

NIAGARA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR JANUARY 20, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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5:11-6:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

Approval of Minutes from the Council Meeting of January 5, 2015

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	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

6:32 PM

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS

ANDERSON X CHOOLOKIAN X GRANDINETTI X WALKER X TOUMA X

PRAYER - ANDERSON

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Anderluh	Agenda Item #19
Ken Hamilton	Agenda Item #18
Bob Conway	Agenda Item #21
Vince Anello	Agenda Items #13, #19
Gerald Skrlin	Agenda Item #18
Randy Ubriaco	Agenda Item #18
Joanne Gialloreto	Agenda Item #18
Henry Krawczyk	Agenda Items #19, #18
Robert Ventry	Agenda Item #18
Craig Avery	Agenda Item #18

2. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Ron Anderluh	Missed parking revenues; proposal to not contribute to Concerts, working with Small Business Administration to work with Hard Rock for events
Ken Hamilton	Hard Rock New Years event; to Miss Grandinetti, it was a shame that she was overlooked for Chairperson; Hotel parking passes issue; eliminate Legal Library; garbage
David Bachowski	Severe flooding on Cayuga Island
Diane Tattersall	About time limit on speaking; wants times to change for meetings; refuse/recycling Ordinance; Western New York Revitalization Summit
Gerald Skrlin	About ethics, moral standards, filthy neighborhood Where he lives; protection of Historic Buildings
Randy Ubriaco	Once served on Tourism Board; put cameras around bathrooms at Bike Park for safety issues
Mike Szymanski	Petition to Code Enforcement about clean up at 5659 John Ave, Code Enforcement didn't do anything
Joanne Gialloreto	Free speech; trash totes
Henry Krawczyk	Issued Police Report about neighbor's damages to his property, nothing being done
Craig Avery	Fire certain City employees

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FROM THE CITY CLERK

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| 1. Claims for the Month of December 2014 | R & F |
| 2. City Clerk's Report for the Month of December 2014 | R & F |

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

FROM THE MAYOR

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| 3. Approval of funding assistance to the School District for the operation of the OSC-21 Public Access Channel | VOTE |
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	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

4. Approval of Funding Agreement with the Niagara Community Action Program, Inc. to continue assistance to qualified City residents VOTE

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

5. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Military Affairs Council VOTE

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

6. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Arts & Cultural Center VOTE

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

7. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with the Niagara Falls Block Club Council VOTE

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

8. Approval of Appropriation Agreement for funding with Niagara Falls Beautification Commission

VOTE

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

9. Approval of Dollars to be put in reserve in 2015 Budget which exceeded the Tax Cap

VOTE

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

Council Member Choolokian said this is one of the worst Budgets he has seen.

10. Approval of Agreement with Niagara County Office for the Aging to provide information/assistance services to persons 60 or older

VOTE

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

11. Approval of Access Agreement for agents of Uniland Development Co. to have access to Rainbow Center Mall for the purpose of conducting environmental inspections

VOTE

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

12. Remove from the Table Item #6 from the January 5, 2015
Council Meeting

VOTE

		REMOVE FROM TABLE			
		yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson		X			
Council Member Choolokian		X			
Council Member Grandinetti		X			
Council Member Walker		X			
Council Chairman Touma		X			
Total:		5	0		

12a. Proposed Amendment of City Employee Retirement Incentive Program,
reorganization of City Controller's Office

VOTE

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

12b. Proposed Amendment of City Employee Retirement Incentive Program,
reorganization of Fire Department Office

VOTE

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

12c. Proposed Amendment of City Employee Retirement Incentive Program-
reorganization of Public Works/Parks Office

VOTE

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

13. Approval of parking passes for employees of the Sheraton Hotel
for access to City parking lot located at Third & Niagara Sts.

VOTE

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

14. Approval of adjustment to 2015 City Budget in Parks/Public Works Budget VOTE

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

RESOLUTIONS

15. Relative to Honoring the memory of Frank L. Ciminelli
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

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

16. Relative to Remembering New York Governor Mario Cuomo
BY: All Council Members

VOTE

	yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-6 Council Member Anderson	X			
Council Member Choolokian	X			
Council Member Grandinetti	X			
Council Member Walker	X			
Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:	5	0		

17. Relative to reappointment/appointment to the Tourism Advisory Board
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		AMEND		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-7	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

Amendment is to remove two people and add two people.

18. Relative to City Council procedures, Public Speakers
 Time Limit
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		TO TABLE			
		yea	nay	yea	nay
	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian		X		
	Council Member Grandinetti	X			
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma		X		
Total:		3	2		

TABLED

Council Member Choolokian stated that 3 or 5 minutes doesn't matter.
 Council Member Grandinetti said she believes Chairman Touma's intention is honorable to create a more efficient environment and personal attacks are not warranted.

Chairman Touma said changing time is consistent with County and other municipalities. This is not the Forum to make remarks about individuals.

19. Relative to creation of a City of Niagara Falls Financial
 Advisory Panel
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma

VOTE

		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-8	Council Member Anderson	X			
	Council Member Choolokian	X			
	Council Member Grandinetti		X		
	Council Member Walker	X			
	Council Chairman Touma	X			
Total:		4	1		

Council Member Choolokian said that the Administration & Council are not on the same page. We have got to stop spending money.

Council Member Grandinetti said that she prefers that we go through the State Board.

Council Member Walker said this is something worth trying and we need Another set of eyes.

Chairman Touma said there are a lot of residents who can offer their expertise and who want to get involved.

20. Approval of encroachments located at 744 10th St, for improvements made by the NF Housing Authority 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	Walker	X		X	
Council Chairman	Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

21. Relative to Amending Chapter 103 entitled "Administrative Ordinances"
 BY: Council Chairman Andrew Touma VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-9	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

22. Relative to Honoring JB Aaron
 BY: All Council Members VOTE

		ADD TO AGENDA		APPROVE	
		yea	nay	yea	nay
2015-10	Council Member Anderson	X		X	
	Council Member Choolokian	X		X	
	Council Member Grandinetti	X		X	
	Council Member Walker	X		X	
	Council Chairman Touma	X		X	
Total:		5	0	5	0

23. Funding for position that was removed during the Budget process

VOTE

	REMOVE FROM TABLE		AMEND		APPROVE	
	yea	nay	yea	nay	yea	nay
Council Member Anderson	X		X		X	
Council Member Choolokian	X			X		X
Council Member Grandinetti	X		X		X	
Council Member Walker	X		X		X	
Council Chairman Touma	X		X		X	
Total:	5	0	4	1	4	1

Amendment was to change job title in the SWEET Program.

Council Member Choolokian said that this was a bad Budget this year and we didn't have to raise taxes and have layoffs.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8:04 PM