

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 27, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:04-7:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of April 13, 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:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:25 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #8
Steve Brown	Agenda Item #8
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #4, #5, #6, #9, #10, #16
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Items #1, #2, #4, #6, #8

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Anthony Casillio	YMCA, keep programs
Tony Poletti	Keep YMCA programs
Sylvia Francis	Tar put on Independence Ave.; frozen water lines; trash issues
Michael Henderson	YMCA inhabitants
Ronald Coty, Jr.	Billed for water not used
Ken Hamilton	Water Board issues; housing issues; YMCA closing
Joseph Heasley	YMCA closing
Robert Ventry	Agenda Item #8; alley between 3 rd & 4 th & Ferry & Walnut needs repairs; garbage issue; YMCA closing
Jason Chilcote	Roads that need repairs & 8 th & Pierce; secure abandoned properties; parolee issues
Vince Anello	Financial deficit, need Casino spending plan
Henry Krawczyk	DPW spending issues; against raise in parking rates & waiving parking fees
Susan Sorci	Condition of City streets

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval to award bid for Sodium Hypochlorite, Riverside Chemical Co 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 to award contract for Fireworks Display, Skylighters Fireworks 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 4th of July is a celebration for families and he had asked if the Senecas could contribute to the City's fireworks instead of having their own display but he felt it is a quality of life issue to have the fireworks on the 4th of July.

3. Approval to award bid for Landscaping of Medians,
J.F. Krantz Nursery 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:	5	0		

4. Approval of expenses incurred in repair, demolition or board of
structures within the City from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 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		

5. Approval to award Auction House Cleaning Contract,
Good Guy's Landscaping

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 Agreement with Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
for Trolley Service

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 repair work on Swimming Pool Filter Valves at 91st St. Pool

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 funding for road reconstruction/in-house Paving Program

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 funding for City Contribution to Centennial Circle Project

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 Anderson said that with the City's financial difficulties, this could be put off until next year.
 Council Member Choolokian said that the City is in a financial crisis and spending has to be prioritized.
 Council Member Grandinetti said grant money is used for this Project and the City contribution is money well spent.
 Chairman Touma said this area showcases our history.

10. Approval for funding for Niagara Military Affairs Council ("NIMAC")

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		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

11. Approval to settle and pay Claim of John Walaszek in the amount of \$855.94

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 settle and pay claim of Carlene S. Hamilton and Malia S. Hamilton in the amount of \$20,000.00

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

13. Relative to Honoring Father Slavomir Siok on his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

14. Relative to declaring April 2015 "Fair Housing Month"

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

15. Relative to Parking Rates for Recreational Vehicles and Buses

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said that recreational vehicles and buses should pay more than cars.

16. Relative to waiving Parking Fees for "Day of Appreciation" Event
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

17. Relative to Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., D. Min.
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

18. Relative to calling on the Governor, the New York State Assembly, and the New York State Senate to enact the "Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2015"
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

19. Relative to appointment of City Council Secretary

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma, Council Member Charles Walker

VOTE

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

Amendment is to add name of Bridgette Myles as Council Secretary.
Chairman Touma said that this person is well qualified for the position.

20. Relative to authorizing funding for the Local Share of the Project to paint the Porter Ave. Bridge over the CSX Railroad

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

Amendment is to add additional needed funding from Casino funds.

21. Approval of encroachment over City Property at 1701 Pine 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

22. Approval of encroachment over City Property at 300 3rd St.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:40 P. M.