

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 13, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:03-6:56 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 30, 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:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma - 2015 City Council Survey and Action Plan

Jarrett Steffen, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper - Riverkeeper Spring Shoreline Sweep

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:15 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - CHOOLOKIAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

| | |
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| Ron Anderluh | Agenda Item #8 |
| Ken Hamilton | Agenda Item #3 |
| Vince Anello | Agenda Item #7 |

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

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|--------------------------|---|
| Jarrett Steffen | Niagara Riverkeeper Spring Shoreline Cleanup |
| Henry Krawczyk | Against any additional funding for DPW; against paying private contractors to do work for City; bill for property cleanup; no need for Amtrak Station |
| Ken Hamilton | Suggested Council set Legislative Agenda for the year at Organizational Meeting; housing of mental patients at YMCA |
| Sylvia Francis | Frozen water lines on Independence Ave. |
| Linda Burge | Frozen water lines on Independence Ave.; put Water Board back under control of City |
| Assemblyman John Ceretto | Represents Niagara Falls and will help area however he can |
| Anthony Casilio | YMCA closing |
| Micah Jones | YMCA closing |
| Deborah Renford | YMCA closing |
| Diane Tattersall | YMCA closing |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

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| 3. REMOVE FROM THE TABLE | |
| Approval of bid for Meals for Prisoners, McDonald's | VOTE |

| | REMOVE FROM TABLE | | APPROVE | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----|---------|-----|
| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
| Council Member Anderson | X | | ABSTAIN | |
| Council Member Choolokian | X | | X | |
| Council Member Grandinetti | X | | X | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | X | |
| Council Chairman Touma | X | | X | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Council Members Choolokian & Grandinetti & Chairman Touma said that they would like to see the Law changed to favor local businesses when bids are awarded.

4. Approval of Letter of Award - 2015 Sidewalk replacements at various locations, 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 | | |

5. Approval of transfer of funds for Department of Public Works Equipment Repairs

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 transfer of funds for Department of Public Works (DPW) overtime

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 | | |

7. Approval of Funding for temporary positions at Department of Public Works (DPW) for the summer and fall months

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 Contract for Gill Creek Park Sign, Cooper Sign

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 | | |

9. Approval of Grant Reprogramming to Community Missions for Emergency Shelter Operations activities

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: | 4 | 1 | | |

Chairman Touma said that the City has already given \$150,000 to Community Missions & he would not vote to give any additional funding.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

10. Approval of request for Encroachment on City Property at 300 Third Street.

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 | | |

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

11. Approval of Change "No Parking Anytime" Restriction to:
 "No Parking on Welch Avenue, North side, in the cut out area along
 Niagara Street Elementary School

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 | | |

12. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of
 616 27th St.

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 | | |

13. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of
 620 23rd St.

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 | | |

14. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of
 1317 Roselle Ave.

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 | | |

15. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 1523 Linwood Ave.

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 | | |

16. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 2734 Forest Ave.

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 | | |

17. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 3052 Monroe Ave.

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 | | |

18. Approval to install Overnight Parking on Walnut Ave between 4th & 5th Streets (North Side Only).

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 | | |

19. Approval to install "All Way Stop Signs" at the intersections of 79th St & Girard Ave and 80th St & Lindbergh Ave

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 thanked the Traffic Advisory Commission for approving this request.

20. Approval to install "No Truck/Bus Traffic" Signs at the intersections of Buffalo Ave at 57th St Through 63rd St and the Intersection of 56th St at Stephenson Ave (8 Streets Total)

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 commended Rhonda Gross for her work in moving this forward.

21. Approval of funding for Emergency Electrical Repair at Hyde Park Ice Pavilion

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 |

22. Approval of Letter of Award for 2015 Drainage Structure Replacement & Repair

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 |

23. Approval of Change Order in Weston Ave. Reconstruction Project

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 |

24. Resolution relative to remembering victims of the Armenian Genocide
BY: Council Member Choolokian

VOTE

| | ADD TO AGENDA | | APPROVE | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|-----|
| | yea | nay | yea | nay |
| Council Member Anderson | X | | X | |
| 2015- Council Member Choolokian | X | | X | |
| 31 Council Member Grandinetti | X | | X | |
| Council Member Walker | X | | X | |
| Council Chairman Touma | X | | X | |
| Total: | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |