

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of November 16, 2015 and the Budget Amendment Meeting of November 17, 2015.

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

Chairman Touma asked those present to observe a Moment of Silence in honor of Council Member Anderson who had recently passed.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Financial Advisory Panel - Preliminary Report
Mr. Carmen Grant
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:05 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Superintendent of Police Bryan DalPorto called for the Posting of the Colors by the Honor Guard in memory of Council Member Anderson. After those present observed a Moment of Silence, the flags were positioned at Council Member Anderson's place on the dais.

PRAYER - CHOOLOKIAN
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS
NONE

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Sylvia Francis	Issue of frozen water lines on Independence Ave. is not being addressed
Ron Anderluh	Memories of Council Member Anderson; praised the work of the City's Financial Advisory Board
Pat Proctor	Panhandling in City affects Tourists & needs to be dealt with
Rev. Fred Chambers	Condition of properties in 500 block of 4 th St. & how to get help for deteriorating buildings
Jamie Caldwell	Conditions in City; Hamister Project status; Condolences for Council Member Anderson; give Tourists a reason to stay
Tina Galyn	Condolences about Council Member Anderson; Issues with vacant lot she purchased
Diane Tattersall	Need to clean up City & address quality of life issues; thanks for hours change notice regarding on street parking; stop spending money on studies/consultants
Robert Ventry	Crime problem in the City; access to Prospect St. closed by State; use Casino money to demolish vacant homes

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

1. Approval to accept Grant for construction of Skateboard Park in Hyde Park

VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said the Project should be done by Spring 2016.

2. Approval of Letter of Award for Niagara Riverview Trail Improvements 53rd Street area to Mark Cerrone, Inc.

VOTE

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

3. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for 91st St. pool filter valve replacements to H.W. Bryk & Sons

VOTE

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

4. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Ice Rink Floor & Dasher Board Replacement to Mollenberg Betz, Inc.

VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said he has concerns about the cleanliness of the facility.

5. Approval of request for encroachment onto City Property for 200 Rainbow Blvd.

VOTE

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

6. Local Law #2015-1, Received and Filed by NYS Department of State

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FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR

7. Approval of Locally-Adjusted Homestead & Non-Homestead Proportions

VOTE

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

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

8. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Mehmet Gurkan in the amount of \$25,000.00

VOTE

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

9. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Thomas Mulholland in the amount of \$8,728.54

VOTE

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

10. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Nationwide Insurance Co.
 a/s/o George Hendricks in the amount of \$2,500.00

VOTE

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

11. Approval of the sale of 405 Ninth St. to Frank and Geraldine Fusarelli

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said the Planning Board has turned this down twice & he is voting No.

RESOLUTIONS

12. Relative to Honoring Lewis "Babe" Rotella

BY: All Council Members

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

13. Relative to use of Power Authority Greenway funding for Customhouse
 Harriet Tubman Plaza

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

14. Relative to use of Power Authority Greenway funding for LaSalle Greenway Trail

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

15. Relative to use of Power Authority Greenway funding for Niagara Riverview Trail Improvements at 53rd Street

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

16. Relative to calling for a Public Hearing on the abandonment of the portion of Tennessee Ave. extending approximately 130 feet east of Highland Ave.

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
91	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
	Total:	4	0	4	0

Amendment is to change Date of Public Hearing