

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR December 14, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:04-5:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of November 30, 2015 and
Special Meeting of December 7, 2015

VOTE

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

Council Member Walker made a motion to amend the Order of Business by voting on Item #10, a Resolution relative to filling a temporary vacancy in the Office of the Niagara Falls City Council, at this time.

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

Relative to filling temporary vacancy in the Office of NF City Council
BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

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

Council Member Ezra P. Scott, Jr. was administered the Oath of Office by City Clerk Carol A. Antonucci as his parents held the Bible.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Community Development - FFY 12 - 14 Accomplishment Data
Seth Piccirillo, Director
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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:13 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - GRANDINETTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS (SEE NOTE ON LAST PAGE)

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #11
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2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ken Hamilton	Concerns about Tulip Property; Norstar Project on 9 th St. has no sidewalks; when will City Engineer be hired; use of Citi Stat; filling of Council vacancy; support for Council Member Grandinetti as Council Chairman; Highland area EDZ
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Jamie Caldwell	Crime in City is too high
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. Claim Report for the month of November 2015

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval to award bid for purchase & installation of New Phone System to Superior Telephone Systems VOTE

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

Chairman Touma noted that the cost for the current system is excessive for the archaic equipment and the new system is being purchased under State Contract.

3. Approval of funding through Dept. of Public Works for labor for Tree Planting VOTE

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

Chairman Touma said that as many trees as possible will be planted now with the rest being planted in the Spring

4. Approval of additional funding through Dept. of Public Works for Road Paving Plan VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Scott	X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	5	0	5	0

Amendment is to change amount to \$50,000.00

5. Approval of 451 Third St. Police Substation Lease

VOTE

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

6. Approval of DRAFT 2016 Dept. of Housing & Urban Development-Community Development Block Grant, HOME and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs

VOTE

	AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
Council Member Scott	X		X	
Council Member Walker	ABSTAIN		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:	4	0	5	0

Amendment is to increase funding to NFMMC Cardiac Care Education Center and decrease funding for demolitions for CD Budget

7. Approval of the 2010-2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Uniformed Firefighters Local 714 & the City of Niagara Falls

VOTE

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

Council Member Scott asked about the status of negotiations for contracts from 2014 to the present. Corporation Counsel Craig Johnson will follow up on this request.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

8. Approval of designation of 607 Walnut Ave as a Historic Landmark VOTE

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

FROM THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

9. Approval to Settle and Pay Claim of Kevin J. Ormsby in the amount of \$15,000.00 VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

10. THIS RESOLUTION WAS VOTED ON DURING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING.

11. 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

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
2015-	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
93	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
	Total:	5	0		

Council Member Choolokian said since the Planning Board had voted in favor of this, he is voting Yes.

Council Member Scott said he would like to see the Site Plan for the Project.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

6:40 PM

NOTE:

The Chairman will enable members of the public to speak on any topic of concern to the welfare of the City for a time not to exceed five (5) minutes for each person; he may limit the numbers of speakers on a topic or agenda item or the overall public speaking time if the same will unduly delay the commencement of the agenda.

Excerpt from Resolution 1993 - 137, which was adopted by the Niagara Falls City Council on October 18, 1993.