

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR JANUARY 5, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:06-5:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Nominations for Council Chairperson

Council Member Anderson nominated Council Member Touma  
The Nomination was Seconded by Council Member Choolokian

Election of Council Chairperson for 2015

Council Member Anderson voted for Council Member Touma  
Council Member Choolokian voted for Council Member Touma  
Council Member Grandinetti voted for Council Member Touma  
Council Member Touma voted for Council Member Touma  
Council Member Walker voted for Council Member Touma

Oath of Office for Council Chairman Touma administered by City Clerk, Carol A. Antonucci, as the Bible was held by Chairman Touma's mother, wife and children.

Approval of Minutes from the Special Council Meetings #1, #2 of December 12, 2014, Special Council Meeting of December 15, 2014, Council Meeting of December 22, 2014, Special Council Meeting of December 26, 2014

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:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

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PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Walker asked those present to observe a Moment of Silence for former Governor Mario Cuomo and developer Frank Ciminelli.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #11
Gerald Skrlin	Agenda Item #12

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Gerald Skrlin	Condition of property on Buffalo Ave.; Freedom of Speech issues
Robert Ventry	Raising taxes in 2015 Budget was bad idea; against City building its own Animal Shelter; leaf pickup should start in October & extend beyond November; bulk item pickup should be weekly

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

- Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for Asbestos Abatement for 3721 Highland Ave., Apollo Dismantling Services, LLC

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		

2. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for City Hall Parking Lot Improvements, 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		

3. Approval of acquisition of Parcel of Property on Porter Rd. from the NY Power Authority

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		

4. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Hyde Park Ice Pavilion existing Locker Room renovations, Phase III, (Plumbing Contract), Mollenberg Betz, 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 increase amount of Change Order.

5. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for 2014 Drainage Structure replacement & repair project, Yarussi Construction

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 proposed of reorganization of Departments affected by City Employee Retirement Incentive Program

VOTE

	AMEND		TO TABLE		
	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	X		X		TABLED
Council Member Choolokian	X		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			X	
Council Member Walker	X		X		
Council Chairman Touma	X		X		
Total:	5	0	4	1	

Amendment is to remove positions from Human Resource Dept. from attachment.

7. Approval of funding for positions that were removed during the Budget Process

VOTE

	TO TABLE		yea	nay	
	yea	nay			
Council Member Anderson	X				TABLED
Council Member Choolokian	X				
Council Member Grandinetti		X			
Council Member Walker	X				
Council Chairman Touma	X				
Total:	4	1			

8. Approval of MOU between Ronald Benderson & David H. Baldauf related to the Proposed Abandonment of the unimproved portion of 76<sup>th</sup> St.

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 that this was denied by the Planning Board due to concerns about soil contamination.

Council Member Walker said assurances have been received from the DEC about safety concerns in going forward with this Project.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

9. Approval of Mayor's approval of Resolution 2014-87, relative to Amending Chapter 911 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Solid Waste Refuse and Recycling"

R & F

10. Approval of Mayor's approval of Resolution 2014-90, relative to Amending Chapter 1107 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Permits, Fees And Certificates"

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RESOLUTIONS

11. Relative to Daily Parking Rates in City Lots and Ramp  
 BY: Council Member Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-1	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

12. Relative to designating Niagara Gazette as official newspaper  
 BY: Council Member Charles Walker

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-2	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

13. Relative to reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-3	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 thanked those who were being reappointed for their hard work on this Commission.

14. Relative to adoption of Investment Policy for the City of Niagara Falls  
 BY: Council Member Charles Walker

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-4	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

15. Approval of MOU between DCJS, City of NF, Niagara County DA & Niagara County Sheriff for a Regional Crime Analysis Center

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

6:30 P.M.