

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 4, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:05-6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 21, 2016 and the Special Meeting of March 28, 2016.

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Shawn Kennedy-Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor Paul A. Dyster and Resolution presented by City Council Members

2. Paul A. Dyster, Mayor-Casino Spending Plan

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:05 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - SCOTT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Grabka	Agenda Item #10
Gerald Skrlin	Agenda Item #3
Caroline Boback	Agenda Item #10
Amy Lewis	Agenda Item #10

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Gerald Skrlin	Issue with neighbor's property; free speech issues
Roy McDowell	Thanked Council Members Tompkins & Scott for sponsoring Memorial Day Parade; Mayor should attend Council Meetings; against parking meters; City should get more Casino money; against employee raises; adhere to residency requirement for City Engineer; DPW workers should be clearing vacant lots instead of contracting out this job; Water Board surplus should be used for structure issue repairs
Robert Ventry	Questioned if amount budgeted for demolitions is enough; more money should be budgeted for street & sidewalk repairs; operating budget for Train Station; seal cracks on roads to make repairs last longer; enforce 72 hour rule for high grass/bushes; no raises should be given; against parking meters; table amendments to Dog Ordinance
Jamie Caldwell	Thanked Council Members Tompkins & Scott for sponsoring Memorial Day Parade; provide itemized list of Casino funds spending; large amounts of garbage around City; resignation of Water Board members
Vince Anello	City needs working relationship with Water Board; Casino spending Policy needed; waive residency requirement of City Engineer

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval to award Contract for sale of Street Millings to Armand Cerrone Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

2. Approval to award Contract for clearing of vacant lots to K.J. Smith Enterprises

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	abstain			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4			

Chairman Touma said he wished this could be done in house but the City doesn't have the required equipment.

3. Approval of request from NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs for space in City Hall

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

4. Approval of agreement with Buffalo Niagara River Keeper for Habitat Restoration Projects

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

5. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Huelin Thomas, Jr., in the amount of \$1,274.00

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

RESOLUTIONS

6. Relative to congratulating Baby Cakes Cupcake Diner
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016- Council Member Scott	X			
33 Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

7. Relative to reappointment to the Municipal Civil Service Commission
BY: All Council Members
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.
NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

8. Relative to appointment to Traffic Advisory Commission
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016- Council Member Scott	X			
34 Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

9. Relative to acknowledging Shawn "Baby Shawn" Kennedy for his Bravery and Courage

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
32	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

10. Relative to Amending Chapter 701 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Animals, Fowl and Dogs"

BY: Council Member Kristen Grandinetti

VOTE

		AMEND		TO TABLE		
		yea	nay	yea	nay	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		TABLED
	Council Member Scott	X		X		
	Council Member Tompkins	X		X		
	Council Member Walker	X		X		
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X		
Total:		5	0	5	0	

Amendment is to remove "unlicensed or" from Section 701.17

Chairman Touma said this is a problem in the City and, after making some revisions, the Council will vote on amending this Ordinance

11. Relative to requesting State legislation to change the method of appointment for the Members of the Niagara Falls Water Board

BY: Council Members Ezra Scott, Jr. and Kenny Tompkins

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
35	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma		X		
Total:		4	1		

Chairman Touma said the Water Board has changed their Chairman & this is a positive move; the Board is hiring an outside consultant to look over their operations; the surplus should be used to reduce rates for the rate payer; 4 out of the 5 Board Members are City residents; checks & balances are important; the City shouldn't control the Water Board.