

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 19, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:52 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON absent CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of
October 1, 2015

VOTE

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. City Charter - Presented by Attorney Robert Restaino
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:03 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #21
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ken Hamilton	Raising taxes; low cost electricity for all citizens; South Jr. Project; table Highland Ave (Item #15); purchase of police vehicles with Casino money
Gerald Skrlin	Constitutional right to voice grievances before the Government; free speech before a Public Forum; 3 voting spots combined into 1 & 1 voting machine
Martin Marino	Vacation rentals; market this area; need a Tourism Director

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

- 3. Approval of purchase of vehicles for Police Dept. VOTE

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

Council Chairman Touma personally drove in the vehicles, it is a necessary purchase that is covered under 99H.

4. Approval of Niagara City Lofts South Junior Project: accept Restore NY Grant, Tax Exemption & PILOT, Loan of Restore NY Funds to Project

VOTE

	AMENDED		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	excused		excused	
Council Member Choolokian	X			X
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	4	0	3	1

Council Member Choolokian said he has not supported this in the past & is voting NO now

Council Member Walker said this is an excellent Project & he has faith in the Developer.

Chairman Touma said the State will be funding this Project, we are a Pass Through Agent for the Grant. This is a win for the residents.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

5. Approval of Second Hand Dealers License

VOTE

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

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

6. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 635 13th St. VOTE

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

7. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 1114 13th St. VOTE

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

8. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 1119 North Ave.

VOTE

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

9. Approval to install 5' Handicapped Access Space in front of 3030 Orleans Ave.

VOTE

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

10. Approval to install 25' Loading Zone in front of 1919 Pine Ave. (St. Vincent DePaul Discount Store)

VOTE

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

11. Approval to install Alternate Overnight Parking on 97th St. between NF Blvd & Marine Memorial Dr.

VOTE

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

12. Approval to install Alternate Overnight Parking on Dorchester Rd. between Seymour Ave. & VanRensselaer Ave.

VOTE

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

13. Approval to eliminate the "No Standing Anytime" restriction on the North Side of Krull Pkwy. Between 82nd St. & Military Rd. & the existing Overnight Parking on the South Side only with "No Parking Tuesday" restriction & allow two sided day parking with alternate overnight parking

VOTE

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

14. Approval to install Overnight Parking on Willow Ave between 22nd St. & 24th St. (south side only) with "No Parking Monday" restriction

VOTE

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

15. Approval to Table installation on Highland Ave. 10 minute parking restriction on the West Side between Center Ave. & Easton Dr. & "No Standing Anytime" restriction on the East Side between Center Ave. & Garden Ave.

R & F

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

16. Approval of Breach of Contract action from Sue-Perior Concrete & Paving, Inc. vs City of Niagara Falls regarding reconstruction of Tenth St. & Cedar Ave.

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian stated since this is the recommendation by Corporation Counsel, he is voting Yes.

Council Chairman Touma said the City counterclaimed saying the remedial work needs to be completed. Less is being paid than what was due & he is voting Yes.

17. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of Joel N. Smith in the amount of \$1,107.27

VOTE

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

18. Approval to Settle & Pay Claim of McNeil & Co. a/s/o Upper Mountain Fire Co. in the amount of \$27,844.45

VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

19. Relative to amending the dates of the 2016 Proposed Budget Meeting Schedule
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	excused			
2015- Council Member Choolokian	X			
79 Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	4	0		

20. Relative to appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	excused			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X			
80	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	0		

21. Relative to support for Senate & Assembly Bills to provide low cost Hydro Power to Hospitals & Municipal Housing Authorities located in Niagara & Orleans Counties
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	excused			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X			
81	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	0		

Council Chairman Touma said the Hospital is their own entity & it is right that we support low cost power for them & the Housing Authorities.

22. Relative to calling for a Public Hearing relative to adopting a Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C
 BY: Council Members Grandinetti and Walker, Council Chairman Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	excused			
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X			
82	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	4	0		

23. Relative to expression of support for the Local Law pending before the Niagara County Legislature prohibiting the sale of personal cosmetic products containing microbeads in Niagara County

BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

24. Approval of Letter of Award for 72nd St. watermain replacement from Stephenson Ave. to Niagara Falls Blvd.

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	EXCUSED		EXCUSED	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
	Total:	4	0	4	0

Council Chairman Touma said this has been a very long process & the City has taken on this endeavor. We do listen & will restore pipes on 72nd St & other areas. This Project will get done.