

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MARCH 16, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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6:02-6:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of March 2, 2015 and the Special Meeting of March 9, 2015 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		

PRESENTATIONS:

Seth Piccirillo, Community Development - Disposition of Vacant City-Owned Property

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:05 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - CHAIRMAN TOUMA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #15
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Paul Montani	Frozen water line issues
Jibreel Riley	Get vacant properties back on tax rolls
Anthony Salciccioli	Frozen water line issues
Elisa Newman-David	Save YMCA membership services
Ken Hamilton	Find solution to frozen water pipes-insurance is available; designate YMCA building as Historical; former Council Member Sottile health issues
Robert Ventry	Pothole Killer issues; save YMCA membership services
Anthony Casilio	YMCA is great asset to the City and should be given financial support from the City
Don Burns	Consider City ownership of YMCA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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| 1. Claims for the Month of February 2015 | R & F |
| 2. City Clerk's Report for the Month of February 2015 | R & F |

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

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| 3. Approval of funding for SWEET Team Budget | VOTE |
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	REMOVE FROM TABLE		APPROVE		
	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	X			X	DEFEATED
Council Member Choolokian	X			X	
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		
Council Member Walker	X			X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X		
Total:	5	0	2	3	

Chairman Touma said additional temporary workers are needed for education and enforcement of Refuse/Recycling Ordinance.

4. Approval of Revisions to 2015 CD Action Plan

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 of renewal of bid for clearing of vacant lots,
K.J. Smith Enterprises

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 and Chairman Touma said they are voting in favor of this as long as the price does not exceed \$70,000.00

6. Approval of funding for Pothole Killers, Patch Management, 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		

7. Approval of funding for 2015 ZOOM Team Budget

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		

8. Approval of funding for Zipper material requested by DPW/Parks for 2015 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		

9. Approval of funding for Desk Officer Online Reporting System

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		

10. Approval of Reorganization/Class Upgrade in the Law Dept.

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		

11. Approval of Reorganization/Class Upgrade in Parks/DPW

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson		X			
Council Member Choolokian		X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X				DEFEATED
Council Member Walker		X			
Council Chairman Touma		X			
Total:	1	4			

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

12. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of James Davis IV in the amount of \$1,282.50

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		

13. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of GEICO General Insurance Company in the amount of \$7,020.37

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

14. Relative to Honoring Bishop Brian Keith Williams
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

15. Relative to appointment to the Financial Advisory Panel
BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

16. Relative to authorizing the use of City Bldgs. as Polling Places for
Annual School Board Election
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

17. Relative to retaining Special Counsel to the City Council for the purpose of reforming the City Charter

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma, Council Members Anderson, Choolokian, Walker

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X			
25	Council Member Grandinetti		X		
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	1		

Chairman Touma said Mr. Restaino is working with Corporation Counsel, Craig Johnson, to codify the Two (2) Charters into one working document.

18. Resolution relative to Honoring First Ladies

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
26	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
	Total:	5	0	5	0

19. Resolution relative to supporting Niagara County Legislature
 Resolution #IL-045-15, relative to distribution of Casino Funds
 BY: Council Member Grandinetti

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
27	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Council Member Grandinetti said that this is an Election Year and the Republican Controlled Legislature doesn't want to give money to a Democratic controlled City. The money should be used to help every part of the County because what's fair is fair.

Chairman Touma said the City already gives a portion of the Casino Dollars it receives to other entities which helps the entire County.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:47 P.M.