

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:10-6:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of September 29, 2014

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

RESOLUTION: RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING ANDREW PYSKA FOR HIS ATTAINMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

BY: COUNCIL MEMBER GLENN CHOOLOKIAN

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2014- Council Member Anderson	X			
70 Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:15 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - TOUMA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #6
Charletta Tyson	Agenda Item #6
Howie Ewing	Agenda Item #5
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #14; buying new equipment, reducing maintenance

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

David Pavan	Macklem Ave. Project; read his letter that is being sent to the Council; sewers
Robert Dusher	Macklem Ave. Project
Ron Anderluh	Annual dinner sponsored by the Niagara St. Business Association; Carol Antonucci, City Clerk, being honored
Erin Schwenkbeck	Macklem Ave. Project
Paul Gromosiak	Progress report on Board of Trustees of Tesla Niagara
Brooke Nigro	Macklem Ave. Project
Paul Parise	Macklem Ave. Project
Pastor Timothy Brown	Niag. Falls Community Center; not being able to utilize the Center
Charletta Tyson	Two sink holes on Garden Ave., no one taking responsibility; training program at Isaiah 61; Community Development 2015 Budget
Robert Ventry	Macklem Ave. Project; DPW doing good job on paving roads; Casino money well spent on roads; no more sex offenders
Ken Hamilton	Home owners are responsible for sewer repairs per Water Board; City needs to take a bigger role; need National Structural Board to come here

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claim Report for the Month of September 2014

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of replacement of blinds/carpeting in the Planning Dept.

VOTE

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

Council Member Grandinetti said one of the rugs is a safety hazard  
Council Member Touma also said the rug is a safety hazard

3. Approval of purchase of replacement equipment for DPW

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson	X				
Council Member Choolokian	X				
Council Member Grandinetti		X			DEFEATED
Council Member Touma		X			
Council Chairman Walker		X			
Total:	2	3			

Council Member Grandinetti said that this is a high amount of money & with the current budget voted no

Council Member Touma said the \$144,000 should be put towards the Macklem Ave. Project and voted no.

4. Approval of Agreement with Niagara County regarding Youth Development Program

VOTE

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

5. Approval of designation of Preferred Licensee to Manage/Operate Sal Maglie Stadium to Ward Food Service LLC

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay	
Council Member Anderson					
Council Member Choolokian					
Council Member Grandinetti					PULLED
Council Member Touma					
Council Chairman Walker					
Total:					

6. Approval of transfer of CD Block Grant funds from Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. to Highland Community Revitalization Committee, 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 Touma	X		X	
Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:	5	0	5	0

This was amended to reduce the amount to be transferred from \$115,000 to \$75,000

7. Approval of payment to Water Board for Hydrant Services VOTE

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

TABLED

Council Member Grandinetti motioned to table the Item & asked that Mr. Drof, from the Water Board, be officially invited to the next meeting to address the Council.

8. Approval of Letter of Award for Luther Jayne Park Improvement Project to Scott Lawn Yard, Inc. VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson		X		
Council Member Choolokian		X		
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	3	0		

Council Member Anderson said the residents of the Island, 90% said that they just want the grass to be cut.

Council Member Choolokian said that the residents do not want anything done.

Council Member Grandinetti said that this is a Public Park & if we don't use the money, we'll lose it.

Council Member Touma said that at a Public Meeting the majority in attendance are for this Project & that this will create a Handicap Accessible Path.

Council Chairman Walker said that grants should be used & we should ask the community what they want before we seek the funds. This is more in line with what the residents want.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

9. Approval to pay Medical Expenses of Kimberly Stanek in the amount of \$71.04

VOTE

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

Council Member Grandinetti asked Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson that the accident was 3 years ago & how long must payments be made. Mr. Johnson said it will go on until the case is resolved.

10. Approval to settle & pay claim of Eileen Carter in the amount of \$500.00

VOTE

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

RESOLUTION

11. Relative to recognizing Andrew Pyska for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout

BY: Council Member Glenn Choolokian

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
2014- Council Member Choolokian	X			
70 Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

12. Relative to thanking all those who showed courage, selflessness and professionalism in response to the Greenpac-Norampac fire, September 2014

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2014-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
71	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Amended to be more encompassing in terms of expressing thanks

13. Relative to supporting Project Labor Agreements to benefit construction and Economic Development Projects

BY: Council Members Kristen Grandinetti, Andrew Touma, Glenn Choolokian  
Chairman Charles Walker

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2014-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
72	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson stated this was amended to clarify P.L.A.'s should be used whenever legally possible.

Council Member Choolokian said this is a great resolution & it should have been done years ago. He complimented Chairman Walker on this.

14. Approval of agreement between UCS & the City of Niagara Falls for Court cleaning & minor repairs

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVAL	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0