

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR MARCH 20, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:00-6:05 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 6, 2017

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Niagara County Cancer Services Program

Renee Kimble spoke about Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. People should be aware of the importance of screening. NFMCC offers these services for ages 50-60

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:15 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Huether	Agenda Items #6, #14, #17
Bill Carroll	Agenda Item #14
Judi Powell	Agenda Item #16
Dan Davis	Agenda Item #12
Diane Tattersall	Agenda Items #14, #17

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Snow removal, DPW; Neighbor to Neighbor meetings
Diane Tattersall	Cell phone distraction

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of February 2017 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of the Contract for the boarding up of various dilapidated & fire damaged buildings to Candella Construction Co., Inc. VOTE

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

3. Approval of Community Development Block Grant, Consolidated Action Plan VOTE

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

4. Approval of Center City and Neighborhood Housing Services

VOTE

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

5. Approval of Contract for Entry Signage at LaSalle Waterfront Park And Griffon Park to A & B Heritage Inc.

VOTE

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

6. Approval of Contract for Change Order #1 for Mechanical & Plumbing Activation for 3625 Highland Ave. to J.R. Swanson Plumbing

VOTE

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

Council Member Scott questioned the Engineer about Change Orders. All Council Members discussed the issue of Change Orders and that we need to monitor funds allocated for Change Orders.

7. Approval of Contract for Pothole Killer to Patch Management

VOTE

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

8. Approval of new Contract with the SPCA for sheltering services

VOTE

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

Councilwoman Grandinetti commented that the SPCA needs to remember that they serve the County and that funding should also come from the County.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

9. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of Glenn Bartlett in the amount of \$500,000.00

VOTE

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

Councilwoman Grandinetti stated that on the advice of the Corporation Counsel Office, she was voting yes.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Relative to the creation of a Citizen Advisory Body to provide advice & Recommendations to the Council regarding Chapter 365 of the City Ordinances "Taxicab and Taxicab Drivers"

BY: Council Members Tompkins and Touma

VOTE

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

Chairman Walker commented that there should be more information about who would be on the Advisory Board and what they would address.

11. Relative to authorizing the implementation & funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs For Bridge Washing

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea		nay		yea	nay
		yea	nay	yea	nay		
2017-	Council Woman Grandinetti	X					
27	Council Member Scott	X					
	Council Member Tompkins	X					
	Council Member Touma	X					
	Council Chairman Walker	X					
	Total:	5	0				

12. Relative to authorizing the implementation & funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid & State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs of Transportation Federal-Aid Project for Niagara St. to Pine Ave.  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
28	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Councilwoman Grandinetti discussed the importance of this Project.  
 Councilman Touma commented on the positive aspects of the Project.

13. Relative to regarding for abandonment a portion of the 6<sup>th</sup> St. Right-Of-Way adjacent to 543 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott	X			
29	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:		5	0		

14. Relative to protocol to be followed by City Council Members during Public Meetings  
 BY: Council Member Tompkins

VOTE

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

DEFEATED

Councilman Scott commented that this issue should be handled In House.  
 Councilman Tompkins stated that phone records could be Foiled.  
 Councilman Touma stated that cell phones are a positive addition and used for information gathering.

15. Relative to recognizing March 2017 at Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		AMEND		VOTE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
30	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Amendment was to move this Item to the Committee of the Whole Meeting for approval.

16. Relative to support of request by NEMMC for State funding for  
 Infrastructure improvements at Memorial Medical Center  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X			
2017-	Council Member Scott	X			
31	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Touma	X			
	Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:		5	0		

Councilman Touma stated that the Hospital has done a great job for the Community and they continue to grow and improve.

17. Relative to supporting Gov. Cuomo's Raise The Age  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		TABLE		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti		X	X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
32	Council Member Tompkins	X			ABSTAIN
	Council Member Touma		X	X	
	Council Chairman Walker		X	X	
Total:		2	3	4	0

To Table was defeated

18. Relative to authorizing the use of City buildings as Polling Places for the annual School Board Election/Budget Vote

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
33	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
	Total:	5	0	5	0

19. Relative to the appointment to the Youth Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
34	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
	Total:	5	0	5	0

20. Relative to thanking NYS agencies for their assistance with snow removal

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
35	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
	Total:	5	0	5	0



21. Relative to Amending Chapter 365 of the Codified Ordinances entitled  
 "Taxicabs and Taxicab Drivers"

BY: Council Members Grandinetti, Scott, Tompkins, Touma

VOTE

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

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED  
 NO ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:35 PM