

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR APRIL 14, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:05-5:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 31, 2014

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS

Maria Brown, City Controller - Refunding and Refinancing of bonds

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Walker asked Code Enforcement Director Dennis Virtuoso to speak on Neighborhood concerns regarding Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission.

Mr. Virtuoso said that the Mission work and feeding people can continue but overnight stays are not permitted in a Residential area. The Mission has the option to go to the Board of Appeals for a variance to allow transient use.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS (SEE NOTE ON LAST PAGE)

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #20, #22
Frank Strangio	Agenda Item #17

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Paul Gromosiak	All groups that deal with the history of the City need to communicate with each other & speak with one voice; suggested using RENU group from NU to do this
Ron Anderluh	Commended DPW for doing an excellent job; dedicate 2 Police Officers to patrol City Parks & deal with issues with older kids in Parks
Shaun Smith	Exec. Director of Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission-said residents in the area didn't express their concerns to him; residence is a zero tolerance "Dry" Mission
Dan Crineri	Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission is saving lives
John Ritter	Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission is doing good work
Jennifer Cooper	Volunteers at Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission-facility is needed
David Curtin	President of Board of Directors of Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission-wants to do even more in the Community
Josh Highway	Closing Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission is a mistake
Alicia Estell	Niagara St. playground issues
Tracy Greene	North/Lockport St. Park needs repairs; cleanup area around the Train Track; minority hiring for new Train Station building
Claire Curtis	Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission next door neighbor-very comfortable with them as neighbors
John Signorelli	Commended to helping Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission
Diane Tattersall	City Parks are improving but need cameras there
Joanne Gallareto	Thanked Chairman Walker for bringing the Council out into the Community; concerns about waterless Water Meters

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Approval of Claims for the Month of March 2014 R & F
2. Approval of City Clerk's Report for the Month of March 2014 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

3. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for New Road Corporation Yard Equipment Storage Facility, Plumbing Contractor, Ackerman Plumbing, Inc.

VOTE

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

4. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for New Road Corporation Yard Equipment Storage Facility, Electrical Contractor, CIR Electrical Construction Co., Inc.

VOTE

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

5. Approval of funding for NFPD Capital Purchases for Administration/Community Relations/Special Events/Internal Affairs

VOTE

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

6. Approval of funding for Niagara Military Affairs Council

VOTE

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

7. Approval of Agreement with NYS for cleaning & minor repair services for Court House VOTE

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

8. Approval of replacement of Service Weapons for the Police Dept. VOTE

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

Council Member Touma commended the Police Superintendent for his work on this item.

9. Approval of Parking Agreement with NTCC VOTE

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

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

10. Approval of recommendations to authorize the reconveyance of title to former owners of parcels acquired in the 2010 In Rem VOTE

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

FROM THE MAYOR

11. Approval of Supplemental Agreement #1 with NYS Dept. of Transportation  
For NF International Rail Station & Intermodal Transportation Center VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X		X	
Council Member Choolokian	X			X
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Touma	X		X	
Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:	5	0	4	1

Amendment changes source of State funds.

Council Member Grandinetti said she supports the Project & construction needs to move forward.

Council Member Touma commended the Administration for working with the State on this & said it is a job well done.

12. Approval of Contract Amendment #4 for construction phase services for  
NF-International Railway Station & Intermodal Transportation  
Center Project, Wendel-Duchscherer VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said spending should be focused on the infrastructure. Chairman Walker said investment in the City is needed.

13. Approval of NF-International Railway Station & Intermodal Transportation  
Center Project Engineer's Recommendation to award Construction Contract,  
Scrufari Construction Company VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said that he is glad that a Niagara Falls company won the bid.

Council Member Touma said a sound transportation system is needed in the City.

14. Approval of Extension of Remediation & Development Dates for Tract I and Tract II VOTE

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

15. Approval of funding for Consulting Agreement with Wendel for signage in Griffon and LaSalle Waterfront Parks VOTE

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

TABLED

16. Approval of Project Labor Agreement for renovation of the 3721 Highland Ave. Fire House VOTE

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

Council Member Grandinetti thanked Wendel for their no charge services to the City on this Project, & also commended the Isaiah 61 Project.

17. Approval of funding for Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Trolley Service VOTE

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

Council Member Touma thanked Frank Strangio and suggested that NFTA expand the Trolley Service throughout the County.

18. Approval to award contract for Landscaping & Maintenance of Medians & Traffic Circle, Gardenville Landscaping & Nursery

VOTE

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

19. Approval to award contract for Meals for Prisoners, Frankies Donuts, Inc.

VOTE

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

20. Approval of Certification of Base Percentages, Current Percentages & Current Base Proportions for Homestead & Non-Homestead Assessment Roll

VOTE

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

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

21. Approval of sale of 1406 18<sup>th</sup> St. to Edward & Julia Harrigan for the sum of \$200.00

VOTE

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

FROM THE MAYOR

22. Approval of funding for local share of NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant for the Buffalo Ave. Industrial Corridor Project

VOTE

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

23. Approval of funding for membership in Buffalo Niagara enterprise ("BNE") VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	ABSTAIN			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	3	1		

Council Member Choolokian said the money should be spent on things that effect everyday lives.

Council Member Grandinetti said she will support this until an Economic Development Director is hired.

Council Member Touma said this group will assist in bringing businesses into the City which will provide jobs.

Chairman Walker said this is needed to market City properties.

RESOLUTIONS

24. Relative to authorizing the issuance of Refunding bonds of the City to be designated substantially "Public Improvement refunding (Serial) Bonds" & providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of the Bonds to be refunded thereby

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
2014- Council Member Choolokian	X			
29 Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Member Choolokian thanked the Controller for saving the City money.