

Minutes

Housing Committee
March 16, 2026
6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
Municipal Building, Jamestown, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilwoman Jaroszynski, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilman Scotchmer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Jennifer R. John, Director of Development Crystal Surdyk, Corporation Counsel Elliot Raimondo, Councilman Dolce, Councilman Engquist

Councilwoman Jaroszynski called the meeting to order.

Opportunities for Public Comment

No one from the public appeared to speak before the Housing Committee.

Informational Report

The committee had a discussion on oversized seasonal yard displays. Following a concern that was filed, Director of Development Crystal Surdyk provided research on ordinances that exist in other municipalities and the committee reviewed it together. Corporation Counsel Raimondo noted that there is currently not legislation in the books regarding this and also noted that city staff does not take a position on this and would not make a recommendation either way. Should council wish to bring forward legislation, Ms. Surdyk's document provides some guidelines of what might be possible. She added that most of the legislation has been challenged in court and many times has been overturned. She also added that with the amount of housing issues in the city that take priority, this is not something that her department has the time or resources to enforce. After a discussion on the matter, the committee decided that no action would be taken.

Councilman Gonzalez asked about the roof that blew off near Jamestown High School on 2nd Street. Ms. Surdyk noted that the property owner is local, and the Department of Development has attempted to contact them for years. To date, the owner has been non-compliant with regard to the condemned status of the building. Jamestown High School has expressed a desire to purchase the buildings on the corner of 2nd and Institute Streets. No damage was done to the neighboring building (the former Esquire Cleaners).

Ms. Surdyk announced that it is Annual Action Plan time again. Community engagement sessions will begin soon. Flyers will be distributed shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer R. John City Clerk/Treasurer