

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Mayor's Conference Room
September 7, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Anthony J. Dolce and Council Members Lynda Albert and Carolyn Bloomquist

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Sanfilippo, Police Chief MacLaughlin, Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund, Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves, Lee Harkness, Peter Morgante, John Whittaker of the Post Journal,

Chairman Dolce called the meeting to order.

The Committee reviewed the following:

1. Request to hold the Hazeltine Avenue Block Party on August 31, 2004.
2. Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee "Child Passenger Safety" Grant program in the amount of \$5,780.00.
3. Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice to enable the City to obtain funding under the COPS Secure Our Schools Act 2003 Grant Program.
4. Resolution concurring that the Board of Public Utilities should act as Lead Agency under SEQR on behalf of the City of Jamestown for the construction of a new 40 megawatt generating facility.
5. Resolution authorizing an agreement with the City of Jamestown School District for providing one School Resource Officer in the Jamestown Public Schools from September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005.

Carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Lucy Warren regarding traffic concerns on Meadow Lane at the intersection Fairmount Avenue. Chief MacLaughlin will contact the credit union and report back to the Committee.

Councilwoman Albert reported that the sub-committee on the billboard ordinance had met and she reviewed some of the proposals they were discussing. Tabled until the October meeting.

Chairman Dolce advised that correspondence had been received from the Chautauqua County Board of Elections that expressed concerns over the unequal size of some of the Election Districts. Councilwoman Albert will work with the City Clerk to meet with the Election Commissioners and review this issue in conjunction with the reapportionment of the wards. Tabled pending a report.

Mr. Morgante requested that the Charter be changed to eliminate the at-large council members. Chairman Dolce and Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves explained the process to amend the Charter.

The Committee read a letter from the Executive Director of the Downtown Jamestown Development Corporation regarding the problems being encountered in the downtown and in high traffic areas caused by a lack of respect for pedestrians and vehicular traffic by some wheelchair operators. Chief MacLaughlin explained the protections afforded wheelchair operators under the law. He stated that this has been a problem in the past and had been addressed by the distribution of a brochure and speaking with various agencies. He will work on the issue.

Councilwoman Albert moved to go into Executive Session to discuss specific claims.

Carried: 3 ayes, 0 nays

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following claims were reviewed:

Claim No. 1 of 2002, Alan Dibert, \$7,500.00; Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Claim No. 8 of 2004, MaryAnn Alpaugh, \$444.11; Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, MMC, RMC
City Clerk