

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR JANUARY 31, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

KENNEDY X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X VOCCIO X TOUMA X

PRAYER - KENNEDY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of January 17, 2018

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

PRESENTATIONS

Nick Melson, City Administrator, Seth Piccirillo, Director of Community Development, John Caso, director of Public Works, Craig Johnson, Corporation Counsel, addressing City Blight

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #17, #19
Tim Huether	Agenda Item #2, #4
Judy Dye	Neighbor's garbage
Gerald Skrlin	Agenda Item #4

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Pat Proctor	Traffic lights; 7 th St.; Traffic problems; landscaping
Donta Myles	Kudos to Public Works about plowing; Casino funds
Mary DeBacco	Slumlords; blight in City
James Hufnagel	State Parks; Carriage Barn
Debra Hicks	Highland Community Park; Beech Ave. Legacy Park
Paula Veltri	Public Works to clean snow on corner, no response
Gerald Skrlin	Various

Chairman Andrew Touma called for an Executive Session to discuss Litigation
 Council Member Kenny Tompkins motioned to adjourn to Executive Session
 Council Member Chris Voccio seconded the motion.
 Executive Session began at 8:58 PM

Executive Session ended at 9:16 PM
 Council Member Tompkins motioned to come out of Executive Session

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval of purchase of Liberty Park Equipment to Kompan Playground Equipment

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

2. Approval of stipend to be paid to City Assessor to perform duties in the Town of Wilson pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy				
Council Member Scott				
Council Member Tompkins				
Council Member Voccio				
Council Chairman Touma				
Total:				

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED
 NO ACTION TAKEN

3. Approval of Amendment of NFURA-City Ground Lease, Third Street Parking Lot

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Chairman Touma said this is a beneficial change and thanked Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson for his work on this.

4. Approval of participation in funding for Discover Niagara Shuttle

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Member Scott is grateful for riders using the Shuttle. We need to be careful about spending on this.

Council Member Voccio is comfortable on spending \$100,000 on this.

Council Member Tompkins said it is great that the City is getting a 40% return from the Shuttle.

5. Approval of Contract for funding for Niagara Military Affairs Council

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

Council Member Voccio stated that saying Yes to all requests from organizations will be against cutting expenses.

City Administrator, Nick Melson said that these are already budgeted expenses.

Council Chairman Touma stated that moving forward these organizations need to find additional revenue for funding.

6. Approval of Contract for funding for School District of the City of Niagara Falls, OSC-21

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

7. Approval of Contract for funding for Niagara Falls Beautification Commission

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

8. Approval of Contract for funding for Niagara Falls Block Club Council

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

9. Approval of Continuation of Agreement with NSPCA

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Member Tompkins inquired about the 6 month contract. City Administrator Nick Melson said the City is looking at every option and we are not getting the value from the SPCA.

10. Approval of Contract for funding for Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

11. Approval of Restoration of Casino Reserves

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

12. Approval of Contract for funding for Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	1		

13. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for installation of new Mechanical/HVAC Systems at 3625 Highland Ave. to J.R. Swanson Plumbing

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Council Member Kennedy stated that in the future if we can get a receipt breakdown on additional expenses.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNCIL

14. Approval of In Rem Auction Bids from December 19, 2017

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Kennedy	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

RESOLUTIONS

15. Relative to Re-Appointment of Marriage Officer

VOTE

BY: All Council Members

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2018- Council Member Kennedy	X			
11 Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

16. Relative to Appointment, Re-Appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board

VOTE

BY: All Council Members

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2018- Council Member Kennedy	X			
12 Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Voccio	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

17. Relative to Creation of the Niagara Falls Complete Streets Policy
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Kennedy	X			
2018-	Council Member Scott	X			
13	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Voccio	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

18. Relative to support of City of Niagara Falls Applications to the New York State Health Foundation
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Kennedy	X			
2018-	Council Member Scott	X			
14	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Voccio	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

19. Relative to Amending Chapter 502 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Towing-Rules and Regulations"

BY: Council Members Kennedy, Tompkins, Council Chairman Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Kennedy				
	Council Member Scott				
	Council Member Tompkins				
	Council Member Voccio				
	Council Chairman Touma				
Total:					

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED
 NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM