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City Council

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City Council Chambers

A recessed meeting of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Friday, January 1, 2016 at 12 o'clock noon.

Members Present: Council President Greg Rabb, Council Members, Brent Sheldon, Tony Dolce, Marie Carrubba, Maria Jones, Tom Nelson, Kim Ecklund, George Spitale

Members Absent: Alfonso Pagan

Others Present: Mayor Sam Teresi, Director of Financial Services/City Clerk James N. Olson, City Comptroller Joe Bellitto, Corporation Counsel Marilyn Fiore-Lehman, Director of Public Works Jeff Lehman, Director of Development Vince DeJoy, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Matt Hanley, County Legislators, Charles Nazzaro, Paul Whitford, Elisabeth Rankin, David Wilfong

MESSAGES FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Council President Rabb: As we conclude the 2014-2015 City Council, I would like to paraphrase words attributed to President Theodore Roosevelt:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man or woman who points out how others stumble... The credit belongs to the men and the women who are actually in the arena...who strive valiantly... toward achievement.”

So I want to say thank you to my colleagues on the City Council for being in the arena striving for achievement. It is easy to stand on the outside and tell us what we do wrong. It is much more difficult to be inside making decisions and tough choices in the face of ever increasing challenges. But that's exactly what you and I do every Monday night that we meet followed by explaining over the course of the other six days what we did and why to the people who elected us.

Working together with our Mayor, the professional staff at city hall, and our other partners in both the private and public sector we continue to do what is in the best interest of the City of Jamestown. We are a diverse group and we don't always agree, but we all agree in our love for our community and our fellow residents. And we all understand that with a strong, vital Jamestown the region will prosper. And while we care about the entire area we don't apologize

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for putting our concern for Jamestown ahead of everything else. That's why we were elected, that's why we are here.

So thank you again for the privilege of being President of this body for the last two years. Thank you to the voters for the privilege of being one of three City Councilmembers at Large.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk