

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-6:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meetings of January 20 and February 2, 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:

LaSalle Preparatory School NJHS Students - "What Freedom Means to Me"

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Ice Pavilion Phase IV

Refuse and Recycling Program Update

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:50 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

Council Member Grandinetti welcomed the Niagara Falls High School students who were present for the Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Candice Corsaro	Agenda Items #12, #16
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Parking Meters-glad that bids are out; more than 40 meters needed in the downtown area; Recommended that meters be in place by Memorial Day
James Woomer	Issues with frozen water lines in his home
Robert Ventry	Council Meeting time change
Joelle Lewis	Fix maintenance issues starting In House
Chris Webster	Issue with registering to vote; junk cars & snow buildup on sidewalks in area of 66 th & 67 th St.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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| 1. | Claims for the Month of January 2015 | R & F |
| 2. | City Clerk's Report for the Month of January 2015 | R & F |

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

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| 3. | Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Sidewalk Replacement Project, Ventry Concrete Contracting | VOTE |
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	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		

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| 4. | Approval to waive fees for use of LaSalle Senior Facility by Niagara County Office for the Aging for 2014 & for foreseeable future years | VOTE |
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	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 Change Order #1 for Consultant Services Agreement in the Contract of Ice Pavilion Phase IV, DiDonato Associates

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		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

6. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink floor/Dasher Board replacement (Plumbing Contract) to J.R. Swanson Plumbing, Inc.

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		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

7. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink floor/Dasher Board replacement (Electrical Contract) to South Buffalo Electric Inc.

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		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

8. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink floor/Dasher Board replacement (General Contract) to Scrufari Construction Services, Inc.

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		

This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

9. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink floor/Dasher Board replacement (Ice Rink Contract) to Mollenberg Betz, Inc.

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		

Chairman Touma said that the Ice Rink generates revenue for the region. This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

10. Approval of Letter of Award for Ice Pavilion Phase IV for Ice Rink floor/Dasher Board replacement (Mechanical Contract) to Parise Mechanical, Inc.

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 Grandinetti said that the impact the Ice Rink has on the City is huge. This item is deemed defeated since the Bond Resolution, Agenda Item #16, was defeated.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

11. Approval of Commissioner of Deeds appointments

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		

RESOLUTIONS

12. Relative to appointments to Financial Advisory Panel

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
2015- Council Member Choolokian	X			
13 Council Member Grandinetti		X		
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Member Grandinetti said that while this Resolution is well intentioned, she wishes the City had gone with the State Advisory Board.

13. Relative to Honoring members of the LaSalle Preparatory School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

14. Relative to reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

15. Relative to Meeting Time Change

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma, Council Member Grandinetti

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
16	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Amendment is for the Time Change on a trial basis for the months of March, April and May.

16. Relative to authorizing the issuance of Bonds for the cost of the Reconstruction/Construction of improvements to the Ice Pavilion

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

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		

DEFEATED

Resolution failed-needs 4 Yea votes to pass

Council Member Anderson said the City Controller had informed the Council that the City was already in the hole, so he doesn't want to incur additional debt. He had voted No to the other items on this Agenda related to the Ice Rink so he is voting No on this item also. He feels the Casino funds should be used for the Ice Rink renovations.

Council Member Choolokian commended Mr. Carella for the work that has been done at the Ice Rink and said he supports the Project. However, due to the Budget crises of the past few years, he doesn't think the City should be borrowing any more money. He feels that money should have been set aside from Casino funds over the years to pay for this Project.

Council Member Walker said that he feels that this is a lot of money to spend with the financial issues facing the City. However, this is the most important and final phase of the Project and the City should move forward and finish the Project because of the amount of money already invested.

Chairman Touma said this is the final phase of the Project and he understands the concerns about additional borrowing of the City but the spinoff of the economic returns from the Ice Rink should be enough incentive to complete the Project.

17. Resolution relative to honoring Jaemon Turner, Avion Harris and Jalen Bradberry

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:35 P. M.