

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR JANUARY 25, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-6:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRESENTATIONS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

1. Update on City Website
City Administrator, Donna Owens

2. Refuse & Recycle Program - Update

Brook D'Angelo, SWEET Program Coordinator

Joe Hickman, Sales & Municipal Accounts Manager, Modern Disposal

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:10 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - SCOTT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Ventry	Agenda Items #3, #9, #10, #11, #12
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Federal Govt. to take Seizure Program out of the hands of the Police Dept.; Lockport Rd & 24 th St. repairs; Comment on recent event at the LaSalle Library; OSC-21 doing a great job; heard about the County Courthouse moving to Lockport
Bob Pascoal	Police cars; Mayor's Task Force
Michael Henderson	Recycling; Xmas trees not recyclable, needs to be rectified

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Bid for purchase of concrete to LaFarge North America 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		

3. Approval of Change Order #3 in the Contract for the reconstruction of Lockport St., Engineering Services Contract, Urban Engineers of New York 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		

Chairman Touma said this is great about the reconstruction of Lockport St & this is 95% reimbursable.

4. Approval of Change Order #5 in the Contract of NF International Railway Station & Transportation Ctr. Project, Scrufari Construction Company

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		

5. Approval of acceptance of grant for Stop Violence Against Women on behalf of Police Dept.

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		

Chairman Touma said this is a great initiative & the Police Dept. drafts a lot of Grants.

6. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Consultant Services Agreement of Phase IV Ice Facilities, DiDonato Associates P.E.

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		

7. Approval of funding assistance to the School District for the operation of the OSC-21 Public Access Channel

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 Tompkins said we have wonderful organizations but in the future they need to find other sources for funding. The City's income is getting smaller & smaller.

Chairman Touma said there is a franchise fee from the Cable Commission and that money is put back into the School District for use by OSC-21.

8. Approval of sale of 417 Elmwood Ave. & 2723 LaSalle Ave, CD Home Ownership Auction

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		

Chairman Touma commended Council Member Walker on this initiative and gave thanks to Community Development Director Seth Piccirillo.

9. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

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 Walker said they should seek funding from outside sources and the City needs to support the non-for-profit organizations.

Chairman Touma said this facility enriches the lives of many in the City.

10. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with the
Niagara Falls Block Club Council

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		

11. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Falls
Beautification Commission

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		

12. Approval of funding for renewing License Plate Reader technology
service for Police Dept.

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		

13. Approval of Funding Agreement with the Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. to continue assistance to qualified City residents VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Scott	X			
Council Member Tompkins	X			
Council Member Walker	ABSTAIN			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

Chairman Touma said this Program provides emergency assistance for residents.

14. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Military Affairs Council 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		

Chairman Touma said NMAC advocates for a base that employs the most people in the County. This affects a lot of people in their jobs and livelihood. We need to keep this in our County.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

15. Approval of In Rem Auction Bids from December 14, 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		

16. Approval of Extinguishment of 1987 easement

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		

Chairman Touma said the City is in the process of selling a portion to the Sheraton. They are building a Water Park and the Sheraton said the Park will be up very quickly.

17. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for acoustic & Electric upgrades to LaSalle Library, Walter S. Johnson Bldg.

VOTE

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

Council Member Grandinetti seconded the Item to be added to the Agenda

18. Relative to celebrating Ada Lucille Williams on her 92nd Birthday Celebration

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
2016- Council Member Scott	X		X	
16 Council Member Tompkins	X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	5	0	5	0

Council Member Grandinetti seconded the Item to be added to the Agenda