

Minutes

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 5, 2006

6:30 P.M.

Police Training Room, 4th Floor
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Financial Services/City Clerk James N. Olson, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rex Rater, Deputy Fire Chief Lance Hedlund, Councilman Dolce, Lee Harkness, Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation Tina Hallquist, County Legislator District 13, Pete Morgante, Steve Sweeney Post-Journal.

Chairwoman Ney called the meeting to order.

Public Comment - No one wished to address the Committee at this time.

The minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting were approved.

New Business

Street Light Request - Southwest corner of Constance Circle and Parkdale Ave.

The members reviewed the request and the recommendation of the Board of Public Utilities. The members agreed that a resolution be prepared for the June 19, 2006 meeting. 2-0.

Councilman Taylor arrived.

Jamestown Juneteenth Special Event Application

The members reviewed the request and noted the costs to the Police Department. The members agreed to approve the request, 3-0.

Thunder in the Streets Special Event Application

The members reviewed the request with Lee Harkness and noted the costs to the Police Department. The members agreed to approve the request, 3-0.

Jamestown Farmers Market Special Event Application

The members reviewed the request with Lee Harkness and Legislator Hallquist. The members agreed to approve the request, 3-0.

Jammer's Open House Special event Application

The members reviewed the request with Lee Harkness. The members agreed to approve the request, 3-0.

Wild Rib Cook-off

Councilman Taylor asked Mr. Harkness if there were any concerns with the up-coming event.

Mr. Harkness stated that they were setting up this evening and everyone seems to be ok with the event.

Emergency Plan

Chairwoman Ney asked regarding the status of our Emergency Disaster Preparedness and if a global/regional approach has been taken with the development of an Emergency Plan.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater asked if the question dealt with a natural disaster, or training?

Councilwoman Ney asked where we are in the procedure and what were we to do.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater stated there is a mass casualty drill at the county airport in July. All county resources come together to conduct the drill.

Chairwoman Ney asked if the Red Cross, Salvation Army, WCA, JCC, the Fire and Departments all participate.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater there is more training with other agencies. The Haz Mat training is an example.

Deputy Chief Hedlund stated that a Chemical Haz Mat drill was conducted at JCC last year. We all participate even if it is outside the city.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater and Deputy Chief Hedlund will continue to update the members of the status of the Emergency Plan.

Old Business

Traffic Study - Intersection of Falconer and James Street - follow-up

Mr. Olson stated that the crosswalks were painted today and the members reviewed an update from Director of Public Works Lehman regarding the intersection.

The members agreed to continue to review the situation with assistance from the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department.

Review of parking in the congested area from 2 AM to 7 AM and related issues.

The members reviewed an email update from Director of Public Works Lehman regarding the area.

The members accepted the recommendation of Mr. Lehman and agreed to adopt an ordinance amendment to change the 2 AM to 7 AM No Parking on Cherry Street between West 2nd Street and West 4th Street to alternate parking. Mr. Lehman also suggested that Mr. Kincaid purchase parking permits in the amount of \$100 per permit as defined in Section 290-33 of the City Code.

Mr. Olson will forward a letter to Mr. Kincaid informing him of the decision.

Amendments to §210-2 Registration of Plumbers, §175-3 Schedule of Fees.

Mr. Olson informed the members that the Plumbing Board would review this matter at their June meeting.

West 4th Street and Washington Street, No Left/Right Turn Signage/Painting of Crosswalks in Downtown Area

Mr. Olson will request an update from Mr. Lehman at the June 12, 2006 meeting.

Sharing of Police and Fire Services

Both Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater and Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund reviewed reports for the Police and Fire Departments. Chief Rater also provided a report regarding crime statistics for the first quarter of 2006, noting that violent crimes were reduced by 20.3%.

They stated they would continue to update the members regarding Shared Services.

Crisis Intervention Training

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater provided information to the members regarding this program. The city will be attempting to get the training done locally versus Batavia to save money.

Councilwoman Ney stated there are monies available through a shared services grant program through the NYS Comptroller's Office.

Parking on 5th and 6th Street

Mr. Olson will request an update from Mr. Lehman at the June 12, 2006 meeting.

Gilberds Street and 22nd Street STOP Sign

Mr. Olson will request an update from Mr. Lehman at the June 12, 2006 meeting.

Livingston Ave.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater stated that the JPD is monitoring this area where individuals are not stopping at the signs. He will continue to update the members on the matter.

Bush/Bowen Street

Councilman Szwejbka asked if a more directed strategic patrol can be used in this area based on the recent concerns in the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Ney agreed that a more focused look at this area is needed based on the trash, language and vandalism. Behavior could be adjusted with a targeted effort.

Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Rater stated that Operation IMPACT monies are being used there. He will continue to update the members on this matter

Gus Macker Tournament

Councilman Taylor complimented the Police Department on the patrols last weekend during the basketball tournament.

Parking Fines

Councilman Taylor stated that he has received compliments regarding the courtesy tickets that are given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk