

THE MEETING TIMES FOR THIS MEETING, JUNE 8, 2015, WILL BE 5:00 PM FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND 6:00 PM FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING.

PURSUANT TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2015-16, THE TRIAL PERIOD FOR THE TIMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HAS ENDED.

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR JUNE 8, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRESENTATIONS:

CHIEF CITY COURT JUDGE MARK VIOLANTE SPOKE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

2014 CITY'S AUDITED FINANCIALS-PRESENTED BY RANDALL SHEPARD FROM BONADIO, CPA

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:13 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - ANDERSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Andrew Touma asked those present to observe a Moment of Silence for 3-year old Maksym Sugorovskiy who was killed at Delaware Park, Buffalo, New York on June 6, 2015.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Norma Higgs	Agenda Item #10
Diane Tattersall	Agenda Item #15

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Suggested Council take advice of the Financial Advisory Board; parking revenues need to be increased; International Flags should be placed on Niagara St; Gill Creek Park needs Comfort Station; Police presence needed on Niagara St.; thanks for road repairs on Niagara St.
Rick Crogan	Thanks for City's help for Music & Arts Festival, especially John Caso, Bob Spacone & Craig Johnson
Diane Tattersall	High grass in several areas of the City
Gerald Skrlin	Condition of Merani Property in his neighborhood; FOIL responses not received in a timely manner
Henry Krawczyk	Complimented repaving of the Boat Launch area
William Williamson	Paper from NORAMPAC stored in Highland Ave. area; doesn't see work being done at Highland Ave. Fire Hall
Vince Anello	Spoke on John Daly Blvd. plan of his administration; Auditors report shows need to increase revenues & reduce spending; Casino Spending Plan needed

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Consultant Services Agreement for John B. Daly Extension, Stantec Consulting Group, 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		

3. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for Luther Jayne Park Improvements, Scott Lawn Yard, Inc.

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 to correct dollar amounts.

Council Member Choolokian said that he voted against the Project but the Contractor should be paid.

4. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for Griffon Park Cartop Boat Launch, Scott Lawn Yard, 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		

5. Approval to accept a Grant from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination 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		

6. Approval of termination of license regarding 310 Rainbow Blvd (the "Premises")

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		

Council Member Choolokian said this item is based on an anticipated building permit that is still not on file so he voting No.

7. Approval of Amendment to Land Disposition & Development Agreement for 310 Rainbow Blvd.

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		

Council Member Choolokian said he was against some of the terms of the Contract for the Project at the beginning and he gave the Project some leeway but at this point he is voting No.

8. Approval of Municipal Cooperation Agreement with Town of Niagara

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 said the City should seek other Shared Service Agreements to cut expenses.

9. Approval of contribution to Main St. Business/Professional Association
Flag Day Ceremony

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		

Council Member Grandinetti said that the Flag Day Ceremony will be held in the area of the Park Place Market-she complimented & encourages support for the many local artisan's at the Market.

10. Approval of additional funding for demolitions by Dept. of
Code Enforcement

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 said he supports demolitions but suggested trying to rehab properties before they reach the point of demolition.

11. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for 2014 Municipal Resurfacing
Project, Yarussi Construction 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		

12. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for ADA Compliance Project,
Construction Inspection/Contract Administration, Foit Albert Associates
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.
THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

13. Request to settle & pay claim of Pamela J. Curley in the amount of \$907.06

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		

14. Request to settle & pay claim of Gino Lobianco in the amount of \$1,629.13

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

15. Relative to Meeting Time Change

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma, Council Member Kristen Grandinetti

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:	2	3		

DEFEATED

Council Member Choolokian said that he is ok with the new times but the response he received from his constituent's favored the earlier times. Chairman Touma said the later times encouraged more citizens to attend the Meetings and he would like to keep the later Meeting Times.

16. Relative to placing the First American Women, Harriett Tubman, on the New Twenty Dollar Bill

BY: Council Member Kristen Grandinetti

VOTE

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

17. Relative to congratulating the Graduates of Niagara Falls Drug Court and declaring May 2015 as "Drug Court Month"

BY: Councilwoman Kristen Grandinetti

VOTE

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

18. Relative to waiver of Hyde Park Oasis rental fees for Niagara County Action Program, Inc. on August 7, 2015

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X			
53	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	abstain			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	0		

19. Relative to Appointment to the Senior Citizens Council

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

20. Approval of reallocation of funding from completed park improvements to the Gluck Park Improvement Project

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

Chairman Touma and Council Members Choolokian and Grandinetti said they are glad to see this on the Agenda.