

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MAY 11, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:02-7:07 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 27, 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

7:21 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Touma read a letter from Henry Bryk advising that his company did not do work on the street in the area of Pierce Ave. & 18th St. that was referenced by a speaker at the last Council Meeting.

Chairman Touma reminded those present on the Policy for addressing the Council.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #4, #6, #17
Diane Tattersall	Agenda Item #4
Robert Ventry	Agenda Items #4, #13
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Items #4, #8, #12, #13

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Speakers should be prepared when addressing the Council;
Tracy Greene	Property conditions
Robert Ventry	Condition of In Rem properties; sidewalk conditions; Acting DPW Director doing a great job
Henry Krawczyk	Lack of information on Agenda Items; parking ticket received
Anthony Casilio	Keep YMCA programs

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claims for the Month of April 2015

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Contract for Façade Program Architect Two Year Agreement,
Giusiana Architects & Engineer

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 CD Housing Rehab Environmental Services Contract Extension,
UNYSE

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 Letter of Award for On-Street Parking Meter installations, Downtown Niagara Falls-Phase I, Ber-National Automation, Inc.

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said he has voted against this Project in the past so he is voting No.

Council Member Walker said Council needs more information before approving this Project.

Chairman Touma said that the Council needs more information and a Plan in place for this Project.

5. Approval of Letter of Award for roof replacement at the former Highland Ave. Firehall, 3721 Highland Ave., Joseph A. Sanders & Sons

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			

6. 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 Walker	X				
Council Chairman Touma	X				
Total:	5	0			

7. Approval of funding for overtime for Trades/Traffic Engineering

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 explained that there was a harsh winter and issues at the Ice Rink which caused the need for overtime.

8. Approval of funding of NFC Development Corp.

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said he has not attended NFC meetings in a few years, the process needs to be overhauled to provide a safety net for the City's money. Chairman Touma said NFC has many Projects in the pipeline and NFC approves Projects before they are submitted to Council for approval.

9. Approval of appropriation of Casino Funds for the 2015 NFC Operating Budget

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		

10. Approval of renewal of Parking Agreement with NTCC

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		

11. Approval of reactivation of the tunnel beneath 3rd St connecting the Sheraton Hotel with the East Side of 3rd St. owned by the Seneca Nation of Indians

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 of reorganization of HR Department

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 an adjustment in the salary of the HR assistant.

Chairman Touma said that this reorganization results in a savings for the Department.

13. Approval of Change Order #3 in the Contract for the International Railway Station/Transportation Center Project, Scrufari 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		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

14. Approval to settle & pay claim of Robert Howes in the amount of \$1,210.00

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		

15. Approval to settle & pay claim of William W. Schildauer in the amount of \$1,144.55

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 settle & pay claim of Felton Harris, III 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

17. Relative to appointment to the Financial Advisory Panel

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015- 40	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

18. Relative to the recognition of the 65th Anniversary of the
Niagara Falls, NY Chapter, The Links Inc.

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015- 41	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

19. Resolution relative to declaring May 2015 as "Bike Month"

BY: Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015- 42	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

20. Resolution relative to waiver of fees for use of Hyde Park Oasis by LaSalle Preparatory School

BY: Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
43	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		ABSTAIN	
	Total:	5	0	4	0

21. Approval of transfer of funds from NF Railway Station Project for Purchase Order request from National Grid.

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