

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 30, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:02-6:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 16, 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:

Gay Molnar, Aquarium of Niagara

Mike Mistriner, Cannon Design - "Join Our Journey: The Humboldt
Penguin Capital Campaign"

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:10 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - ANDERSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Vitello	Agenda Item #9
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #3, #4, #6, #11, #12
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Item #7, #12

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Sylvia Francis	Frozen water pipes on Independence Ave.
Su Corrinha D'Costa	Various issues
Ken Hamilton	City's representatives on Water Board should help with frozen water pipe issues; NFHA has larger size garbage totes; save YMCA's services
Joseph Heasley	save YMCA's services
Henry Krawczyk	Buffalo Ave. issues; DPW funding; Aquarium Project

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for Drainage Structure Replacement & Repair Project, Yarussi Construction

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		

2. Approval of Bid for Sale of Street Millings, Modern Landfill

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		

3. Approval of Bid for Meals for Prisoners, McDonald's

VOTE

	TO TABLE		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		

TABLED

Council Member Grandinetti said the City should support local businesses.

4. Approval of Contribution to expenses of Good News Gospel Festival/Health Fair

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	Abstain			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

5. Approval of Creation of Assistant Housing Program Coordinator-Leased Housing in Community Development Dept.

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		

6. Approval of funding for New Jerusalem Grant Extension

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		

Chairman Touma said that this is not new funding but a continued use of a 2014 Grant.

7. Approval of Change Order #6 and Final in the Contract for Buffalo Ave Reconstruction Project, CATCO

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		

8. Approval of Buffalo Ave. Industrial Corridor-Brownfield Opportunity Area Program, Step 2, Consultant Contract, LaBella Associates and acceptance of NYS-DOS Grant

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		

Council Member Grandinetti said that a Grant this size is unprecedented, will redevelop an Industrial area & provide Green Jobs.

9. Approval of Grant for Niagara Falls Aquarium

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		

Chairman Touma said the Aquarium is a year round Tourist destination.

10. Approval of funding for positions that were removed during the Budget Process for the SWEET Team

VOTE

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

Amendment is to provide funding for three months only in the amount of \$21,235.00.

Council Member Choolokian said problems with the Ordinance need to be worked out.

RESOLUTIONS

11. Relative to Waiver of Parking Fees for NF High School Graduation and Rehearsal

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015- 28	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	ABSTAIN			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	ABSTAIN			
	Total:	3	0		

12. Relative to Home Rule Request, Reduction in Speed Limit in Downtown Niagara Falls

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015- 29	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

13. Resolution relative to appointment to the Niagara Falls Financial Advisory Panel

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

14. Approval of acceptance of donations of Real Property

VOTE

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

15. Approval of Sale of 2440 Cleveland Ave.

VOTE

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