

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:06-6:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Organizational Council Meeting of January 1, 2016
and the Council Meetings of January 11 and January 25, 2016. 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. 2016 Home Ownership Auction (dates and process).
Seth Piccirillo - Director, Community Development
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:35 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X TOMPKINS X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - TOMPKINS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Items #5, #6, #9, #10
Diane Tattersall	Work Session was good & informative; condition of Portage Rd. between Ferry & Niagara Ave.
Mary Lawton	Agenda Items #9, #10, #13
Bob Belton	Availability of variance report
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Items #10, #12

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Thanked Chairman Touma for obtaining information from other municipalities on Parking Meters; Parking revenues; meters need to be installed ASAP
Dan Davis	Development of Cultural District
Carol Hamm	Oppose to Agenda Item #12
Ken Hamilton	Need for City sponsored Youth/Community Center possibility at the Duke Center; thanks to Council Member Grandinetti for help in naming City streets after African Americans; Placement of statue in traffic circle is safety issue; Safety issue on street at Main Post Office; unsafe parking at Norlock Park

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk claims for the month of January 2016

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for LaSalle Library Historic side door replacement, Sicoli Construction Services, Inc.

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:	4	1		

Chairman Touma said the door lock has been an issue since installation and he doesn't think the City should be responsible for fixing it.

3. Approval of Amendment to Construction Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc.

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		

4. Approval of funding for MIS Department Temporary Payroll Line

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 renewal of Engineering Consulting Services Agreement with Clark Patterson Lee ("CPL")

VOTE

	AMEND		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

Amendment is to change the amount to \$50,000.00

Chairman Touma thanked the Mayor for agreeing to reduce the amount.

6. Approval of Extension of Agreement for Grant Writing Services

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 reorganization in Billing and Collection 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		

8. Approval of retention of BPAS to serve as Actuarial Consultant regarding Retiree Group Health Benefits Program

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 CITY CLERK

9. Mayor's approval of Resolution 2016-4, relative to amending Chapter 171.01 of the Codified Ordinances entitled "Benefits of Employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements"

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10. Shall the Council consider the override of the Mayor's Veto of Resolution 2016-5, relative to amending Chapter 171, Section .05a Health Insurance, entitled "Benefits of Employees not covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements"

VOTE

		VOTE TO OVERRIDE				
		yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member	Grandinetti	X				MAYOR'S VETO IS SUSTAINED
Council Member	Scott		X			
Council Member	Tompkins	X				
Council Member	Walker		X			
Council Chairman	Touma	X				
Total:		3	2			

Council Member Grandinetti said this is a Council decision and it is not within the Mayor's purview to act on this.

Council Member Scott suggested looking into eliminating or reducing the Opt Out amount for elective officials.

Council Member Tompkins said that while he sponsored this change, he was forced to take the insurance by circumstances beyond his control.

Council Member Walker said an incentive is needed to attract the best and brightest for Public Office and if this is made available to him it should also be made available to those who serve after him.

Chairman Touma said we need to bring awareness to the costs for health care and look for long term savings for the taxpayers. The Mayor negotiates with the Unions and this should be looked at. He does not believe that taking away this benefit will deter future candidates for office.

RESOLUTIONS

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

VOTE

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

12. Relative to congratulating Karen J. Nelson for her services with Planned Parenthood of Central & Western New York
BY: Council Member Kristen Grandinetti
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA, THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

13. Relative to Amending Chapter 171 of the Codified Ordinances
 Entitled "Administrative Ordinances"

BY: Mayor Paul A. Dyster

VOTE

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

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

7:20 PM