

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:04-6:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of December 28, 2015

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Management Information Systems (MIS) Update on City Website  
Joseph Morock, Jr. - Director

CANCELLED

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2. Refuse & Recycle Program - Update  
Brook D'Angelo, SWEET Program Coordinator  
Joe Hickman, Sales & Municipal Accounts Manager, Modern Disposal

CANCELLED

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:25 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Pascoal	Agenda Item #2
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Welcomed new Council Members; Parking Meters installation downtown; enforcement of Parking Meters; location of meters
Jamie Caldwell	Delay of Hamister Project; hiring of Engineer
Rick Crogan	Mayor's Conference, Agenda Item #16, same weekend as Music/Art Festival, can market this with Conference
Diane Tattersall	Compliment to DPW for cleanup; Rick Crogan's statements are positive; concerns and problems in Niagara Falls; voter turnout low; Great Lakes Conference

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Claim Report for the Month of December 2015 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of purchase of vehicles for Police Department VOTE

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

Council Member Scott stated we do need these, is voting Yes.  
 Council Member Tompkins said he has seen the shape of these cars and is voting Yes.  
 Council Chairman Touma said he has driven in some of the vehicles and the Police are put in a very unsafe situation with the older cars. Casino Dollars are earmarked for purchases such as these and is voting Yes.

2A Approval of Construction Access Permission for 425 Third St.

VOTE

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

3. Approval to settle and pay claim of Charles V. Calabro in the amount of \$115,000.00

VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

4. Relative to amending Chapter 171.01 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Benefits of Employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements"

BY: Council Member Kenneth M. Tompkins

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-4 Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

Chairman Touma stated that this is a part time position and health insurance was voted on by previous Council Members to assist Commission Members. We need to look at everything to make sure we make it equal for all Board Members, and he is voting Yes.

5. Relative to amending Chapter 171.05 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Benefits of Employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements"

BY: Council Member Kenneth M. Tompkins

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-5	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott		X		
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker		X		
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		3	2		

Council Member Scott said he made it clear in his statement to the Niagara Gazette about this and is standing firm and is voting No.

Council Chairman Touma said we need to look at all areas to cut expenses and Health Care is one of them. We do have full time responsibilities for a part time job. A difficult vote as we need to make a tough decision and need to look at this down the road and he is voting Yes.

6. Relative to reappointments and appointments to the Cable Television Commission

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-6	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

7. Relative to Appointment to the Civil Service Commission

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-7	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

8. Relative to Reappointments to the Senior Citizen Council

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-8	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

9. Relative to Reappointments and Appointments to the Planning Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-9	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

10. Relative to Reappointments and Appointments to the Tourism Advisory Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016-10	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

11. Relative to Reappointments and Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 11	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

Chairman Touma stated in regards to all the Boards, it is a privilege to be on these Boards. Resumes were amazing from our residents and he is voting Yes.

12. Relative to Reappointments and Appointments to the Youth Board

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 12	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

13. Relative to fee waiver of Hyde Park Oasis for the Niagara Falls Sertoma Club-62<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser to support various Organizations throughout the City

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 13	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

Council Member Scott believes the Sertoma Club does much for the Community and he is voting Yes.

14. Relative to Honoring the memory and service of Sgt. Theodore Travis  
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 14	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

15. Relative to Reappointment of Marriage Officer  
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2016- 15	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Tompkins	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		5	0		

16. Approval of hosting the 2016 annual meeting and conference of  
 The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVAL		
		yea	nay	yea	nay	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		Add to Agenda seconded by Council Member Walker
	Council Member Scott	X			X	
	Council Member Tompkins	X		X		
	Council Member Walker	X		X		
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X		
Total:		5	0	4	1	

Council Member Grandinetti believes this information should have been given to Council in a more timely manner. This should have been given to us at an earlier time. She wholeheartedly supports this and is voting Yes.  
 Council Member Scott said he just received this tonight and is voting No.  
 Council Member Tompkins said with this additional information they have given us is voting Yes.  
 Council Member Walker understood how the operation works but didn't have a Budget. Since we now have the Budget he became comfortable with this and is voting Yes.

Council Chairman Touma thanked the administration for putting this together for the City and this is a win for the City. Appreciates NTCC's partnership in this. We can't rush to decisions when we don't have ample information but with the information shared with us tonight, I vote Yes.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:03 PM