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City Council

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A meeting of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:     Council President Greg Rabb and Council Members, Brent Sheldon, Tony Dolce, Alfonso Pagan, Marie Carrubba, Maria Jones, Paul Whitford, Kim Ecklund

Members Absent:     George Spitale

Others Present:     Mayor Sam Teresi, Director of Financial Services/City Clerk James N. Olson, Corporation Counsel Marilyn Fiore-Lehman, City Comptroller Joe Bellitto, Director of Public Works Jeff Lehman, Deputy Fire Chief Chet Harvey, Police Chief/Director of Public Safety Harry Snellings, Director of Development Vince DeJoy, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Matt Hanley

City Council President Greg Rabb called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by The Rev. Jim Read of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Councilman Dolce moved to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2014 meeting.

**MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR**

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**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

**MAYOR SAM TERESI**

**JANUARY 26, 2015**

***“Impressive Results... But the Best is Yet to Come”***

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Mr. President, Members of the City Council, Department Heads, Guests and my Fellow Jamestowners.

In accordance with Article IV, Chapter 31-C of the Jamestown City Charter, it is once again my pleasure to present to you the annual State of the City Address.

As has been customary during past years, I'd like to begin this evening with an overview of some of the efforts and impressive results that made 2014 yet another year of positive progress for our City and the entire Greater Jamestown region.

The items that I am about to highlight represent but a mere sampling of the accomplishments that were made possible through the collective efforts of the members of this legislative body, our outstanding Department Heads and managers, the best municipal workforce that one could ever imagine and a broader community of volunteers, business operators, property owners and non-profit organization leaders who truly care about and sacrifice on a daily basis to make this place all that it is capable of being.

As has also been our practice, a full account of the 2014 Annual Report, together with the complete transcript of this address may be found and viewed on the City's website... ([www.jamestownny.net](http://www.jamestownny.net)).

- During 2014, as a team we continued the ongoing effort to make the operations of City Government more cost efficient.

For your review, a summary of 71 City Government Restructuring efforts that have been put in place since 1/1/2000, which are saving city taxpayers \$5,432,200 on a recurring, annual basis, is included in the attached packet.

- Also during 2014, efforts were launched with the State's Financial Restructuring Board to identify and pursue additional opportunities to build upon the internal restructuring and inter municipal consolidation/collaboration initiatives implemented during recent years.
- In conjunction with the City's Health Care Plan Third Party Administrator, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of WNY, we launched a new wellness initiative ("The Good Life Plan") for both, employees and retirees enrolled in the City's self-insurance program. This innovative and historic change in the way health care benefits are delivered is already showing progress toward streamlining the delivery of services and containing costs. Thus far, employees and retirees associated with the with the non-bargaining groups, the Kendall Club, Local 1772 and both units of the Jamestown City Administrative Association (JCAA) have accepted this voluntary, incentive based initiative. To date, the participation rate is in the 90% range.
- In November, a Task Force on Efficiency and Cost Reduction was established. Amongst the goals and objectives of this body, which is comprised of members from the City Council, Board of Public Utilities and various City Appointed Officers and staff members, are the following:

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- Identify methods to streamline and lower the cost of services provided through BOTH the General Fund and the City's five (5) enterprise fund utility operations;
- Find ways to further share services between the General Fund Operations and our five (5) utility enterprise funds;
- In accordance with Article 9, Section 1(f) of the State Constitution, Section 94 of the State's General Municipal Law and various sections of the City Charter, evaluate the potential and pursue options to develop a fixed methodology for utility profit distribution to the General Fund... if and when it is determined that such profit allocations are necessary and reasonable in the future.

The Joint Task Force which is being led by City Council Finance Committee Chairman, Tony Dolce, is scheduled to complete its work and report back its findings by April 1 of this year.

Once again, thank you Chairman Dolce for your willingness to take on this necessary task and I look forward with great anticipation to receiving the report of this body.

- During 2014 we continued our efforts to retool the Information and Technology (IT) Department and completed a variety of initiatives that have already improved performance and security, enhanced efficiency and reduced overall costs.
- Utilizing a \$400,000 grant from the State's Local Government Efficiency Program, an implementation strategy was developed to merge the employment operations of the City's Police Department with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. With the assistance of the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) from Rochester, New York, the joint City/County Project Task Force has finalized a draft Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) that will be presented in the near future, to City-County leaders for the next phase of discussion, negotiation and possible approval.
- Our financial team completed the refinancing of \$6 million in County IDA issued public parking facility construction bonds, which resulted in a savings of \$1,931,396 through 2030, or an average annual savings of \$113,612.
- The City's outstanding Fire Department responded to 4,573 calls for services (up from 3,887 in 2013) which included 139 structure fires (106 in 2013), 3,312 EMS calls (2,862 in 2013) and 267 ambulance transports (147 in 2013).
- The Fire Department also responded to 20 arson fires during the past year, (13 in 2013, 25 in 2012, 22 in 2011, 34 in 2009 and 37 in 2008). Fire and Police Department officials point to a more aggressive and collaborative inter-departmental investigation effort (resulting in arrests and prosecutions in a number of high profile cases) as the primary reason for this general downward trend in recent years.

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- During 2014, with resources from Federal Grant funding, we
  - Replaced the City's 21 year old Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Station.
  - Acquired a new \$120,000 ambulance to replace an unreliable 20 year old unit.
  - And placed into service a new state of the art \$401,865, Class 1 Pumper Truck, allowing the Fire Department to decommission an antiquated 33 year old unit.
- During 2014, our hardworking and highly effective Police Department responded to 31,663 calls for service which included 4,531 vehicle and traffic matters, 1,336 domestic dispute calls, 1,464 animal complaints, 970 warrant checks, and 1,115 larceny complaints. During 2014, 3,094 total arrests, including 78 juvenile arrests, were made by JPD Officers.
- On the Drug Enforcement Front, our officers, in conjunction with Federal, State, County and other local agencies, executed a record 76 search warrants in the City, seized 5,110 bags of heroin, and over \$86,000 in cash. Additionally, Operation Horseback concluded with the indictments and arrests of 47 individuals involved with the trafficking of heroin in and around the City of Jamestown.
- On the other side of the Drug Problem equation, the City, primarily through efforts within the Police, Fire, Corporation Counsel, Development and Youth Services Departments, assisted and worked with a variety of other public, private and nonprofit partners in the Greater Jamestown Region on a myriad of drug prevention, counseling and treatment initiatives. A list of the 27 partners that city staff assisted during the past year may be found on pages 3 and 4 of the attached 2014 Accomplishments Report.
- On the labor relations front, we established Collective Bargaining Agreements with the two Jamestown City Administrative Association (JCAA) units for the period covering 1/1/12 – 12/31/16. The agreements contained an average salary adjustment of 1.1%, increased employee contributions for health care benefits, and instituted a new, voluntary, incentive based Wellness Program for both active employees and retirees. Contract negotiations are continuing with the remaining two (2) Collective Bargaining Units (AFSCME, CSEA), that are paid out of the General Operating Fund. Both have been working with expired agreements since 12/31/11.
- During the past year, our DPW and Parks staff once again completed a record level of downtown and neighborhood street, sidewalk and storm water drainage improvement projects. In addition to nearly 90 resurfacing, nova chip and storm sewer improvement activities, comprehensive reconstruction efforts were completed along Camp St., Lakeview Ave., West Fifth St., Anderson St., Benedict Ave., Outlet Ave. and the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk.

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- 2014 saw progress by our DPW and BPU teams on a variety of other public facility investments including the following.
  - Completion of Phase I of the Tracy Plaza Revitalization Project at a cost of \$1.2 million and the installation of \$200,000 worth of energy efficient, reflective glass windows at the Municipal Building.
  - Completion of a \$2 million conversion of Boiler #10 at the Carlson Generating Station from coal to natural gas to support future reliability needs.
  - We initiated the conversion of Boiler #9 at the Carlson Generating Station from coal to natural gas to support future production and reliability needs. The “new” Boiler #9 will also maintain a fuel oil component for further back up and reliability purposes.
  - New storage facilities were developed at the Steele Street campus of the Board of Public Utilities. This project also included various fencing and other security enhancements as well as landscaping improvements designed in conjunction with the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk.
  - Construction activity was largely completed on the \$3 million Chadakoin Electric Substation project, which will replace two older, less efficient and reliable units located on Second and Washington Streets and on Jones-Gifford Avenue near the McCrea Point Boatlanding. The sites of the decommissioned units will be repurposed for the expansion of the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk System at McCrea Park and the development of the National Comedy Center Project in Downtown Jamestown.
- On the housing and neighborhood front, the Department of Development built and launched a new technology platform for Code Enforcement and Building Inspection records via a cloud based product called “MyGov”. The system is now operational for all new cases and complaints, and will be fully integrated when legacy information is installed into the new system, scheduled for Spring 2015. When fully operational, the public will have a web portal available to report housing code violations and the ability to receive updates and follow cases through the entire process.
- During 2014, the Department of Development Team also:
  - Initiated over 1,125 new Housing Code Enforcement cases and resolved most without City Court intervention.
  - Implemented the “48 Hour Rule”, in which every citizen code compliance complaint is logged, acknowledged, responded to and a resolution to the matter...with or without court action...is launched in no more than two (2) business days.

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- Reestablished and launched the highly effective Residential Quadrant Housing Sweep Program in the south west corner of the City.
- Expanded the targeted Mini Sweep Housing Inspection Program into various neighborhoods.
- Worked with the Jamestown City Court to establish a second weekly Housing Court session. This initiative has already made a positive impact on reducing the back log on the court calendar and expediting the resolution of many long standing housing violation matters.
- The City also worked collaboratively with the Chautauqua County Land Bank Corporation to secure \$1.5 million in funding from the NYS Office of Attorney General. The grant will be used to address vacant and abandoned housing and to eliminate slums and blight in neighborhoods throughout the County. During 2014, the City of Jamestown executed a contract with the Land Bank to receive a third of this funding and target it for demolition of abandoned structures within the City.
- During 2014 the City worked closely with the JRC on their very successful Neighborhood Cluster Rehabilitation Program and on the continued implementation of our “award winning” Downtown Urban Design Plan.
- On the Parks and Recreation front, we:
  - Completed design work, secured permits and initiated construction on Phase V (McCrea Point to Clifton Avenue) and Phase VI (Panzarella Park to McCrea Park) of the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk.
  - Secured \$1.6 million in funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) from the New York State Department of Transportation for the construction of two (2) pedestrian bridges in conjunction with the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk. The remainder of the funding for this \$2 million project will be provided through repaid Federal Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) resources.
  - And in collaboration with the Chautauqua County Health Network and a neighborhood watch group, completed the long planned renovation of Lillian Dickson Park on Falconer Street.

Success in the development arena was also front and center during this past year.

- 2014 saw the re-establishment of the previously dormant Greater Jamestown Zone Capital Corporation which provides low interest rate loans to companies locating or expanding within the boundaries of the former Greater Jamestown Empire Zone.
- 472 Building Permits were issued during 2014 for projects totaling over \$10 million. These permits, in turn, generated more than \$46,000 in fee revenue for the City.
- City Staff worked continuously with the new owners of the former Downtown Ramada site, the Hamister Hospitality Group of Buffalo, NY, to undertake a multi-million dollar renovation of the eight-story building for a full service Hilton Double Tree hotel and conference center.
- Planning and development efforts were advanced with representatives from the National Comedy Center to bring to fruition this world class attraction in Downtown Jamestown. Activities included:
  - Commencement of the Gateway Park Initiative.
  - Transfer of two key City owned parcels at the corner of Washington and West Second Streets... on which much of the project is slated to occur.
  - Collaboration with Comedy Center representatives to secure \$1.5 million in financial assistance through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application process CFA.
- In conjunction with the relocation of the Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Center to new and expanded space in the redeveloped Lynn Building (the former Federal Building) in Downtown Jamestown, staff successfully negotiated a five (5) year lease and renovated the 9,000 of commercial space in the Spring Street Parking Ramp for use by NY Law, Inc.
- Following the devastating January 2014 fire that severely damaged Lisciandro's Restaurant and completely destroyed The Pub, City Development staff, in partnership with the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC), worked with the property and business owners to put together and fund a plan for the total restoration of the complex, including the installation of a full sprinkler system and various Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) amenities. DOD/JURA staff, along with the JRC are currently working with the property owner to design and fund a complete restoration of the building's façade.

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- And last, but certainly not least, following the announcement that Jamestown's long time New York Penn League Baseball Franchise would be relocating to a new, state of the art facility in Morgantown, WV, city officials, in conjunction with a private and nonprofit community coalition, launched an effort to secure a new franchise. Those efforts yielded an agreement to relocate the Lorraine Ohio franchise in The Prospect League to begin play in Jamestown during May 2015, as the Jamestown Jammers. An innovative, non-exclusive, five (5) year (with renewal options), incentive based lease agreement has been signed with MKE Sports Entertainment, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the use of Historic Diethrick Park.

Again, I urge everyone to review in detail the contents of the 2014 summary report, which, like the State of the City Address, has already been uploaded and can be viewed on the City's website...[jamestownny.net](http://jamestownny.net).

While 2014 was certainly a time of impressive results, I truly believe that 2015 has the potential, if we can continue to work in a collaborative team like approach, to take us as a community to even higher ground.

- While during the coming year, we must and we will focus our collective energies on both the problems and opportunities that are under our direct control, we nevertheless must remain mindful of the external factors that have a direct impact on our lives here in Jamestown.

As our state leaders have correctly noted, New York's high, out of control and punitive property tax, not only places a crushing burden on those residents and small businesses that are least able to pay, but it is also having a stifling impact on our ability to attract and retain new development and employment opportunities.

If in fact our state leaders are truly serious about REDUCING New York's high and unique property tax, it remains my long held contention that much more will be required than the policy gimmicks, political lip service and chest beating of past years. Quite simply, the following three things need to be done, can be done and must be done by our leaders in Albany.

o AUTHORITY MUST BE GRANTED BY THE STATE TO LOWER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COST STRUCTURE .

If it is truly the objective in the "New New York" to cut property taxes, we must first eliminate, reduce or get under control the items on the cost side of the equation that are the true culprits driving the Empire State's property taxes through the roof. And of course, I am again referring to regulations and unfunded mandates like the local share of Medicaid pushed down to our Counties; Binding Arbitration for Police and Professional Firefighters contracts; the Tri-Borough Amendment to the State's Taylor Law; Sections 207 A & C of the General

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Municipal Law covering Fire and Police disability retirements; and the Real Property Tax Law itself. And, as it relates to the RPTL, it's high time to starve and tame the "Exemption Beast" that is literally killing local budgets and creating classifications of "Winners and Losers" amongst our own citizens and tax payers.

Bottom line...REAL mandate and regulatory relief needs to happen and happen NOW so that local governments and school districts are granted the authority to LEGALLY REDUCE their cost structures and are able to knock down the barriers that stand in their way to put in place EVEN MORE efficiencies, collaborations and consolidations.

#### o INCREASE STATE REVENUE SHARING

For a moment, let us take a step back and understand exactly where the concept of State Revenue Sharing came from and the valid reasons it was created in the first place.

The New York State Revenue Sharing Program (re branded several years ago as Aid and Incentives to Municipalities or "AIM") was originally created as a device to achieve the following:

1. Diversify local government revenue streams away from the regressive property tax and thereby reduce the size and impact of that dreaded form of revenue
2. Create a more progressive and growth oriented form of revenue WITHOUT leading to every local government and school district in the state requesting permission to initiate their own income tax system. In other words, "we will share a portion of the State's income tax receipts every year so that local governments don't have to replicate what the State is already doing."
3. Help pay for the series of new regulations and unfunded mandates on local governments that were coming out of Albany at the time. The rationale from the State in the late 1960's was as follows:

"We realize that local Medicaid costs, the Taylor Law (which granted the right for public employees to organize and collectively bargain contracts), along with other mandates in the future, will place a large and undue burden on local governments and school districts. In order to help you cover these mounting expenses (so that you don't have to tax people out of their homes and businesses) we will share, ever year, a legally specified portion of the State's gross income tax receipts."

Well, from day one, this promise has never been kept and it is certainly not being adhered to today.

New York's Revenue Sharing Program, during past eras, when it was more adequately funded, was a proven means of moderating local property taxes. Unfortunately, during the past five years, an already insufficient allocation has been decreased by another 14% in real dollars.

Currently, the entire Revenue Sharing allocation to local governments not only fails to come close to offsetting the cost of services mandated by Albany, but the total appropriation (\$715 million) to all local governments, is actually 65% less than just the INCREASE in School Aid granted in 2014.

With the state now in a strong fiscal position and local governments exhibiting fiscal austerity through maximized efficiency and restructuring efforts, now is the time for the State Legislature, to increase Revenue Sharing (at least back to the 2009-2010 funding levels) and provide for the much talked about property tax relief.

o SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE OR ENTIRELY DO AWAY WITH THE STATE'S RELIANCE ON THE REGRESSIVE PROPERTY TAX

STATE GOVERNMENT needs to change the method by which it chooses to pay for public services, away from the dreaded local Real Property Tax and to something else that is more progressive, fair and less hated by the residents, voters, businesses and property owners of the state... and for that matter, those from other places that are looking at New York.

If in fact the Real Property tax is so unpopular, destructive and puts the Empire State at such a competitive disadvantage with other places, wouldn't it then make sense to do away with it ... or at least reduce our reliance on it as a form of revenue?!

Consider this. Just 20-25 minutes away from Jamestown's southern border lies the small city of Warren, Pennsylvania. And, as we all know, comparatively valued real estate in Warren is assessed measurable LOWER property taxes, due in large part to;

1. LESS STATE MANDATES
2. A CENTRALIZED COUNTY OPERATED SCHOOL SYSTEM and
3. A MORE DIVERSIFIED BASE OF REVENUES... WHICH INCLUDES A LOCAL, PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX.

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Personally, I couldn't agree more with our elected leaders in Albany that an antiquated 18<sup>th</sup> century form of taxation is holding back 21<sup>st</sup> century growth and development, not only in our City, but throughout the entire Empire State.

It's high time for New York to do away with (or at least significantly reduce) it's reliance on our regressive, punitive, outmoded and hated means of paying for government services. It truly is time for our elected state leaders to work WITH local governments and school districts to devise a new revenue generating system that is more progressive, fair, attractive and EFFECTIVE... just like other states have apparently managed to do.

- Growingly, residential choices are being made by families on the basis of the quality or the perceived quality, of local schools. And, as it should be, responsible parents want the best for their kids, and fortunately, right here in the City of Jamestown, we already have one of the premier public school systems that can be found... anywhere.

Consider for a moment the quality of the world class academic and recreational facilities offered by the Jamestown City School District. Or, perhaps the level and quality of advanced placement academic offerings, individual educational programs and special education opportunities for children of all backgrounds and capabilities. And, one would be hard pressed to find someone to challenge with a straight face the supremacy of the Jamestown Public School District's athletic, music, technical, cultural and diversity offerings... especially during this last year!

Out of fear of sounding overly bold and boastful, or having their position misconstrued as a criticism of others, there are some folks in our city who may be reluctant to state the obvious. Not me! Let me say it tonight as clearly as I can. Even with all of the challenges and impediments that lay before it, the Jamestown Public School District is simply OUTSTANDING! And, perhaps JPS is one of the best opportunities and values that loving and caring parents could ever provide their children.

As local government representatives and concerned residents, we need to remain vested in and supportive of the efforts of our colleagues on Martin Road to protect, build upon, celebrate and market the attributes of our outstanding public school system. Quite possibly, from a long-term standpoint this may represent the single most important thing that we can be doing to keep and attract both residents and new businesses into our City.

On the higher education front, we must support the development and expansion of two of our most potentially significant economic engines; Jamestown Business College (JBC) and Jamestown Community College (JCC). As one of the three regional sponsors of JCC, we, as a city government, must help advance efforts to once again blaze a new trail and expand the first and best Community College in the State, to provide on-site, higher educational degree opportunities. Not only for residents of our immediate area, but also for hundreds or even thousands of bright minds that are willing to journey here and become new, contributing members of our great community. And, when this does happen, it will clearly drive future private business investment, growth and new jobs throughout the Greater Jamestown Region.

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Today, 21<sup>st</sup> century businesses trade in and often rise and fall on access to so-called “intellectual capital.” And, higher-level colleges and universities are not only suppliers of “intellectual capital”, but through what they also add to a community from a cultural, social, recreational and goods/services standpoint, serve as powerful magnets for the type of people that companies today must have to succeed in the global marketplace.

Make no mistake about it. Higher education is to today’s knowledge and information based economy, what railroads, electrification and interstate highways were... and then some... to the economies of the last two centuries.

Unfortunately, Greater Jamestown is the single largest urban area in the state and the only in the “TOP TEN,” WITHOUT at least one major 4 year university or college. And that needs to be rectified.

During the coming years, our collective voices need to be raised and our demands must be heard by those who have the ability to help us address these educational and economic development needs.

- New York State Route 60

What is now a major safety hazard and an embarrassing impediment to commerce and development, can, should and must be transformed into a safe, modern and attractive business thoroughfare...PERIOD!

If we aspire to grow our economy in the increasingly competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must have a safe, efficient north-south traffic artery connecting our County’s two major urban areas. Furthermore, a Route 60 that has the capability of moving traffic in a modern, fast and safe fashion is absolutely essential if we are going to attract more commerce to our region from Pennsylvania and fully benefit from our proximity to both the growing Buffalo-Niagara region and Canadian Markets.

An improved North-South highway would provide much needed relief on other county and town roads that were not built or intended for the volume and type of traffic that is diverted from an insufficient Route 60.

In recognition of all of this, I am pleased to report that County Executive Vince Horrigan, City of Dunkirk Mayor, A.J. Dolce and I have met and agreed to lead an effort to transform what is now a poorly designed and maintained secondary road into Chautauqua County’s Highway of Opportunity, Growth and Development. During the coming weeks, I look forward to joining with the County Executive and Mayor to convene a meeting of local officials that are directly and indirectly impacted by the current, inadequate situation.

- During 2015 we look forward to completing our efforts with the State’s Financial Restructuring Board and identifying additional ideas to build upon the long and

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successful history in government restructuring and consolidation initiatives, which this city has been long viewed as a pioneer and leader.

To this end, the coming months will bring forth a final product for public review and legislative consideration as it relates to the ongoing Public Safety Consolidation/Collaboration initiative. It is clearly time to either move forward and implement a plan or move on... once and for all.

- On the Public Safety front, we will redouble our efforts to attack the illegal narcotics scourge in the Greater Jamestown area on both the supply and demand sides of the equation.

Working with our other law enforcement partners at the Federal, State, County and local agency levels, the members of our outstanding Police Department will continue to drive home the message to drug dealers that they are not wanted here and that we are going to do everything in our legal power to disrupt and drive them out.

On the demand side of the ledger, we will continue to support and enhance the efforts of our community partners who are legally charged with the authority and responsibility to provide the education, treatment and care for the victims of the illegal drug enterprise in our community.

- During the coming year, we will also redouble our investigative efforts and arrest, prosecute and put away those engaged in the sad and destructive arson trade... the negative impact of which cannot ever be overstated.

Our arson strategy during 2015 will also have an expanded emphasis on prevention and education programs involving our school system, community groups and churches.

Not only does every intentionally set fire in this city contribute to the depletion of the budget and the erosion of the tax base, but more importantly, arsons needlessly place in jeopardy the safety and lives of our first responders and the public at large.

- Our 2015 plan also includes an ambitious housing and neighborhood agenda built around;
  - Continuation of Quadrant and Mini Enforcement Sweep Efforts
  - Selective demolitions of abandoned properties
  - Assistance with the JRC Block Challenge Program
  - Operation of CDBG Funded rehabilitation initiatives
  - Expansion of the public security camera program, and

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- Development of a storm water mitigation plan in some of the most severe hot or “wet” spots in the city.
- And last but certainly not least, major development efforts will continue to command a significant portion of our attention during 2015, including:
  - Construction of Phases V-VIII of the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk.
  - Downtown Redevelopment Projects involving advancement of the National Comedy Center, the new Hilton Double Tree Hotel, the Lynn Building, the former M&T complex and the Reg Lenna District Master Plan.
  - Advancement of the Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative.
  - And, a long, overdue, update of the City’s Zoning Ordinance,

Well, I think if we all listen carefully enough, we can almost hear the din and drumbeat of disbelief and even outrage coming from the far reaches of the blogosphere tonight.

“WHAT?! You cannot be serious!!!

- A change in the State’s tax structure and the way it funds government services? Never going to happen!
- A high level, 4 year college in Jamestown?! Impossible!!
- A modern, efficient and safe “Main Street” for Chautauqua County linking north with south and south to the outside world?! Not in our lifetimes! And, who in their right minds will fund that, and who exactly would use it anyways?!
- An all-out attack on the drug trade, improving the neighborhoods and growing the local economy? That is so naïve and out of the question, I’m not even going to waste my breath responding!!”

Well, good! Because I think I will.

Let me remind everyone within the sound of our collective voices that the scrap heap of local history is littered with pessimistic dooms dayers and naysayers who have under estimated or entirely written off, time and time again, this resilient and amazing place. Let’s take a moment to remember...

- A railroad running through this little backwoods of a nothing place?! Never!

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- You want to do what?! Buy up all of the private electric companies, create a city owned utility and build a single, modern power plant to boot?! THAT’S ABSOLUTLEY INSANE!!
- A college in Jamestown... and worse yet, sponsored by the City? That would be a terrible mistake and a big step toward a destructive “welfare state!”
- Art Metal is closing, turn out the lights and everyone run for their lives! That big plant will remain empty forever and will wither into the ground.
- A modern interstate highway serving this place and a Riverwalk along that dirty, nothing of a little stream?! Who in their right minds will fund that and exactly who would use them anyways?!!

My friends, let us tonight and always, remember that the future is determined by and belongs to those who not only think and innovate but who dare to dream, to do and never accept the “impossible.”

Let us also, in the coming days and forever, remember that if we commit ourselves to working together in the interests of others, there is literally NOTHING that we can’t accomplish. And just like those who successfully walked, innovated and built before us, we will be able to make the “impossible”, possible.

Thank you for listening tonight and I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year.

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Mayor’s Office            )

To the City Council of the City of Jamestown New York

Council Members:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Charter of said City, I do hereby nominate:

Thomas M. Nelson  
21 Hunter Street  
Jamestown, New York 14701

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to be appointed Ward VI Councilman in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the unexpired term of Paul Whitford, resigned..

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2015.

Dated: January 26, 2015

Samuel Teresi  
Mayor of the City of Jamestown, New York

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Mayor's Office             )

To the City Council of the City of Jamestown New York

Council Members:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Charter of said City, I do hereby nominate:

Kiana Vullo  
12 Dunn Avenue  
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Riverfront Management Council in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2017.

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Samuel Teresi  
Mayor of the City of Jamestown, New York

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CITY OF JAMESTOWN     )  
Mayor's Office            )

To the City Council of the City of Jamestown New York

Council Members:

In pursuance of the authority vested in me by the Charter of said City, I do hereby  
nominate:

Samantha Ellis  
307 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Jamestown Housing Authority in and for the City of  
Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire  
September 30, 2019.

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Samuel Teresi  
Mayor of the City of Jamestown, New York

Councilwoman Ecklund moved to suspend the rules and vote on the appointments.

Carried 7 – 0.

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Councilman Dolce moved to approve the appointments.

Carried 7 – 0.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

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Diane Peterson: My name is Diane Peterson, 33 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street. I've lived there for forty-some years. I've been in Jamestown for over 65 years. The majority of the people this evening here are representing the northside of Jamestown and Chadakoin Park. As of Friday, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, during a women's meeting we were having, we were told that there was going to be a de-dedication of Lafayette Street between Tenth and Eleventh Streets. That a car dealership was going to take over Lafayette Street. So as of Saturday, I was looking through the newspaper to find out about this and what I came up with after I looked and looked and looked and could not find it and finally called my friend to find out where this proposal was in the newspaper. It was under the total of "Coffee Craze". What in the world does a de-dedication of Lafayette Street have to do with coffee? As of Saturday afternoon, we had another affair at Emmanuel Baptist and the word spread and from there it has spread. Our concern is that you are blocking off, if this goes through, you will be blocking off our access route to getting to Chadakoin Park. Plus, it's going to be right in front of the pavilion. What I've been told is there's going to be a little sidewalk that after we have parked and walked a very long way to get to the pavilion, plus it's not really going to be handicap accessible if this goes through and according to this map that I was given this evening, there's going to be some kind of a hedge along that portion of Lafayette Street that's going to be blocked off so that the dealership can expand himself right up next to our pavilion. Do you realize how many things go on during the summer as well as into the fall? Not alone just Juneteenth, but we have Gospel-Fest and all kinds of parties and picnics and graduation parties go on there at our park. This is not acceptable. I'm quite sure I can speak for everybody that is here. This is not acceptable. Thank you.

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Fannell Leeper: My name is Fannell Leeper, 65 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Jamestown, New York. I've been on Tenth Street for 49 years and as I heard of the proposal for the de-dedication for Chadakoin Park, I got upset, I got angry. I wore my hat as everyone can see to keep me grounded, to be calm, the person I used to be. But I thought about Pastor Walker's sermon for the last two weeks. When I remember – comes from Psalm 63 – when I remember Jamestown 50 years ago, from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 21<sup>st</sup> Street, was black. When I look at Washington Street, it's a disgrace. And then I sat and I thought about the Alamo. I thought about the Indians, you know, Cochees and Apaches, the anger that they felt. As I look back at history, I'm looking at Jamestown and it's sad, because the black population was centered right there on the northside. You took Lafayette Street, you took Tenth Street, the bottom half and you gave us that Chadakoin Park and again we went for it then, but since we have very little voice in this town, we settled for it. Fifty years later, you're going to redesign the park and you're going to do it

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your way again. We totally disagree with it because no one said anything to us, at least I was not informed, had not heard about it until the de-dedication, as Diane said, under the heading "Coffee Craze"? I just feel that Jamestown has not been fair to the black community. I feel that way because I look and I don't see any blacks representing me in City Hall. I don't see any blacks in the municipal building. The ones that we did have that you're closing. The Police Department doesn't represent me. The Sheriff's Department doesn't represent me, the DPW does not represent me. Everything you have here does not represent black people. And Tenth Street, the street that I really love, it had the most beautiful trees that went from one side to the other and the City decided for us that we didn't need those trees. No one asked us how we feel about the trees, you just came down Tenth Street, cut our beautiful trees down and gave us those little, whatever you call them. And they are a disgrace, they're not beautiful, they're not shade trees and I feel it's an insult. Sometimes I feel like Geronimo and Cochees. That you're putting the park again, you're doing what you want to do. So you can keep an eye on us. We come in one way and leave that way. Eleventh Street is an entrance only. I think we have the right to come into our park on Eleventh Street and leave on Tenth Street like we have been doing as I told Mr. DeJoy. You haven't done anything for us in 50 years, don't do anything now. Thank you.

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Karen Johnson Neal: I'm Karen Johnson Neal and I live at 283 Fairmount Avenue for a short time. If we don't remember our history, we are doomed to repeat it. As a child, I remember my mother saying, because she lived on Jefferson Street, in the spring when they wanted to go to school, they had a rowboat tied up to the back porch and they had to row the boat up to Eighth Street because of the flooding. We have a park on a wetland. You can sit at that park and look at the ground and it's bubbling up. What's coming up? What is it doing to our children? I don't know what it is, but it bubbles up. It's a wetland. You were going to – the City or whoever was going to at one point – fill it in. I never saw that happen. I've been in Jamestown, I left three times, but I would say 60 years I've been in Jamestown, easily if not more. I don't remember ever having that land filled in. There was going to be a golf course, I don't know who would use it, I wouldn't, but there was going to be a walking trail. It's not there now. You can't put a walking trail in a swamp. That's a swamp. And now, when the kids go down there, if they're going in this way, they're closer to the swampy part, there's already a mosquito and a bee problem in the park, a horrible problem. Our children can't go there unless they're covered. They go in there and it's bubbling up with whatever it is and all of the mosquitos and all of the bees, now what's going to happen? Are we going to have another West Nile? Is there going to be, whatever, I don't know? And then I had another question. If your egress is going to be on Tenth Street, if there is a need for an emergency vehicle, how can that vehicle get in and out with any kind of speed? Those streets are narrow, they're full of people, there are children running up and down the street all the time. How is an emergency vehicle going to get in and out with any form of speed? Another question; do you realize who uses that park? Schools use the park, continuously. Churches use that park, public groups use that park. That park is a utilized park. Just like Bergman, we use the park. It's not just the black community that uses that park. Everybody uses that park. Don't relegate us to a swamp. Thank you.

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Chloe Smith: I'm Chloe Smith, I live on 14 Chambers Street in Jamestown. I grew up on the northside. That's my family, my friends, my loved ones. I also heard about the de-dedication and to me it's representative of something much bigger if you really look at it. I liked when the Mayor was talking about direct impact on our lives because this is direct impact on our lives and a few weeks ago, we had a call go forth, also at Emmanuel Baptist Church for the people to become proactive and to get involved and this is a manifestation of that. So I want you to just notice the crowd and take a look and be pleased that we are here and that we do want to be involved and that we do have a voice. That's important. Please take note of that, but this is a symptom of a greater problem. It's a symptom of the feeling of being disenfranchised. It's a feeling of, when we say we're being cut off regarding the park, what we really mean is that we feel cut off period. So we want to start a new beginning of becoming involved, of having a voice, of having a say and we hope that all of you will be receptive of that as we take these steps forward because we don't want to be overlooked and we do want to build bridges and trust and think forward and innovatively. We have all these children here also and they are our future so I'm pleased that they're here also. I appreciate you Pastor Pagan, because he said for us this is what he'll do. He said that he'll put up a power point so that we could see and be able to visualize what the plan was so that we can then have our say concerning it because it's our neighborhood and we should have a say. I think if we had understanding on what is going on, that would be so helpful. So thank you Pastor Pagan, saying that you'll put that up for us. Making the impossible, possible, that's what we're here for. We see the economy changing, we see things being built up, we see the City moving forward and we want to be a part of that too. We want to have a say in that too. We want to have businesses too. We want to have entrepreneurs. What we're saying here tonight is that we want to be a part of the Jamestown that's moving forward, that's becoming more economically stable, we want to have a say. All of us here want to have a say and to be a part of it. So thank you for taking the time to listen to us. We appreciate it.

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Calvinia Leeper-Knight: My name is Calvinia Leeper-Knight, I live at 837 North Main Street, Jamestown, New York. Councilman – whatever you are – Dolce, I may not have it right, but the only time I see you is election time, so it's good to see you. Mayor Teresi, I've got something to say and what I've got to say is, I ran into you in Allen Park with the kids that I worked with when I worked at the detention center. I said to my children, see that white man over there? That's the Mayor of the City of Jamestown. They said no he's not. I said he's the Mayor. I think you were just casually enjoying our park. Just like you like Allen Park, I chose to buy 837 North Main Street because the bank told me anywhere I go they would have funded it. But I chose to live at 837 North Main Street. I love the northside of town. I love everything about it, the Puerto Ricans, the Indians, whatever we are down there we are in it together. I go down to the park and sit and watch them squabble and play three-on-three basketball. If the language gets too foul, I let them know. Look over here, it's me. You're going to respect me. And the point that I'm trying to say to you all is that I love my neighborhood. Just like you chose to live where you wanted to live, I chose to live where I want to live. I wasn't for that park, but that's what you gave us. And since you gave it to us, I would appreciate – just speaking for me – leave it alone. I

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feel like we don't matter. This says northside people matter. You're about to make a Bruester place out of our park. You're going to sell us out for a car dealership? They're not happy for one end of Washington up to the other end is car dealerships and I don't have a problem with the car dealerships. Although when I came here, it was houses, it was Laundromats, it was restaurants. I didn't come downtown and bother nothing. Anything I wanted to do, I could do on Washington Street and that's gone and that's okay, time changes and things change. Is my time up yet? Now you gave us the park, you promised a lot of stuff. I remember when my son Greg played Midget Football down there and then you couldn't do it anymore because something was wrong. I remember when we as a family, when you first put it down there, my mother and we all went down and played softball down there, but we can't do it anymore. And now I can go and sit on that pavilion – because I'm old – and watch the kids play and listen to them. Just like you enjoy Allen Park, I enjoy Chadakoin. And I don't like the fact that the car dealership, because they've got money – that's what this is about. We're in their way, they're the ones intruding on us. They're going to move their cars up to the sidewalk and then Pastor Pagan he said they're going to put some trees up – keep your trees. Move your trees over on this side, plant them and block it off. Give us a break. Leave us alone. We're happy where we're at. I pay taxes even if I do pay them late. I've been here 41 years and I just want you all to know that northside people matter. I like the drug dealers, y'all. I love everything about it. I really do. You know, I like where I'm at and I want you all to respect where I am. Where I'm trying to keep paying taxes on till God calls me home. And just don't throw us away – I like independent living too next door to me, but they cut my grass. But it's all fun. I like the senior citizen home cross and I don't like the idea that because the car dealership has more money than me, they can just take my park and put up cars. There are cars all up and down there. I tell you what – they've got plenty of money, tell them to build on that side. Tell them to buy across the street, it's a vacant lot over there. Nothing's there but a big billboard. Y'all can take it and move it across the street. Do you remember way back when you wanted a light there on Washington Street and they said it's a state road and you can't get it and we took our children and we walked back and forth, we walked back and forth, we walked back and forth, the light is there. You know what car dealership? We're about ready to take our children and walk back and forth, walk back and forth, walk back and forth until you're sorry you moved down there. All I'm asking you people to do is to respect where we live. I don't bother Bergman Park. I don't even bother Allen Park. And they're nice parks, they're nicer than Chadakoin. But Chadakoin is where I go sit like you go to Allen Park. And Chadakoin is where I call home. And Chadakoin is where I want to stay. If you're not going to improve it, please don't de-dedicate. If you're not going to improve it and do what you said you were going to do, please don't de-dedicate it. Thank you.

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Wanda Cooper: My name is Wanda Cooper. I live at 153 South Butts, it's in West Ellicott, however, I do utilize Chadakoin Park. In fact I use it more than I do Bergman which is right around the corner and Allen Park, combined. And as I'm looking, and I have lived in many places and you've talked about improvements and one place that I did live was in Virginia Beach and they had the City dump right there in town which I remember, that was the city dump. They came in with millions of tons of dirt and they covered it up and they made what is called Mount Trashmore, which is one of the most beautiful parks I have ever visited. They dug out the swampy land and they put in a pond and they rent out paddleboats and they make money, a novel idea. Around the park, because after families have spent all day exercising and playing and

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enjoying one another, there's all kinds of restaurants and places to go together as a family and to enjoy one another. So instead of taking this park that is the biggest one in the city and doing absolutely nothing with it, invest in your natural resources. Just as you would your children and any other area. As I looked on the Tour Chautauqua website, I noticed that this is the only park that does not have a picture on it. You have a picture of the parks for every single park in Chautauqua County except for Chadakoin. So what is done in the dark has to come to the light. It is time for you to step up and say we are not going to do this. These plans did not just happen last week. They happened a while ago. And now for them just to come to the light, why were we not told ahead of time? Why was it not part of the process? You complain that people are not involved, but then when you refuse to get them involved, or let them know ahead of time, whose fault is it? I dare say it's not theirs because they didn't know. You need to let them know what the agenda is. Out of sight is out of mind. You're putting them out of sight, behind a chain link fence? What's going to be there, pit bulls and everything else to protect the property? And they're going to have to worry about dogs coming? Who knows? It's on Second Street. There's a dog that comes out. The kids need a place to play, a safe place to play and it needs to be part of them. And if they care so much about the aesthetics, why is there a chain link fence? Why are they not taking care of that corner property that's empty and they're just extending? Right now, you drive past the park and there's 15 cars that they own that are already parked in the parking lot. Who has plowed that parking lot? I hope it was the City because if not, that's a labor union violation right there. Let them deal with that. Take care of what you do have, develop what you do have. There are enough car dealerships. It doesn't need to be any bigger and I dare say if it goes against the people, they might not have the business later on to do what they want to do. Thank you.

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Vickye James: Hi. Vickye James, 809 Lafayette Street. Just to reiterate what has been said, it's just like when working with the kids we were trying to make all these programs with the kids, having these parties and wondering why nobody was coming and saying, wow they don't want to get involved. But then we found out, the kids were telling us, don't make decisions about us without us. I think that's what the community is saying also. They just want to be involved and after the Martin Luther King Program, I'm sorry Mr. Mayor that you missed it for the first time in 20-some years, doing the parent thing, but it was a powerful message and the message was to get involved and stop being reactive and be proactive. This is what Pastor Chloe said, this is what is happening. People are really talking about getting involved in things, being a part of things and so I hope that as things are opening up in the city that maybe some of the people who – put it back in their backyard, put the ball in their court – say that we have this opening and maybe someone would like to be a part of some of these commissions and boards that the city has and they can be more knowledgeable and I'm glad it was the State of the City Address so that they can hear some of the accomplishments. As far as the drug dealers, love the sinner, hate the sin because I don't want any drug dealers in my neighborhood and I also don't want, if the plan goes through, it looks like some of the parking will come up Lafayette Street and I live on Lafayette Street and I drive to the park and I could walk, I need to walk, but I drive down there and the people who live closer down at the bottom, there's going to be a lot of parking issues that are coming into the residential area. So I would just challenge the City to put it back into our court and as things come open, give some of these people a call and say hey you

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were here at this meeting, what do you think about joining and if they say no, it's up to them. I just say, as everybody's been saying tonight, don't make decisions about us without us.

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Richard Flourant: Richard Flourant, 29 Spruce Street. I've lived in Jamestown 20 years now and as part of Juneteenth, I've witnessed how successful it can be down at the park. In our hay day I think we averaged over 1500 people down at the park coming from all areas, Ohio, Canada, Bradford, PA, Pittsburgh, West Virginia. So for me, I'm speaking more from the community prospective and from Juneteenth's prospective. That's our home. That's where we hold Juneteenth. We've been told over the many years, I think we're going into our thirteenth or fourteenth year now, we've been told, why not take it to this park, take it to that park. Chadakoin is the park for the northside. It's where we chose to make our event be home. As it was mentioned earlier tonight if part of Eleventh Street or Jefferson is blocked off, how would the emergency vehicles come in and have access to the park? Are we willing to sacrifice lives to give a car dealership another 50 spaces for cars? One of our prides of Juneteenth is the parade. It comes in off of Eleventh Street, right into the park by the pavilion and then continues up Lafayette, going all the way up to disperse the floats. What then? Are you telling us to eliminate the floats? Eliminate the parade from Juneteenth, and if that, are you then telling us to eliminate Juneteenth altogether? I would just say, remember the point that was brought up tonight about the emergency access and safety. That's where I'm coming from because we want people to have a safe place to go and enjoy their time down at the park.

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Bobby Dickey: My name's Bobby Dickey I reside at 31 Chestnut Street here in the city. I also own property at 858 Lafayette Street. My concern is not just for the proposal for this parking lot, extension of the parking lot, for the dealership. There's a safety concern concerning the northwest corner of Washington and Eleventh Street. I believe the dealership is Spony's. Is it Spony's? When you're exiting Eleventh Street onto Washington Street, the cars from this lot extend over the sidewalk so that you have to go out into Washington Street, looking north on Washington Street, you can't see to exit. That's a safety issue. That's something that I would like to see addressed and alleviated. I have spoken to President Rabb and also DeJoy concerning this matter. Every time I exit coming off of Eleventh Street going onto Washington Street, I have to sit there and sit there and wait until it's all clear because I can't see on the left so please address this and make sure that this safety hazard is alleviated. Now, getting back to the park, it took years for that pavilion to be constructed. I appreciate that. The community appreciates that, right now, just saying enough. We have been given that, but now we are being squeezed out because of a dealership. Have a little bit of respect okay? Like Sister Calvinia has said, there's room across the street, parking lots, vacant lots across the street, build it over there. Improve Lafayette Street. We're not asking you for much, just don't squeeze us out. Thank you.

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Millicent Leeper: My name is Millicent Leeper I live at 36 Thayer and I played in that park all my life. In 1975 – don't quote me on dates or the year, the park used to be where the car lot is now. They kicked us across the street from where we were. Where the car lot is now, that used to be the park. I don't know when they shipped us across the street to the swamp because where the car lot is, wasn't a swamp. But they put us across the street about 10' to the swamp. We had no say-so. Our basketball court sunk in. They moved us to another side of the swamp. It sunk in, but we didn't complain, we stayed down there. So why build something on our land when we accepted the swamp land and made the best of it and have our kids walk in danger so that we can't ride down, they want to run in the street, they can't run through the parking lot because they're going to damage somebody's car. They just see a kid running through the car lot. We can't tell our kids not to go to the car lot if there's an emergency because they're trying to tell their parents there's an emergency. The more you put down there, it's just more stuff for the kids to get into. So that's why we don't want you down there.

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Norma Coleman: I'm Norma Coleman and I live at 409 Lakeview Avenue. Rather than piggy-back on everything that has been said, I simply would like to say that I agree with everything that has been said and when I heard about this meeting tonight, I would like it to be known that I called Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, you know them very well, Vivian Taylor and Lula Taylor and I knew that they wouldn't be able to come, but I wanted them to know what was going on in our community and I want everyone here to know that he's 91 and she's 86 so they couldn't be here tonight, but they wanted you to know that they said stand up for what you believe. Make it known that you believe what you believe. Let them hear you say what you want. Whether you get it or not, stand up for it and they want you to know that if they could have been here, they would have been.

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Regina Brackman: My name is Regina Brackman, I live at 11 Genesee Street in the City of Jamestown. I'm a member of the Planning Commission and last week when this came across the agenda item, I was opposed to it for many of the reasons that people have spoken on here. It restricts our activity, our movement, what we can do down there at the park and I think that instead of expanding that car dealership, we should look at ways to develop that park to give us more activities that we can do down there in that area. It is swampy. I talked to them when we looked at the plan that the parking area that they're proposing, is swampland. The playground where the kids play at, that's swampland. The only solid structure that we have, is the pavilion. The concession stands, the restrooms are sinking. So instead of trying to push us out, what can we do to develop that park so that we can better utilize it for the community.

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Jeanette Jones: Hello my name is Jeanette Jones, I live at 66 W. Eleventh Street. Right up the street from the park and that is the only place that our kids can go and play. They say it takes a community to raise a family. If someone says I'm going to tell your mom, I don't care whose mother is, it will come down. If you chastise that child speaking – hands off - if you chastise that child... We have the Gospel Fest, basketball tournaments, birthday parties, graduation parties, and just the community come together and bring a dish and we shall eat. But that is what we do. My boys are all grown, but I still have basketball players and they are there and if you guys do give them that. You say our parking's going to be down Tenth, that little spot and turn this way, it's all swamp so are you going to dig that dirt up and fill it all in and make all this stuff. It's probably going to cost you more to do all this stuff than it is the money that they're paying you to buy it. How would you like to have a chain link fence up to the curb of your pavilion with a couple little trees? What is that? That is nothing. As we have the parade, it comes right past my house, it goes down and then turns on Lafayette. That is the way it's been for ever and ever. I can believe it. I just bought this house 15 years ago, but it has been there. We do not want it there. You wouldn't want something like this going on at Bergman. You just go on and take it and do this without getting the residents' opinion about it. Why would you just go ahead and do it on our side? Because you can. They say if you don't take a stand, it's going to happen, regardless. When we first heard about it, I didn't hear anybody say, yeah we're for it, we'll let them go ahead, the City get their money. It's all about money. If he pays you \$25,000.00 for it, how much are you going to put into the park? You're going to put \$25,000.00 into it by digging up the land, filling it in and making it better? No, like we said it took a very long time to get the pavilion up there in the first place so we don't need to have this going on. Thank you.

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LeRoy Walker: My name is LeRoy Walker. I'm the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church. I live at 30 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street here in Jamestown. I agree with everything that's been said this evening. I have no problem, I listened to the Mayor's speech and I agree one hundred percent and I agree that we should expand, we should grow, we want business to come to Jamestown and come here, but at the same time, I don't feel that people should be pushed out of this park or limited to a smaller space because of a dealership. It's really hard to believe that a dealership – that the City would even consider having a conversation about a dealership pushing a park, limiting people in parks. When you leave the pavilion, how many feet do we step outside the pavilion before we're in the dealership? It doesn't make much sense. For this City Council and for this City's representatives to even entertain a thought like that is beyond imagination. It's a park, it's for families, it's for kids, it's for people to play. We work here, we grew up here, we have families here, we want the jobs to come to Jamestown, but we've got to use common sense. Also along with that, we just can't say that this is what we're going to do. I do believe that we should have been spoken to while this was in planning. As it was said, this wasn't something that happened last week. This has been planned, this has been on the table for months and we're just now – I found out about it Saturday at 5:00. I should have known about this before the new year came. We should've known about it. I'm just saying to you don't let someone squeeze us in a small space. We have a small space as it is and now they want to take some of that away and make it even smaller. Don't let them do it. Thank you.

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Uvie Stewart: My name is Uvie Stewart, I live at 242 Barrett Avenue. I'm the pastor of Emmanuel Temple Church. We are heavily involved in events that go on down at the park. I think everyone has echoed already, but I'm more concerned about what enhancements are you going to put into the park? If you're going to spend money to rebuild a whole restaurant, you ought to be able to put some money into the park.

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Kathy Johnson-Leeper: My name is Kathy Johnson-Leeper. I've lived in Jamestown all my life save 4 years when my husband and I had to move to Baltimore to take care of our daughter. My address is 50 West Eleventh Street, Jamestown. That park is a part of our lives. There are things that go on down there. When you sit on my front porch and Jeanette's front porch, we can see everything that's going on down at the park. The kids come running up our street when there is trouble and say Miss Jeannette or Miss Kathy, so-and-so and so-and-so and we can relay it because that's the way it is. It takes a village to raise a child and we are that village in that neighborhood. I just don't understand why we weren't informed. What's up with that? When are you going to answer our question? Why weren't we informed that this was going to go on? We need to know these things. You all are trying to keep us in the dark, but I want to know why. Where do we fit in into the City of Jamestown? Where do we fit? Nobody has any answer. I just don't think you want us here. And I remember as a child, I've always lived on Eleventh Street, my parents owned 66 where Jeanette lives. Rich and I owned it, we sold it to her. There were houses all along there. All Washington Street had houses. From 23<sup>rd</sup> Street all the way down to 8<sup>th</sup> Street was houses. People lived in them and now they're all gone. All those dealerships are down there. There's nothing – the kids can't play. There were restaurants and bars and all kinds of stuff it's all gone, all for car dealerships. C'mon now. They can put those car dealerships over in Allen Park or someplace as far as I'm concerned. We don't need them all in our neighborhood and we don't want them all. And we especially don't want this one to come in and take away our access. I go down my street, which is Eleventh, park in there. When I get ready to come home, I'm going along Lafayette Street up to Tenth Street to the light so I can safely get out because like Bobby Dickey said, you can't get out on Eleventh Street so you go to Tenth Street so that you can safely turn without having an accident. And it took a death to get that light put in there on Washington Street. We don't want that to happen again. It almost happened last summer when some little girl got hit down on Washington Street. She ran out between cars. She was wrong, but still, c'mon now. We want to know where we fit in here.

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Leecroft Clark: My name is Leecroft Clark and I live at 3 Hess Street here in Jamestown and I'm one of the pastors here in Jamestown. I pastor Healing Word Ministries Church of God and not only pastor in a church, but I assemble with Pastor Pagan who is also part of the group of about 20 pastors, we get together every Tuesday and we pray together and you know, I think it's very interesting because one of the things that we have been praying for is a lot of the issues that the Mayor has brought up and tomorrow I'm going to tell them that the prayer

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is working because the City Council is now attacking some of these issues. But I think one thing that is very critical is the outcry of the African American community. The reality of it is this, if you really take a stance of how many African Americans that live in this city, it's probably less than 1,000. And with that number, if you hear the history, you've heard it. Every turn, something is taken away, every turn. And this is just another one. So the question now becomes, what happens next. The reality of it is, if that community has now embraced what has been given to them, then we ought to leave it alone. The community, that section of town, is saying also that we need some help. We need some help to improve what was there. Because the reality of it is, if you go to Allen or Bergman Park or whatever park in the City if help is needed there, guess what happens? It is done. Therefore, for this side of town, for the north side of town, the help is needed. And I think like someone just echoed earlier. Rather than building more businesses, let's expand for the black community down there and not only blacks that use it. The reality of it is, even though I'm an African American a lot of people think that I pastor a black church, but I don't. Most of the people here know the church that I pastor and approximately 70-80% of the people that come to my church are white. And you know what? We do have events down there too. So whether it's black or white or Hispanic or whomever, that park is well utilized and consequently I think, this is the danger, this is the thing that concerns me. If the City Council votes, listen to this now to expand that dealership business down there, you're sending a very clear message to the black community and the message is this: We really don't care about you. Now, I happen to believe that that's not a message that the City Council wants to send. I happen to believe that that's not a message, that's not the thought process of the City Council. I happen to believe that the City Council does care about, not just blacks, but all people in Jamestown. And because you care so much for all people in Jamestown, you're going to make sure that this expansion of the car dealership does not happen.

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Lori Fiddmont: Lori Fiddmont 138 Prospect Street. Prior to September I lived on Eleventh Street for 15 years. I raised both my daughters there. I'm also a former member of the now dissolved Youth Board. You're complaining that all of this stuff is going on with our youth, give back to our youth. Don't take from our youth. This is their city they're going to be taking over. We need to show them that we care about them by not pushing them out and putting a fence around their park. There are probably more events that go on at Chadakoin than there are at Allen Park and Bergman Park if you think about it and it is the black community that does it. I chose to raise my kids in that neighborhood because of this community. Just give back to our kids, don't take away from them.

Council President Rabb: Let me just say in general, thank you for coming tonight. I can assure you that you do fit in and that, speaking for my colleagues, we do listen. I would urge you to come not just as you did tonight, on a really cold night and I appreciate that very much, but we meet as a body typically 3 nights every month, two work sessions and a voting session. Tonight happens to be a voting session, but I would love to see this room as filled as it is tonight and even though the hour is getting late, I would love to hear from as many people as possible. Thank you for coming. You're more than welcome to stay for the rest of our business because we do still have business to transact, but I'll leave it up to you.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

201501A01

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That bills be audited and warrants drawn on the proper funds in payment of the respective amounts, totals as follows: General Fund, Capital Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Trust & Agency Fund \$5,865,354.97 in accordance with the period ending January 23, 2015, copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be filed in the office of the City Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, That disbursements in the total amount of \$4,665,454.11 and payrolls in the total amount of \$1,199,900.86 as paid by the Comptroller and Director of Financial Services, a copy of which is annexed hereto and a copy to be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk be and hereby are approved.

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501A02

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That warrants be drawn and paid to the respective owners and paying agents the sum of Four Hundred Six Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$406,137.50) in accordance with the bond and note requirements as follows:

Public Improvement Bonds, issue of November 19, 2013, defeasance of 2004 Chautauqua County IDA bonds, Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) principal and Eighty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifty cents (\$86,137.50) for six months interest at 2.00% per annum on Five Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,865,000).

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Resolution Number 3 was pulled.

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED JANUARY 26, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$3,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN, COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN AND FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING (I) THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, WIDENING, OR RESURFACING OF PARKING RAMPS IN AND FOR THE CITY, (II) THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY AND APPARATUS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE IN AND FOR THE CITY, (III) THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO OR RECONSTRUCTION OF CLASS "A" BUILDINGS IN AND FOR THE CITY, AND (IV) THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF OR ADDITION TO A SEWER SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jamestown (the "City"), a municipal corporation of the State of New York, located in the County of Chautauqua, hereby determines that it is in the public interest of the City to authorize, in accordance with the Local Finance Law, the financing of the costs of various public purposes in and for the City, including (i) the construction, reconstruction, widening, or resurfacing of parking ramps in and for the City (\$145,000), (ii) the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance in and for the City (\$955,000), (iii) the construction of an addition to or reconstruction of Class "A" buildings in and for the City (\$1,500,000), and (iv) the acquisition, construction or reconstruction of or addition to a sewer system in and for the City (\$400,000), at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000,000 .

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City has not taken any action or adopted any local law which would require the effectiveness of this bond resolution be subjected to a permissive or mandatory referendum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, located in the County of Chautauqua, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the City, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance the costs of the specific objects or purposes, or classes of objects or purposes, as set forth herein (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. The respective estimated maximum costs of such specific objects or purposes, or class of objects or purposes, the principal amount of serial bonds authorized herein, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, for such specific objects or purposes, or class of objects or purpose, and the period of probable usefulness of such specific objects or purposes, or class of objects or purposes, pursuant to the applicable subdivision of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance law, are as follows:

(i) The construction, reconstruction, widening, or resurfacing of parking ramps in and for the City, and including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total estimated maximum cost of \$145,000 for which \$145,000 principal amount of serial bonds, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, are authorized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of ten (10) years pursuant to subdivision 20 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of ten (10) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds authorized herein or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds;

(ii) The acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance in and for the City, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total estimated maximum cost of \$955,000 for which \$955,000 principal amount of serial bonds, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, are authorized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of fifteen (15) years pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of fifteen (15) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds authorized herein or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds;

(iii) The construction of an addition to or the reconstruction of buildings in and for the City, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total estimated maximum cost of \$1,500,000 for which \$1,500,000 principal amount of serial bonds, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, are authorized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of twenty-five (25) years pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law (such buildings being of "Class A" construction as that term is defined in Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law). Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of twenty-five (25) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds authorized herein or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds;

(iv) The acquisition, construction or reconstruction of or addition to a sewer system in and for the City, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total estimated maximum cost of \$400,000 for which \$400,000 principal amount of serial bonds, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, are authorized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of forty (40) years pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of forty (40) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds authorized herein or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds;

Section 3. The City Council of the City has ascertained and hereby states that (a) the estimated maximum costs of the Project are not to exceed \$3,000,000 ; (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the costs of the Project; (c) the City Council of the City plans to finance the costs of the Project from the proceeds of the serial bonds authorized herein, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, except to the extent of Federal or State aid received by the City which shall reduce the principal amount of such serial bonds or bond anticipation notes *pro tanto*; (d) the maturity of the serial bonds authorized herein shall be in excess of five (5) years and (e) on or before the expenditure of moneys to pay for any costs related to the Project, for which proceeds of any obligations authorized herein

are to be applied to reimburse the City, the City Council of the City took “official action” for federal income tax purposes to authorize the capital financing of such expenditure.

Section 4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this bond resolution and the Local Finance Law, including the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, the power to authorize the issuance of the serial bonds authorized herein, and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, as the chief fiscal officer of the City. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized to execute by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of the City, all serial bonds authorized herein and all bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to impress the seal of the City (or to have imprinted a facsimile thereof) on all such serial bonds and all such bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Comptroller. In the absence of the City Comptroller, the Director of Financial Services/City Clerk is hereby authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the City Comptroller by this bond resolution.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the City is hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized herein as the same shall become due.

Section 6. When this bond resolution takes effect, the City Clerk shall cause the same to be published, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in *The Post-Journal*, a newspaper having a general circulation in the City. The validity of the serial bonds authorized herein, and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the City is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law, which should have been complied with at the date of publication of this bond resolution, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Section 7. Prior to the issuance of the serial bonds authorized herein, or of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, the City Council of the City shall comply with all applicable provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, all regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all applicable Federal laws and regulations in connection with environmental quality review relating to the Project (collectively, the “environmental compliance proceedings”). In the event that any of the environmental compliance proceedings are not completed, or require amendment or modification subsequent to the date of adoption of this bond resolution, the City Council of the City covenants that it will re-adopt, amend or modify this bond resolution prior to the issuance of such obligations as authorized herein upon the advice of bond counsel. It is hereby determined by the City Council of the City that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 8. The City hereby declares its intention to issue the serial bonds authorized herein, and/or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds (collectively, the “obligations”) to finance costs of the Project. The City covenants for the benefit of

the holders of such obligations that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the City, and will not make any use of the Project which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (except for the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code), or subject the City to any penalties under section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or the Project financed thereby, if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Code (except for the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code), or subject the City to any penalties under section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the serial bonds or any other provisions hereof until the date which is sixty (60) days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof. The proceeds of such obligations may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments of the City made with respect to the Project on or after a date which is not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of adoption of this bond resolution by the City.

Section 9. For the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the serial bonds authorized herein, and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, the City agrees, in accordance with and as an obligated person with respect to the obligations under, Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), to provide or cause to be provided such financial information and operating data, financial statements and notices, in such manner as may be required for purposes of the Rule. In order to describe and specify certain terms of the City's continuing disclosure agreement for that purpose, and thereby implement that agreement, including provisions for enforcement, amendment and termination, the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the City, the commitment authorized by subsection 6(c) of the Rule (the "Commitment"), to be placed on file with the City Clerk, and which shall constitute the continuing disclosure agreement made by the City for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of such obligations in accordance with the Rule, with any changes or amendments that are not inconsistent with this bond resolution and not substantially adverse to the City and that are approved by the City Comptroller on behalf of the City, all of which shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Commitment or amendments thereto. The agreement formed collectively by this paragraph and the Commitment shall be the City's continuing disclosure agreement for purposes of the Rule, and its performance shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs the City would be required to incur to perform thereunder. The City Comptroller is further authorized and directed to establish procedures in order to ensure compliance by the City with its continuing disclosure agreement, including the timely provision of information and notices. Prior to making any filing in accordance with the agreement or providing notice of the occurrence of any material event, the City Comptroller shall consult with, as appropriate, the Corporation Counsel of the City and bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel to the City and shall be entitled to rely upon any legal advice provided by the Corporation Counsel of the City or such bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel in determining whether a filing should be made.

Section 10. This bond resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City.

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Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

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BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Jamestown be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a three-year contractual agreement with Allpro, Parking LLC, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 for the management of three (3) city-owned parking garages, seven (7) surface parking lots and on-street meter collection, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000), January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, Twenty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$24,720), January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, Twenty Five Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$25,461) subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501A05

BY COUNCILWOMAN ECKLUND:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with Verizon Wireless 2410 Walden Avenue Cheektowaga, NY 14225 for Cell phones and data usage at a cost of \$1,439,39 per month from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501A06

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

WHEREAS, the National Comedy Center (NCC) desires to purchase from the City a parcel of property at Washington and West Second Street known as SBL# 387-48-1-2 as well as the portion of Rose Alley the abuts said parcel, for development and construction of the National Comedy Center; and

WHEREAS, the fair market value of the 30 x 150 foot parcel known as SBL# 387.48-1-2 is set at One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) and the segment of Rose Alley abutting said section is set at Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000);

WHEREAS, the City is agreeable to sell the above referenced property to the NCC with the understanding that the following requirements must be met prior to the sale and transfer of title of property to the NCC:

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1. The City's public use of the property has ended, which is currently projected to occur by mid-2015;
2. The NCC will complete an environmental review of the property at a mutually agreed to point in the project development and upon closing and transfer of the property the NCC will provide the City with indemnification in relation to any findings as a result of the environmental review and all other subsequent matters identified following the transfer of the property, and
3. The NCC will submit verification that the project is actually ready to proceed as outlined in its proposal to the State of New York, and will confirm that all funding has been secured for the project, the site and building plans have been submitted and approved and building permits have been issued.

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, upon the completion of all conditions heretofore listed, the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute a quit claim deed on the above referenced property for the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00).

Councilman Dolce: This is just another step along the way in the development of that particular parcel for the National Comedy Center so just moving that along in that direction. It's a very exciting step in that direction. Thank you.

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501A07

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Police Chief/Director of Public Safety be, and they hereby are authorized to enter into a purchase agreement with Ed Shults, 300 Fluvanna Ave., Jamestown, New York 14701 for one (1) 2015 Ford Police Interceptor in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Four Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$24,999.00) paid for with Asset Forfeiture monies subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501A08

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That Lieutenants Fred DeGolier and Gregory Wozneak be and they hereby are authorized to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation Regional Command College in Niagara Falls, New York, February 9-12, 2015 with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

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Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501B09

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2002 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200201C03 that effective immediately and until further notice instituted a hiring freeze for the City of Jamestown, and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2006 the Jamestown City Council adopted resolution number 200611B17 to extend the freeze to any change in employment from Part-Time to Full-Time status, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that within the Jamestown Fire Department an effort to effectively manage the city's day-to-day responsibilities in a cost efficient manner, it is in the City of Jamestown's best interest to lift the hiring freeze for a certain position, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective immediately the Jamestown City Council hereby suspends the hiring freeze instituted by resolution number 200201C03 and resolution number 200611B17 and authorizes the filling of the following position due to the essential nature of the position.

- One (1) Fire Fighter in the Jamestown Fire Department (1 retirement funded in the 2015 General Fund Budget).

Carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays

201501B10

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, that the City of Jamestown, location code 20022 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities:

<u>Elected Officials</u>	<u>Standard Work Day</u>	<u>Name</u>
Mayor	7.5 hours	Samuel Teresi
Councilwoman	6.0 hours	Kimberly Ecklund
Councilman	6.0 hours	Vincent DeJoy

  

<u>Appointed Officials</u>	<u>Standard Work Day</u>	<u>Name</u>
Director of Financial Services	7.5 hours	James N. Olson
City Comptroller	7.5 hours	Joseph Bellitto
Corporation Counsel	7.5 hours	Marilyn Fiore-Lehman
Director of Public Works	7.5 hours	Jeffrey Lehman
Police Chief/Director of Public Safety	8.0 hours	Harry Snellings
Assessor	7.5 hours	Randall Holcomb

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Council President Rabb assigned Councilman Alfonso Pagan to be liaison to the Planning Commission and Councilwoman Maria Jones to the City Council Housing Committee and Councilman Tom Nelson to the City Council Public Works Committee.

Councilman Dolce: Just a brief comment, it got kind of lost tonight with the State of the City and the issue here tonight. I just wanted to thank the Mayor tonight. We have selected a new councilman for the sixth ward. I've had the privilege of working alongside and knowing Tom Nelson for several years. He is a teacher, a fellow educator and a coach and he's a fine choice and I think he'll be a fine addition to the City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson  
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk