

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:05-6:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON absent CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

CITY CONTROLLER MARIA BROWN-CASINO FUNDING UPDATE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:30 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PRAYER - CHOOLOKIAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #2, #3, 10A
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Items #3, #9, #10, #10A
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #1, #9, #10
Robert Ventry	Agenda Items #1, #3, #10

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Parking revenues
Henry Krawczyk	Issues with Seneca Nation regarding Convention Center/Casino
Ken Hamilton	Issue with Council Meeting times & speaker limits; Candidate campaign filing issues
Ron Cunningham	Approves of NFHA exemption from garbage fees; need more Beautification in City for tourists; parking fees; Council has the right to choose Chairman; public should stay out of candidates campaign filing issues
Robert Ventry	Council should hold Public Hearing before accepting Codified Charter; excessive amount of bulk items in City for pickup; grass cutting contract should be awarded in the beginning of the season

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for reconstruction of Buffalo Ave., Phase II, Engineering Services Contract, C & S Engineers

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

2. Approval of agreement with Clark Patterson Lee for Engineering services VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	3	1		

Council Member Choolokian said that the Engineer's salary has been increased but with this being an election year, he suggested the City look into a Shared Service Agreement with another municipality until the end of the year. Chairman Touma said that since the City doesn't have a Professional Engineer on staff, a Consulting Firm can provide this service.

3. Approval of Appropriation of casino funds to NFC for Business Grants and Loans

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker		X		
Council Chairman Touma		X		
Total:	1	3		

DEFEATED

Council Member Choolokian said that after the Budget crisis last year, the City needs to step back and look carefully at spending. Chairman Touma said the Council has questions on who is receiving grants/loans, so he is voting No at this time.

4. Approval of Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset for Assessment services

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

5. Approval of Vehicle Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma		X		
Total:	3	1		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

6. Notice of Mayor's Approval of Resolution 2015-9 relative to amending Chapter 103 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Administrative Ordinances".

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FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

7. Approval to settle & pay claim of Tom Langer, Michael P. Lynch, John Murphy and David Rendina in the amount of \$3,171.17

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

8. Approval of In Rem Auction Bids from December 3, 2014

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

RESOLUTIONS

9. Relative to calling for a Public Hearing for the abandonment of a portion of 76th Street, north of Niagara Falls Blvd.

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent		absent	
2015- Council Member Choolokian	X			X
11 Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	4	0	3	1

Council Member Choolokian said that the Planning Board has voted No on this, so he is voting no.

10. Remove from the Table Resolution Agenda Item #18, from January 20, 2015 Council Meeting relative to City Council procedures, Public Speakers time limit

VOTE

	REMOVE FROM TABLE		yea	nay
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

10A. Relative to City Council procedures, Public Speakers time limit
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE		
	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	absent		absent		
Council Member Choolokian	X			X	DEFEATED
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		
Council Member Walker	X			X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X		
Total:	4	0	2	2	

Council Member Choolokian said that as an Elected Official he is willing to listen to his constituents.

Chairman Touma said that he had received comments from many residents who said they do not attend Council Meetings because the Meetings are too long and the issue is not the amount of time for the Speakers but personal attacks by the Speakers.

11. Resolution relative to appointment to Planning Board

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

	ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	absent		absent	
2015- Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
12 Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	4	0	4	0