

# Minutes

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 7, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Police Training Room, Fourth Floor  
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Brent Sheldon, Councilman Jeff Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Tamu Graham-Reinhardt

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Development Crystal Surdyk, Associate Corporation Counsel Benjamin Haskin, Forte Restaurant Owner Margaret Kaltenmeier

### RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution authorizing the Jamestown City Council to accept the following policy for the employees of the City of Jamestown: Telecommuting Policy, subject to the approval as to form by the Corporation Counsel.

The members agreed to place the resolution on the agenda during the June 28, 2021 voting session.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Special Event Application – Jackals 5K, Run, Walk, Dribble, Saturday, June 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m. until 11:05 a.m.

This application has been withdrawn and will be rescheduled at a later date.

- Special Event Application – Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 18, 2021, 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The members approved the application.

- Special Event Application – Riverside Saturdays, Saturdays beginning June 26, 2021 until August 7, 2021, 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. – move to be shown beginning at 8:45 p.m.

The members approved the application.

- Special Event Application – Los Contrincantes Car Club and Bike Crew Show, Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The members approved the application contingent upon an earlier ending time and the understanding that if complaints occur due to noise, an effort will be made to reduce it.

- Forte Parklet Permit Discussion.

Ms. Kaltenmeier appeared before the Public Safety Committee to answer any questions that may arise. Forte the Restaurant hopes to reopen the interior portion of the restaurant within four weeks and expand outside a few weeks after that.

The members approved the application for an encroachment permit. A traditional parklet permit isn't necessary due to the placement of the parklet in relation to the street.

- First Covenant Preschool Block Party – Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The members approved the application.

- Fairfield Avenue Block Party – Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The members approved the application.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **Riding Lawn Mowers and Illegal Motorcycles**

Councilman Russell has received phone calls and emails regarding riding lawn mowers that are being used as transportation on a public highway. This is not a practice that is legal and actions need to be taken for it to stop. Chief Jackson and the Police Department have been working on this concern as well as the towing of illegal motorcycles and drivers, whether they be unregistered or uninsured or the driver is unlicensed. The racing of motorcycles has become an increased problem as well.

### **Illegal Fireworks**

He also discussed the growing problem of illegal fireworks being fired in the city. Councilman Russell would like to work with Mr. Raimondo and amend the city code to generate a zero-tolerance policy with heavy fines for letting off fireworks within the city limits. Constituents with PTSD from various traumas, citizens with animals, etc. living in the city should not have to be subjected to large fireworks being let off in their neighborhood.

Mr. Haskin noted that the current fine structure for fireworks is a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$250.00 as noted in the Jamestown City Code. There currently is no scaling up in fines for repeat offenders.

**Stop sign request**

Councilman Russell also spoke about a request from a constituent for a stop sign to be placed at the intersection of Prospect and McKinley. The request will be referred to the Department of Public Works for follow-up and review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. Williams  
City Clerk/Treasurer