

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR MAY 12, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the of Special Council Meeting of April 25 & Regular Council Meeting of April 28, 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

Seth Piccirillo - May 15 Commercial Space Marketing Event in partnership with National Grid and Niagara County Center for Economic Development  
- Walnut Avenue Homes Development, Tax Production Agreement  
- Final Revisions to 2014 HUD Community Development Action Plan  
- Presentation of 2015 Community Development Budget workshop dates and process

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:02 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #2, #13
Rick Crogan	Agenda Item #13
Daniel Davis	Agenda Item #6
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #5, #8, #13, #14, #31, #33

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Paul Gromosiak	Adams Power Plant; Tesla Statue; prayer at Council Meetings confuses students
Ken Hamilton	Memorial Day Parade; YMCA building closing; Bloneva Bond street naming; Niagara Power Baseball League
Ron Anderluh	National Grid volunteers at Gill Creek Park
Michael Weeks	Niagara Falls has wonderful opportunities; Volunteered as facilitator for Niagara Experience Center

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claims for the Month of April 2014

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of downtown Police Substation Lease, 304 Third St. (Sheraton) 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		

3. Approval of funding for 2014 Tree Planting Program

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 Extension of Agreement with Niagara Tourism and Convention Corp.

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 that the Niagara County Legislature had reservations about funding NTCC & he wanted to table this item but had no support.

Council Member Touma said NTCC is doing a nice job for the City.

5. Approval of City's participation with Financial Restructuring Board

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA  
THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

6. Approval of Actions required for Contingent Disposition of 2201 Whirlpool Street

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 Revisions to 2014 CD Action Plan

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 funding for D'Amelio Park Improvements from CD Block Grant Funding

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 Community Development Director, Seth Piccirillo.

9. Approval of Walnut Ave. Homes Development Tax Production Agreement with Housing Visions Consultants, 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:	4	1		

Council Member Choolokian said he does not support this Project.

10. Approval of funding for Emergency Generator Repair at Firehouse 8-Hyde Park Ave. and Royal Ave., Cummins Northeast LLC

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		

11. Approval of funding for Emergency Repair to Fire House Garage Doors, Rich's "Expert" Door

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		

12. Approval of creation and funding for Greenskeeper Position  
in Parks Division of DPW

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		

13. Approval of funding for City Concert Event on Old Falls Street  
during August

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:	2	2		

DEFEATED

Council Member Choolokian said that due to the lack of Casino funding in the past, groups have creatively found their own funding. Chairman Walker said that the Bed Tax money should be used to promote Tourism.

14. Approval of funding for Capital Improvements to benefit Whirlpool  
Little League

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 had proposed funding a Sports Complex but he was ok with this use. Council Member Touma said that there are immediate needs at the Park that need to be addressed.

15. Approval of funding for furniture for Purchasing Department

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		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

16. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 1724 Whitney Ave.

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		

17. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 2250 Woodlawn Ave

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		

18. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 1918 Walnut Ave.

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 install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of  
2418 Whitney Ave.

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 to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of  
611/613 - 6<sup>th</sup> St.

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		

21. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of  
1520 Whitney Ave.

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		

22. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of  
618-20<sup>th</sup> St.

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 to add three Parking spaces adjacent to the new Pedestrian Traffic signal at 2220 Pine Ave. (Como Restaurant)

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		

24. Approval to install "No Standing Anytime Restriction" on 82<sup>nd</sup> St. adjacent to Pine Plaza

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

25. Approval to settle & pay claim of Rollo Lutz in the amount of \$1,389.64

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		

26. Approval to settle & pay claim of Joseph D. Barto in the amount of \$1,325.90

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		

27. Approval to settle & pay claim of Sara E. Schupp in the amount of \$2,139.40

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		

28. Approval to settle & pay claim of Jennie Lee Gaeta-Packer in the amount of \$5000.00

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		

29. Approval to settle & pay claim of Eric L. Johns in the amount of \$5000.00

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		

30. Approval to settle & pay claim of Paul M. Hansen in the amount of \$12,000.00

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		

RESOLUTIONS

31. Relative to Home Rule Request for reduction of speed limit in  
Downtown Niagara Falls  
By: All Council Members

VOTE

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

32. Relative to Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste  
Repository in the Great Lakes Basin  
By: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Amendment is to add two additional paragraphs to the end of the Resolution.

33. Relative to recommending certain changes to the Freedom of Information  
Law (F.O.I.L.) request form  
By: Council Member Touma

VOTE

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