

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 18, 2013

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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4:03-4:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X FRUSCIONE X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X CHOOLOKIAN X

Approval of Minutes from the City Council Meeting of March 4, 2013

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

PRESENTATIONS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Dave Kinney

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

1. Library - outdoor light replacement/repair
2. 2013 Financial Plan regarding debt payment
3. Engineer - Lewiston Road and Buffalo Avenue update

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X FRUSCIONE X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X CHOOLOKIAN X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| • Ron Anderluh | Agenda Items #6, #20 |
| • Diane Tattersall | Agenda Items #6, #9, #10, #11, #12, #21 |
| • Andrew Touma | Agenda Items #9, #10, #11, #12 |
| • Anthony Gara | Agenda Items #9, #10, #11, #12 |
| • Terri Williams | Agenda Item #21 |
| • Matt Green | Agenda Items #6, #21 |
| • Michael Murphy | Agenda Item #21 |
| • Rick Crogan | No Verbal Comments |
| • Bruce Becker | Agenda Items #9, #10, #11, #12 |
| • Denise Easterling | Agenda Items #9, #10, #11, #12 |
| • Norma Higgs | Agenda Item #21 |

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| • Paul Gromosiak | Museum for History of Niagara Frontier |
| • Diane Tatteresall | John Daly Blvd. Project not a priority; |
| • | Need picture of Nik Wallenda Walk in |
| • | City Hall Lobby |
| • Marjorie Gillies | Work of the Niagara Beautification |
| • | Commission; NACC funding |
| • Joe Swartz | Lack of Casino funding; parking revenues |
| • | at State Park should go to the City |
| • Miranda Lux | Need more bicycle signs around City; |
| • | rename 56th St. Bridge for her late husband |
| • Mark Emanuele | Code Blue Shelter in City |
| • Matthew Green | Main St. Symposium |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of February 2013 R & F
2. Claim Report for the Month of February 2013 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

3. Approval of reorganization of Purchasing Department

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

4. Approval of acceptance of NFC Development Corp NY Main Street Grant, Streetscape Maintenance & Release

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

5. Approval of agreement with Chelsea Information System

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

6. Approval of acceptance of Grant Agreement with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Council Member Anderson | | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | | DEFEATED |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | | X | | | |
| Total: | 2 | 3 | | | |

Council Member Grandinetti said that the comments of the Council Majority are irresponsible

Council Member Walker said the City needs to work with others
Chairman Choolokian is not comfortable accepting this Grant

7. Approval of Mutual Aid-Fire Protection Agreement with Air Base

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

8. Approval of Planned Maintenance Agreement with Cummins Northeast, LLC

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

9. Approval of Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the new Train Station

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

10. Approval of Train Station Right Of Entry Agreements with Canadian Railway Company, Amtrak & the NF Bridge Commission

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

11. Approval of a Party Wall Agreement with Amtrak related to the new Train Station

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

12. Approval of agreement with the Commissioner of the NYSDT for the obligation of NYS 2009 Passenger Freight Rail Imports Funds in the Amount of \$2,500,000

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

Chairman Choolokian noted that this funding is from the State not the City

13. Approval of agreement with Wendel for bidding phase services for the International Railway & Intermodal Transportation Center

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

14. Approval to settle & pay claim of George Satarian in the amount of \$1,750.00

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

15. Approval to settle & pay Tracy Gruka as PNG of Dominic Gualtieri in the amount of \$25,000.00

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

16. Approval to pay Medical Expenses of Kimberly Stanek in the amount of \$49.21

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

17. Approval to install Overnight Parking on 13th St. between Garden/Centre Ave.

VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

18. Approval to install 40' Loading Zone in front of 2811 Highland Ave. VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

19. Approval to install 5" Handicapped Access Space in front of 2498 Forest Ave. VOTE

| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Council Member Anderson | X | | | |
| Council Member Fruscione | X | | | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | | |

20. Denial of request to install All Way Stop Signs at the intersection of Buffalo Ave. & 4th St. R & F

RESOLUTIONS

21. Relative to Amendment to the time of the City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting & Legislative Meeting for each City Council Meeting scheduled for the remainder of calendar year 2013
 BY: Council Members Anderson, Fruscione & Chairman Choolokian VOTE

| | AMEND | | APPROVE | | AMENDMENT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE CHANGING TIMES WAS DEFEATED |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|---------|-----|---|
| | yea | nay | yea | nay | |
| Council Member Anderson | | X | X | | |
| 2013- Council Member Fruscione | | X | X | | |
| 12 Council Member Grandinetti | X | | | X | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | | X | |
| Council Chairman Choolokian | | X | X | | |
| Total: | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | |

22. Relative to the paving of Oak Place & similar streets in Niagara Falls

BY: Council Members Anderson, Fruscione & Chairman Choolokian

VOTE

| | | AMEND | | APPROVE | | AMENDMENT |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----|---------|-----|------------|
| | | yea | nay | yea | nay | |
| 2013- 13 | Council Member Anderson | X | | X | | IS TO |
| | Council Member Fruscione | X | | X | | INCLUDE |
| | Council Member Grandinetti | X | | X | | ALL |
| | Council Member Walker | X | | X | | UNIMPROVED |
| | Council Chairman Choolokian | X | | X | | STREETS IN |
| Total: | | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | THE CITY |

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:08 PM