

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 28, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:01-6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of December 14, 2015

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		

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: NONE

REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:11 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X SCOTT X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - WALKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE ABANDONMENT OF THE PORTION OF TENNESSEE AVENUE
EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 130 FEET EAST OF HIGHLAND AVENUE.

NO SPEAKERS

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh Agenda Item #4, #6, #9, #10, #11

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Move forward with the Parking Program; equalize Two-Tier Tax System; do a City wide reassessment in 2016; expand the Ranger Program for security in the Parks, possibly get a Grant; reroute traffic to Pine Ave/Niagara St.
Jamie Caldwell	Thanked Council Members Anderson, Rotella & Choolokian for their service; additional Police Patrols needed to address crime in City; loitering in area of 19 th St/Walnut Ave.; pave 22 nd St.; City needs emergency fund for repairs such as 72 nd St.; Use for old Public Safety Bldg.
Anne Smith	Suggested Council Members establish fund with donations from their salaries to memorialize the late Council Member Anderson

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

1. City Clerk's Report for the Month of November 2015 R & F

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

2. Approval of Change Order #2 in the Contract for Ice Rink Floor & Dasher Board Replacement, Scrufari Construction Services Inc. 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		

3. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for repaving of 27th St. from Niagara St. to Ferry Ave., Yarussi Construction 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		

4. Approval of Change Order #1 in the Contract for Clark Patterson Lee
 "As Needed" Engineering Services, Clark Patterson Lee, Inc.

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 Choolokian said he is not in favor of using Consultants and a City Engineer needs to be hired.

Chairman Touma said this additional amount is for work done on the 72nd St. Project.

5. Approval of The Compact of Mayors initiative

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 Choolokian said this involves no financial commitment, so he is voting Yes.

6. Approval of appointment of City Marshall and re-appointment of
 City Marshalls

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		

7. Approval of installation of Artwork for Centennial Circle Project

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:	4	1		

Council Member Choolokian said he feels Casino funds should be spent on people who live here.

8. Approval of terms and conditions of employment for Superintendent of Police

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:	4	1		

Council Member Choolokian said the issue in the past has been workers have made more than their Chiefs; the salaries were raised 3 years ago for the Chiefs with the stipulation that they would not receive overtime, so he is voting No.
 Council Member Grandinetti said there is no incentive for those in the ranks to become Chief because their salaries would be less. In the future, she would like to see the salaries increased with the stipulation that they would not receive overtime.
 Council Member Scott said he agrees with Council Member Grandinetti and he would like to see the salaries increased with the stipulation that they would not receive overtime.
 Council Member Walker said, for 2016, put a salary in place for the Chiefs that matches the skills and qualifications they bring to the position.
 Chairman Touma said this is fair and equitable; there is no incentive to remain Chief with a salary only and no overtime; this overtime is paid with a Grant and does not go toward the Chief's pension; revisit the salary in 2016.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

9. Relative to Honoring Mr. Lewis "Babe" Rotella
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Council member Walker said he worked on the Council with the late Council Member Rotella and he had the best interests of the City at heart.

10. Relative to Honoring Mr. Robert "Bob" Anderson, Jr.
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Council Member Walker said he worked on the Council for 12 years with the late Council Member Anderson and he loved the City.
Chairman Touma said the late Council Member Anderson cared for our City.

11. Relative to Thanking Mr. Glenn Choolokian for his service to the City of Niagara Falls

BY: Council Chairman Touma, Council Members Grandinetti, Scott, Walker VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Choolokian	abstain			
2015-	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
96	Council Member Scott	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		4			

12. Relative to Honoring the Retirement of Jon Fadel
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

13. Relative to the abandonment of a portion of Tennessee Ave. immediately
 East of Highland Ave.
 BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

Council Member Walker said that this is a good thing, and will keep Tulip in town.