

# Minutes

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, March 13, 2006

6:15 P.M.

Police Traing Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lillian V. Ney, Council Members  
Stephen Szwejbka and Michael Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Financial Services/City Clerk  
James N. Olson, Police Captain Lee Davies, Deputy Fire Chief Lance Hedlund, Director of Public Works Lehman, Bob Johnston DPW Traffic Division, County Legislator Hallquist, Peter Morgante, Matt Szwejbka, Steve Sweeney Post-Journal.

Chairman Ney called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the March 6, 2006 meeting were approved.

Old Business

### **Traffic Study – Intersection of Falconer and James Street**

The members reviewed the Traffic Study at the intersection of Falconer and James Street that had been provided by Bob Johnston of the Traffic Division as well as correspondence from Jamestown Community College and Lutheran Social Services.

Chairperson Ney reviewed the previous visit of Chris Gardner, the petitions that were filed and the letters from JCC, Lutheran Social Services and the previous correspondence from DPW.

Director of Public Works Lehman stated that manual counts have been completed, the history of accidents has been reviewed and the latest report from the Police Department has been reviewed. He indicated that the accidents stated are still below the minimum standards that the New York State DOT sets.

Chairperson Ney suggested that possibly a light could be placed there and set so that it did not function during off-peak hours.

Council Member Szwejbka stated that he has met with JCC officials and that concern has also been expressed regarding the crossing of the street. Students and teachers are not encouraged to walk but are encouraged to drive when going to the MTI.

Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund said he lives in that area and the primary concern is that students do not slow down in the area and that they are talking on cell phones and do not pay attention.

Council Taylor said that in spite of the guidelines, we need to address future concerns.

Police Captain Davies said that previously the concern was Curtis Street now the concern has shifted here. He recommends a 4 way stop sign.

Mr. Johnston said that we have to abide with the guidelines and this area does not meet the criteria.

Director of Public Works Lehman said he agreed with Mr. Johnston but we can do another study.

Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund said that JCC could offer alternatives. Possibly making a roadway to Curtis Street from James Street.

Chairperson Ney said there are wetland concerns in that area. That is why it was not looked at further.

County Legislator Hallquist agreed with the discussion stating that she would like to see something done.

Mr. Johnston stated there are concerns with a light versus a stop sign. There are multiple lanes there and there would be confusion as to who has the right-of-way.

Chairperson Ney stated that the committee feels that strategies to reduce speed do need to be implemented and the committee asks that further review be completed by DPW. They need to review the alternatives discussed and come back at a later date to make a recommendation for this area as well as the Aldren Ave. area.

### **Alternate Parking**

Director of Public Works Lehman discussed the Post-Journal article from 1976 when the times were amended to 10 AM. He indicated that we have gone back and forth on this issue and come up with the same conclusion.

Chairperson Ney asked if he had reviewed the information from the other communities.

Director of Public Works Lehman said yes.

Council Taylor expressed concern about the current change over time but what is the best alternative to change it to, 5 PM?

Mr. Johnston expressed concern about the narrow streets and that a further review can be completed but it may produce the same results.

Director of Public Works Lehman provided information regarding the shifts of the employees and that maybe a late afternoon time may work because that is when the least amount of workers are on the streets. He still felt we would arrive at the same conclusion.

Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund stated that most of the complaints come from individuals who work at night. The average person will not complain about it.

Council Member Szwejbka said he has been approached by car poolers who said that are not able to do that because of the 10 AM change over time.

Police Captain Davies expressed concern with the 5 PM change over.

Chairperson Ney suggested that a group of labor and management staff from DPW, JPD and JFD be put together to get ideas as to what to do. Members of the committee can also attend. We will also ask the Post-Journal to write about this with comments to the City Clerks Office and the web site.

The committee will review the information once the labor/management group has met.

### **National and State Guidelines for Roadway Lighting/Procedure regarding the Request for Additional Street Lighting**

Chairperson Ney asked if there were any questions on this material.

The members agreed to adopt the guidelines and that the procedures for street lights. Approved, 3-0.

**Street Light request – Chapin Street, Hopkins Ave., Willard Street, Delaware Ave.**

The members agreed that a resolution be presented for the March 20, 2006 City Council meeting once the final recommendation is sent by Jon Rynne, 3-0.

**Collection of Unpaid Water and Sanitation Charges Ordinance §270-21 (D)**

The board of Public Utilities will be present to discuss the issue at the April 3, 2006 meeting.

**2006 Police Department Goals and Objectives**

The members reviewed the information presented last week.

The Committee asked if PSA's could be conducted more than quarterly.

Police Captain Davies said that they would spotlight a program and complete a satisfaction survey by the end of the year. Video productions would also be completed.

Council Member Szwejbka asked if the Police Advisory Board could be reactivated. The other members agreed.

Council Member Szwejbka asked if consideration can also be given to grant funding for non-lethal weapons.

The members agreed to accept the goals with the suggested amendments, 3-0.

**Creation of Department Secretary position – Jamestown Fire Department**

Captain Davies reviewed this request with the members. The Typist in the Fire Department is retiring March 31. A Senior Stenographer in the Police Department has expressed interest in transferring to that Department. The creation of this position will allow her to do this. This new Secretary position will allow for the continued restructuring in the Department of Public Safety.

The members agreed that a resolution be presented for the March 20, 2006 City Council meeting, 3-0.

**Creation of Department Typist – Jamestown Police Department**

Captain Davies reviewed this request with the members. The creation of this position will allow for a Typist to replace the Senior Stenographer position. The creation of this position will allow for the continued restructuring in the Department of Public Safety. This is a replacement, not additional personnel.

The members agreed that a resolution be presented for the March 20, 2006 City Council meeting, 3-0.

**Hamilton Street Parking**

The members reviewed the information provided and requested that Jeff Lehman attend the April 3, 2006 meeting to discuss it.

**Jamestown Strategic Planning and Partnership Commission 2006 Priorities**

The members requested that a resolution be presented at the March 20, 2006 meeting to endorse the 2006 goals.

**Amendment to the Management Guidelines- Court Security Officers**

The members requested that a resolution be presented at the March 20, 2006 meeting.

Special Event Application-Ice Arena

The members agreed to approve the request to hold the Southern Tier Builders Association on April 8, 2006 at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, 3-0.

**Memorial Day Parade**

The members reviewed the request of the United Veterans council to hold the parade May 29, 2006. The members requested that a special event application be completed prior to the approval.

Isabella Ave. No Parking areas

Councilman Taylor asked for a review of the No Parking area on Isabella.

Captain Davies said he would ask patrol to review it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson  
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk