

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 8, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:03-5:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Budget Work Sessions of November 12, November 13, November 14, November 17, November 18, 2014, Public Hearings of November 19, 2014, Council Meeting of November 24, 2014, Budget Work Sessions, Amendments of November 24, November 25, November 28, December 1, 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:

Owen Steed and Pastor Craig Pridgen - "Pastors and Politicians on Patrol"

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:05 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X TOUMA X WALKER X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Rick Williams	Agenda Item #7, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Item #17

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Joanne Gialloreto	Concerns about speed limit on NF Blvd. by Airport; penalties included in Recycling Ordinance
Diane Tattersall	Refuse/Recycling Ordinance not being properly followed; December 3 In Rem conducted very professionally
Paul Gromosiak	Enjoyed Winter Fest at Library
Henry Krawczyk	Issues with bacteria in water & water bills; Concerns about speed limit on NF Blvd. by Airport

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claims for the Month of November 2014 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval to award Bid #2014-33 for concrete to United Materials LLC 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		

3. Approval of funding for Hard Rock Guitar Drop Event on New Years
 THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA, THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN ON THIS ITEM

4. Approval of Agreement with Value Payment Systems to accept credit card payments for real property tax/water bills

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 Site Access Agreement for 3265 Highland Ave.

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

Amendment is to correct address to 3625 Highland Ave.

6. Approval of further extension of Agreement with the SPCA

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

Amendment is for contract renewal on a month to month basis.

Council Member Touma thanked Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson for his work on this Contract.

7. Approval of Agreement with Financial Restructuring Board

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 Anderson said that if there was more communication between the Administration and the Council this would not be needed.

Council Member Choolokian said that you never hear anything good that New York State has done for Niagara Falls and it's the Council's job to make decisions for the good of the City.

Council Member Touma said that he and Council Member Anderson met with the unions to discuss the City's financial situation and the Council will check with the unions before accepting the recommendations of the Financial Restructuring Board. The Board will review the City's finances and make recommendations.

Council Chairman Walker said he felt that this would be beneficial to the City, but the City should first do all it can on its own, including working with the unions on their contracts, before bringing in a Financial Restructuring Board.

8. Approval of Change Order #2 for the International Railway Station & Transportation Center Project, Scrufari Construction

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		

9. Approval of Change Order #2 for Porter Road Bridge Painting, Construction Inspection & Administration Contract, Greenman-Pederson

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		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR

10. Approval of adjusted Homestead/Non-Homestead Proportions 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 Anderson said this will shift taxes from Businesses to Homeowners. Council Member Choolokian said Business owners have it hard but Homeowners should not pay more in taxes.

Council Member Touma said this makes the tax levy more even.

Chairman Walker said he would like to try to bring the rates closer together without raising anyone's taxes.

FROM THE CITY CLERK

11. Approval of appointments/reappointments for Commissioner of Deeds 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		

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

12. Approval of June 10, 2014 In Rem Auction sales for 1421 & 1423 18th St. and 2220 Cudaback Ave. 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		

FROM THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

13. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped access space in front of 3065 Orleans Ave.

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		

14. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped access space in front of 902 Walnut Ave.

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		

15. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped access space in front of 1962 Falls St.

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		

16. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped access space in front of 621 23rd St.

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		

17. Approval to install "No Engine Brake Area" signs on 56th St. (both directions) between Stephenson & Buffalo Aves.

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		

18. Approval to install "Autistic Child Area" signs (both directions) in advance of 950 Niagara Ave.

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		

19. Approval to install a 5' Handicapped access space in front of 3302 Hyde Park Blvd. (Virginia Ave. side)

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		

20. Approval to install "All way stop signs" at the intersection of 73rd St. & Girard Ave.

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		

21. Denial of request to install a traffic signal or "all way" stop signs at the intersection of Lockport St. & North Ave., allow parking on both sides of Lockport St. at area of Norlock Park, and reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH on Lockport St.

R & F

RESOLUTIONS

22. Relative to Youth Board Appointment
BY: Council Chairman Charles Walker

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2014-83 Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

23. Relative to re-appointments to the Planning Board
BY: Council Chairman Charles Walker

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2014-84 Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Touma	X			
Council Chairman Walker	X			
Total:	5	0		

24. Relative to the 2015 City Council Meeting Schedule

BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Amendment is to change September 7th Meeting Date to September 8th.

25. Resolution relative to clerical changes to Budget Amendment Resolutions and related items

BY: Chairman Walker, Council Members Grandinetti, Touma

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
2014-	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
86	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Touma	X		X	
	Council Chairman Walker	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

26. Approval of funding for City Employee Retirement Incentive Program

VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		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

RECESS OF MEETING

6:45 P. M.

UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014 AT 4:00 P. M.