

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:10-5:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of April 3, 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:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:20 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - SCOTT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding Amending Chapter 1328 of the Codified Ordinances by adding a new subdivision 1328.13 "Short-Term Rental Units"

Shelia Zuni
Diane Tattersall
Bob Pascoal
Lou Rizzo
Jeff Flach
Mary Leahy
Maryann Harvey
Merle Smouse
Michael Murphy
Carroll Reetz

James Abbondazza
David Abbondanza
Tina Galyn

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Huether	Agenda Items #7, #9, #19
Damon DeCastro	Agenda Item #17
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #17
Idriss Cisse	Agenda Item #17

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Pat Proctor	Parking Ramps
Na'Ria Westbrook	Gluck Park Playground
Ken Hamilton	various topics
Cheryl Johnpur	Taxicabs

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

- 1. City Clerk's Claim Report for the Month of March 2017 R & F
- 2. City Clerk's Report for the Month of March 2017 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

- 3. Approval of the Contract for Meals for Prisoners to PSNF Inc.,
d/b/a McDonald's 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		

4. Approval of the Contract for the sale of Street Millings to LaFarge North America, 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		

5. Approval of Terms of Sale for 326 Cedar Ave. to Buffalo Development

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 Dept. of Code Enforcement expenses incurred in repair, demolition or board of structures within the City from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 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		

7. Approval for funding of Community Liaison Positions

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 engagement of Troy & Banks Consultants LLC to perform Audits on behalf of the City

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		

9. Approval of funding of the Contract for rehabilitation/replacement of windows & Doors at 3625 Highland Ave. Business Park to Allstate General Contracting 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		

10. Approval of the 2014-2024 Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Fire Dept. Officer's Association, Local 3359

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		

Councilman Touma discussed savings and stability for the Fire Dept. Councilwoman Grandinetti read a statement of support for the Contract. All Councilmembers discussed positive aspects of the Contract.

11. Approval of the 2014-2026 Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Uniform Firefighter's Association, Local 714

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		

12. Approval of the contract for the purchase of Jerauld Ave. Park equipment and the purchase & installation of Jerauld Ave. Playground safety surfacing

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		

13. Approval of the contract for the purchase of Equipment for Dog Park Project

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		

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the location. He asked if it should be more centralized.

Councilman Touma also stated he felt location could have been different but was satisfied with the savings.

14. Approval of the sale of 3625 Ferry Ave. to Catherine Rickard

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		

Chairman Walker asked about the process for acquiring property. Community Development Director, Seth Piccirillo explained the process. Councilman Tompkins asked if the property is put up for auction. Chairman Walker stated that residents have voiced concerns about the process.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

15. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of GEICO General Insurance Company in the amount of \$5,389.61

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		

16. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of Felix Gibbs in the amount of \$7,500.00

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		

RESOLUTIONS

17. Relative to amending Chapter 365 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Taxicabs and Taxicab Drivers"

BY: Council Members Tompkins and Touma

VOTE

	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:	4	1			

Councilwoman Grandinetti moved to Table the Item.

Councilman Scott seconded the motion.

Council Members discussed the NYS regulations for Uber-Lyft.

18. Relative to requesting a joint meeting with the Water Board to discuss issues relevant to our City

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

19. Relative to authorizing the implementation & funding of the Federal-Aid & State "Marchiselli" Program for Buffalo Ave.; Cayuga Dr. to 102nd St.

BY: Council Members Grandinetti, Touma & Council Chairman Walker

VOTE

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

20. Relative to support for Niagara Falls Resource Center Network Event
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

21. Relative to recognition of Police Dept. Officers
 BY: Council Woman Grandinetti

VOTE

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

Amendment is to have the Agenda Item being moved to the Committee of The Whole Meeting.

22. Relative to the appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

23. Relative to the appointment to the Assessment Review Board
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

24. Relative to amending Chapter 1328 of the Codified Ordinances by adding a new subdivision 1328.13 "Short-Term Rental Units"

BY: Council Members Tompkins and Touma

VOTE

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

Councilman Tompkins moved to Table the Item, asking for more time to review pertinent information.

Councilman Scott 2nd the Motion.

The Item failed to Table.

Item was then approved

25. Relative to Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Federal Restoration Funding

BY: Councilwoman Grandinetti

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

26. Relative to creation of a Citizen Advisory Body to provide advice & recommendations to the Council regarding Chapter 365 of the City ordinances "Taxicab/Taxicab Drivers"

BY: Council Members Tompkins, Touma

		REMOVE FROM TABLE		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Woman Grandinetti	X		X	
2017-	Council Member Scott	X		X	
47	Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0