

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MAY 2, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:12-6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of April 18, 2016

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Daniel M. Engert, Health Care Consortium
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2. John Caso, Director, Public Works and Brook D'Angelo, SWEET Program Coordinator - Electronic Recycling
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:50 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Jamie Caldwell	Agenda Items #16, #18
Vince Anello	Agenda Items #5, #18

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Parking Meters downtown Niagara Falls; DPW manning service lots
David Keegon	Introduced himself as Assemblyman John Ceretto's new Legislative & Constituent Coordinator
Francisco Fernandez	City losing money
Gerald Skrlin	Free speech; 1 st amendment
Bob Belton	Road repairs; water between layers on roads that are being resurfaced is not good
John Bennett	Blight in area; remove owner occupied for Bed & Breakfast
Merle Smouse	Blight; City Codes; Bed & Breakfast codes need to be reduced & enforced; illegal motels/hostels
Jamie Caldwell	City getting robbed blind; Niagara Falls is one of the most beautiful cities in the world; 72 nd St; City Engineer; Hamister Hotel; Train Station; road conditions
Vince Anello	What amount increase over last years Budget are you willing to tolerate; union contracts; City Workers contract regressing; Health Insurance

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval of Change Order #3 in the contract for Consultant Services for the repaving of Buffalo Avenue to C & S Engineers

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

2. Approval for reorganization of Purchasing Division

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Grandinetti	X				
Council Member Scott		X			
Council Member Tompkins		X			
Council Member Walker		X			
Council Chairman Touma		X			
Total:	1	4			DEFEATED

Council Member Tompkins asked why it was in the papers before it was approved & if this is a new position.
 Council Member Walker asked if this person, even with the upgrade, doing work as Purchasing Clerk.
 Chairman Touma stated that Purchasing already has a Grade 20 Purchasing Agent & now looking to upgrade the vacancy to Grade 19 with a \$10,000 increase from Step 12 to Grade 19 & the Department can function with a Grade 12.

3. Approval of Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Trolley Service, funding

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

4. Approval of acceptance of grant from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for Involved Violence Elimination grant

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Chairman Touma said the Superintendent & his team should be applauded for their continuance to get Grants.

5. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Police Captains and Lieutenants Association

VOTE

	TO TABLE		yea	nay
	yea	nay		
Council Member Grandinetti		X		
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma		X		
Total:	3	2		

TABLED

Motion was seconded by Council Member Tompkins
 Council Chairman Touma said this is obviously a very detailed item.

6. Approval of Empire State Development Regional Council Incentive Award for 3625 Highland Ave.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

7. Approval for funding for Niagara Military Affairs Council

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Chairman Touma thanked the Mayor for reducing the amount funded by \$10,000.

Mayor Dyster said the City is more responsible than others.
 Chairman Touma said other entities should step up to support NIMAC.

8. Approval for purchase of small equipment for Dept. of Public Works

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

9. Approval to Settle & Pay claim of Dawn Miller in the amount of \$24,500.00

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

10. Approval to Settle & Pay claim of Victor C. Ketch in the amount of \$1,327.17

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	ABSTAIN			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

RESOLUTIONS

11. Relative to Armenian Remembrance Day

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
40	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

12. Relative to Honoring the Best Men in Entertainment

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
41	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

13. Relative to the Veterans Memorial Commission, request for funding

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED

THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

14. Relative to congratulating the Niagara Falls Education Foundation 2016 Distinguished & Emerging Leader Alumni Honorees

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
42	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

15. Relative to waiver of parking fees for Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation's "Day of Appreciation" event

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
43	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

16. Relative to waiver of fees for Hyde Park Oasis for LaSalle Preparatory School

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
44	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

17. Relative to reappointment to the Municipal Civil Service Commission

BY: Council Members Scott, Tompkins, Walker & Chairman Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Grandinetti		X		
2016-	Council Member Scott	X			
45	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	1		

Chairman Touma said he has never received such glowing references for 1 person which is remarkable & pleasing. Mrs. Tavano has served the City well & does her job well.

18. REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Relative to amounts to be charged for duplicate tax bills and duplicate Water and Sewer bills

BY: Council Member Kristen Grandinetti

VOTE

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		REMOVE FROM TABLE		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member	Grandinetti	X		X		X	
Council Member	Scott	X		X		X	
Council Member	Tompkins	X		X		X	
Council Member	Walker	X		X		X	
Council Chairman	Touma	X		X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0	5	0

Council Chairman Touma seconded Remove from the Table.

Council Member Tompkins seconded amending the item.

Amendment is to have an effective date for charges & except for a single duplicate produced for an owner occupant.

19. Relative to City participation as a co-sponsor of the 2016 Memorial Day Parade

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member	Grandinetti	X			
Council Member	Scott	X			
Council Member	Tompkins	X			
Council Member	Walker	X			
Council Chairman	Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

Council Member Tompkins said if it wasn't for the City helping with this Parade, I don't know if we would be able to pull it off. Thankful for the City in helping out.

20. Relative to dedication of public roadway areas and corresponding amendment of the City Official Map

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member	Grandinetti	X			
Council Member	Scott	X			
Council Member	Tompkins	X			
Council Member	Walker	X			
Council Chairman	Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

21. Approval of the contract for purchase & delivery of trees for Beech Ave. Park

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