Street

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		

4. Approval of funding for the purchase/installation of sump pump at the Carnegie Bldg.

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 Change Order #7 in the Contract with Wendel-Duchscherer for Lewiston Road reconstruction

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 Letter of Award for new Parking Lot at Griffon Park Boat Launch to Louis DelPrince & Sons

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 for funding for repairs to floor at Firehouse on 10th St.

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		

8. Approval of funding to implement the NFPD Safe Neighborhood Active Patrols (S.N.A.P.)

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		

9. Approval of funding for equipment for NFPD Traffic Enforcement/ Commutations

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		

10. Approval of funding for equipment for Fire Administration Bldg.

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 of contract for Third Party Administrator for Workers' Compensation Claims

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 of amendment to Service Agreement with Verizon for Enhanced 911 equipment

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		

13. Approval of funding for materials for Street Reconstruction/Openings 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		

14. Approval of funding for hiring temporary workers for the Clean Neighborhood Team

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		

15. Approval of funding for Road Reconstruction/2014 In House Paving Program

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		

16. Approval of funding for Temporary Crew for 2014 Road Construction Season

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		

17. Approval of funding for Sidewalk Repair in various locations

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		

18. Approval of contract for clearing of vacant lots, Baker Tree Care

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		

19. Approval of contract for leasing of Golf/Utility Carts,
Nuttal Golf Cars, Inc.

VOTE

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

Amendment is to reduce total amount by \$300,000.00 (typographical error)

20. Approval of Lease Agreement for copiers

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		

21. Approval of additional Allocation of Greenway Funding for
Griffon Park Project

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		

22. Approval of funding for Parking Consulting Services provided to
the City by Desman Associates

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:	3	2		

Council Member Choolokian said this is a waste of taxpayer money.
Council Member Touma said the Parking Plan is needed to generate revenue.
Chairman Walker said that the amount of the contract was reduced and the City
will take over responsibility of some of the duties and this is the
implementation of that Plan.

23. Approval of appointments to the Library Board

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 CORPORATION COUNSEL

24. Approval to settle and pay claim of Richard G. Yeates, Jr. in the amount of \$3,998.43

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		

25. Approval to settle and pay claim of Shannon E. Billings in the amount of \$500.00

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		

26. Approval to settle and pay claim of Therese E. Lucchetti in the amount of \$276.16

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

27. Relative to supporting the initiative for New York State to gift the Nikola Tesla Statue to the City of Niagara Falls

BY: Council Member Choolokian

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said he is honored to sponsor this Resolution.

28. Relative to authorizing the use of City Bldgs. as Polling Places for annual School Board Election

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

29. Relative to expressing opposition to the establishment of a Charter School in the City of Niagara Falls

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Council Members Anderson and Choolokian said they support this.

Council Member Touma said he is an employee of the School District but he was elected by the people of the City. This would affect the quality of life for both residents & students & take jobs away from employees who are City residents. Chairman Walker said this is an economic issue.