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City Council

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City Council Chambers

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Council Members, Stephen Szwejbka, Anthony J. Dolce, Michael Taylor, Vincent DeJoy, Maria Jones, Paul Whitford, Kimberly Ecklund, George Spitale, Greg Rabb

Others Present: Mayor Sam Teresi, Director of Financial Services/City Clerk James N. Olson, Director of Public Works Jeffrey Lehman, Director of Development Steve Centi, Deputy Fire Chief Lance Hedlund, Director of Public Safety Rex Rater, Director of Youth Services Victoria James, Interim BPU General Manager Dave Leathers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Matt Hanley and County Legislator Chuck Nazzaro

Council President Gregory Rabb called the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Rev. Maria Jones gave the Invocation.

Councilman Tony Dolce moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR

200801B00.01

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

It is once again my pleasure, in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 31-C of the Jamestown City Charter, to present to you this evening, the State of the City Address. I am also happy to report to you that at the conclusion of 2007, the state of New York's Pearl City was sound and continuing to improve on many fronts.

During the past year, through the collaborative efforts of prior City Council members, the Department Heads and managers within this Administration, the best public sector work force in the nation and a community of residents and businesses that truly cares about the future of this City, significant progress was again made to improve our operations, build our business base, enhance our neighborhoods and continue moving our community forward.

Please bear with me for a few moments as I recount a sampling of the strides and accomplishments that took place during 2007.

- During an era in which most city governments continue to run annual deficits, and after several red ink years of our own, I am confident that Jamestown will once again end the previous fiscal year in the black...for the seventh consecutive time.
- After working off the previous \$1.4 million accumulated deficit, the City's General Fund is now sporting a positive fund balance of more that \$2.1 million.
- During the fall of 2007, we developed and adopted a General Operating Budget for 2008

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that contained a reduction in both the overall property tax rate and levy.

- During 2007, we completed an examination of numerous contracted services, undertook requests for proposals (RFP) on an open market basis, and established replacement agreements with new providers for telephone, Health Insurance Stop Loss Coverage, Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) and General Liability Insurance services. The result of these efforts...a savings to the taxpayers of this City of nearly \$300,000 per year.
- We continued a comprehensive investment program to replace outdated, inefficient and unsafe equipment in our Public Works, Parks, Fire and Police Departments, highlighted by the purchase of a new \$810,000 fully equipped ladder truck for the Fire Department, which will replace a 40-year old antiquated unit.
- Working in conjunction with communities and advocates from across New York, we lobbied for and secured a 9% increase from the State in AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) Program Funding.
- We delivered upon a record level of street, sidewalk and storm water drainage improvement projects. In addition to more than three (3) dozen resurfacing, nova chip and storm sewer improvement efforts, we also completed the comprehensive reconstruction of East 5th Street, Camp Street, Hebner Street, Pine Street, Dearing Avenue and Prospect Street.
- We greatly accelerated the level of curb and intersection improvements to bring the City one step closer to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- We implemented \$2.5 million worth of energy conservation improvements to City government facilities. The subject improvements will be fully amortized with savings from reduced utility bills.
- We completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and filed air permit applications with both the Federal and State Governments, in conjunction with the development of new electric generating facilities at the Steele Street campus of the Board of Public Utilities.

And on a related front, we forged a partnership with Prax Air Inc., Dresser Rand Corp., Ecology and Environment Inc., and SUNY Buffalo to pursue the development of Oxy Coal, Carbon Capture and Sequestration technology and began the process of pursuing State support and Federal DOE funding for this groundbreaking environmental initiative.

- We worked with State DOT officials on design concepts for the scheduled replacement of the 46-year old Washington Street Bridge and arterial highway approaches.
- Utilizing a \$99,000 Shared Municipal Services Initiative (SMSI) Grant from New York State, we launched a study with the Village of Lakewood, Town of Busti and Town of Ellicott on the feasibility of creating a new municipal electric system to be operated and managed by the City's Board of Public Utilities.
- We expanded our regional assessing operation to now include the Towns of North Harmony and Ellery and enacted a Consolidated Assessment Program (CAP) with the Town of Busti. The CAP status qualified the City for a \$75,000 per year stipend to help cover the costs of the recently completed comprehensive revaluation program and to retain 100% full value assessments.

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- We significantly expanded the Housing Mini-Sweep Inspection Program into more than a dozen additional neighborhoods and initiated more than 1,500 new Housing Code Enforcement cases, most of which were resolved without City Court intervention.
- We saw the completion of the \$6 million Appleyard Terrace Town House Project at East Second and Cross Streets, launched construction of 200 units of new student housing at Jamestown Community College and demolished blighted structures, undertook home inspection and rehabilitation activities and completed sidewalk, street lighting, landscaping and road improvements within the Northside PRIDE Rehabilitation Program area.
- Our recently completed Downtown Urban Design Plan was recognized by the American Planning Association as the Best Community Plan for 2006/2007.
- We utilized \$1.8 million in RESTORE NY funding for the redevelopment of the former SKF office complex on Chandler Street and launched construction of the new \$7.5 million BWB Center in Downtown Jamestown.
- We applied for and secured an additional \$2 million in RESTORE NY assistance for the redevelopment of the Wellman Building, the former Period Brass complex on Foote Avenue and various Shults Auto Group properties along Washington Street and Fluvanna Avenue.

Collectively, these initiatives will stimulate private sector investment of more than \$12 million in the City's economy.

- And, we realized another significant increase in taxable real property assessment for the fourth consecutive year.

All in all, not a bad year !!

For your review, I have prepared a more comprehensive listing of our 2007 initiatives and accomplishments and would encourage you to take some time and carefully consider this impressive list.

It clearly represents thousands of hours of effort and the investment of time and resources not only by members of our outstanding City work force, but also by hundreds of our friends, residents and business associates that deeply care about the future of this community.

While the past year was obviously a period of tremendous effort and significant accomplishment, much remains to be done, particularly on the front of nurturing new private investment and job development opportunities.

And tonight, with your indulgence, I would like to spend the rest of our time focusing on a general approach and specific initiatives to move forward on this all encompassing and important front.

As we have learned over the years, economic development is no longer, and maybe has never really been about, merely throwing money at and handing out lucrative tax breaks to existing and prospective employers. Rather, increasingly, business locational decisions are being made on the basis of where the individuals who are making these decisions want to live themselves and raise their own families. And, in many other cases, locational decisions are being driven by where companies believe that they can attract and retain the one resource that every successful business needs...talented, well-trained, and highly productive people.

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For some time now it has been apparent to me that if we are going to succeed in attracting increased investment and “export” businesses that will draw “new money” into the local economy and provide challenging and family sustaining jobs, not only for our kids but for young people coming from other regions, we need to be focusing on and attending to what I refer to as the “Three E’s” of Private Investment and Economic Development.

These are the factors and attributes that are firmly in place and working within successful and growing local economies in other parts of the nation and, in fact, were in place in abundant supply during Jamestown’s previous eras of robust growth and development.

And what are the three factors of this equation? Education, Energy, and Environment.

In other words, E + E + E has always equaled and yielded investment, jobs and income.

Tonight, I call upon my colleagues in City government and our development partners throughout the Greater Jamestown area, to join forces during the coming year and beyond, and pursue the following program designed to make our City and region an even better and more attractive place in which to invest, operate a business, visit and raise a family.

EDUCATION

Growingly, residential choices are being made by families with children 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, here in the City of Jamestown, we already have one of the best public school systems that can be found...anywhere.

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 and build the quality of our outstanding public school system. Quite possibly, from a long-term standpoint this represents the single most important thing that we can be doing to keep and attract both residents and new businesses to our City.

And whether it is working collaboratively with the school district on a recreation program, public works initiative, public safety efforts, internship opportunities, pushing for higher academic achievements, attending sporting and music events, or making ourselves available to participate in a Career Day or read to students in the classroom, we as City government and community leaders have an indispensable supportive role to play. A supportive role that is not only essential in building this major economic development tool, but is consistent with what I like to refer to as the “Kid Test”...if it is good for our kids, it must be the right thing to do.

On the front of higher education, 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 ongoing 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.

Today, 21st 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 fertile training grounds for and 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 market place.

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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 economy of the last century.

Again, if we are going to succeed and grow as a community, we must do whatever is possible and necessary to support the transformation and continued growth of our colleges.

ENERGY

When speaking of the importance of energy in the economic development process, one must remain cognizant of three factors:

- Cost. Is the service unaffordable, merely affordable, or truly an inexpensive inducement for new investment and jobs?
- Supply. Is the supply inadequate, merely adequate to serve existing users or is there enough excess capacity to accommodate new development and employers?
- Reliability. Does the transmission and distribution capacity allow the system to operate with or without frequent interruptions of service? This is obviously an important factor to the business community, as power outages translate into downtime, compromised productivity, dissatisfied customers, lost sales and profits, and ultimately, the need for less employees.

During the coming year, we will remain ever committed to maintaining the outstanding performance record of all of our municipally owned and operated utility systems. Significant capital investments in and operating improvements to the Water, Wastewater, District Heating and Sanitation operations will continue to be a top priority for this City Government. And, it remains our hope and objective to bring forth new, cutting edge technology at our Steele Street Electric Generating facilities that will allow for the continued provision of the low cost, plentiful and reliable energy, necessary to fuel our local economy, while making Jamestown, New York State and a team of world class companies the bold leaders in the global effort to improve the environment and ultimately save our planet.

ENVIRONMENT

The notion of an attractive "Environment" for economic development certainly includes but goes well beyond local climate issues and the natural or "green" environment in which we live.

While over the years we have certainly witnessed how these factors can have a significant and often frustrating impact on location and investment decisions, one soon comes to realize that it is far less infuriating, and much more useful and productive, to focus on the host of other "Environmental" factors over which we can actually demonstrate some level of positive impact at local, state and regional levels. And I am of course referring to such items as government cost structure; public safety; health care; housing and neighborhoods; infrastructure and transportation; parks and recreation; and retail, service and cultural offerings.

As it relates to government cost structure, ours remains simply too high. In fact, when considering the multiple layers of services and built in costs from the State to the County to our own City operations, in many respects, we could serve as the poster child for what Governor Spitzer has coined "the Perfect Storm of Unaffordability".

Despite our past efforts and encouraging examples of progress on this very front during recent years, we still have a long way to go. During 2008, we must recommit ourselves to making the

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Greater Jamestown Region in general and the City in particular, a more affordable and viable place in which to invest, run a business and own a home. Included will be the following initiatives:

- With the goal of holding the line on and further cutting both the property tax rate and levy, we must redouble our efforts to find new ways to reduce expenses in our day-to-day operations. This, however, must be achieved in tandem with crafting and putting in place budgets that are honest and truly balanced. And also, budgets that are in compliance with State laws that dictate not only what we have to do, but in many instances, how we must do it.
- We must stay the course and remain truly committed to building the City's all important accumulated fund balance, which serves not only as our reserve fund for unforeseen major emergencies, but is one of the most important indicators of our commitment to fiscal discipline and good government.
- During the coming months we will move toward and hopefully realize negotiated labor contract settlements with our various bargaining units that are fair not only to the members of our talented workforce, but affordable to our already overburdened taxpayers. Our "bargain hard and bargain fair" approach to labor negotiations will proceed, as in the past, with a blind eye to the political calendar and continue to seek settlements on items such as health care benefits, that are more in line with what is happening in the world outside of city government.
- And, we must also find new approaches to delivering essential public safety services by working smarter and not harder, while maintaining the "line in the sand" declaration of the previous City Council, to slam the door shut on filling new, unfunded positions within City departments.
- While recent efforts tending to the command structure, staffing levels, personnel matters, operational procedures and equipment needs, have produced some positive results within the public safety arena, we must address during the coming year the multiple, deficient locations from which our multi-million dollar Fire Department is forced to operate. It is neither right to have "Jamestown's Bravest" working and living in less than desirable quarters nor it is cost effective for the taxpayers of this City to shoulder the ongoing financial burden of operating and maintaining a century old alignment of small and less than efficient buildings.
- During 2008, we will continue to seek ways in which to build upon our rich history of shared services, with our colleagues at both the County and municipal levels. And, as I have said every year since I have been in this position, the City of Jamestown remains open and committed to evaluating and pursuing alternatives to the delivery of ANY service in which there may be potential partners interested in sharing, cooperating and even consolidating.
- And, as it relates to consolidating services, 2008 will hopefully bring clarity and encouraging progress to the ongoing process of evaluating the consolidation of City and County public safety functions.
- Another matter that will require our cooperative action during the coming year, will be putting an end to the era of "benign neglect" as it relates to our operating equipment needs within the Public Works and Parks Departments. For too long our inability or reluctance to invest in ourselves and our "head in the sand", approach has deprived our workforce of the safe, operable and efficient equipment that they need to get the job done. This shortsighted approach has also penalized City taxpayers through higher

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operating and maintenance costs, lost productivity and diminished service levels.

During the coming months, I will be bringing forth a comprehensive approach designed to deal with this problem and together, with the input and approval of the City Council, I look forward to putting the City squarely ahead of the sharp and expensive equipment curve, once and for all.

- We must also continue to work with the Spitzer Administration and our own State representatives on a broad spectrum of issues that will provide much needed refuge from that "Perfect Storm of Unaffordability". Once again, our State Government reform and assistance list will include but not necessarily be limited to an increase in AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) assistance, long promised and overdue mandate relief initiatives, much needed reforms to the Taylor, Civil Service and Real Property Tax Laws, continued relief on State Retirement System obligations, along with legislative and constitutional actions that will facilitate not only the sharing of services, but enable the outright consolidation and elimination of some of New York's 4,200 redundant public service providers.
- Despite the availability of very limited resources, 2008 will be another active year in the Public Works and Parks Departments. Projects that will take priority will include:
 - Further development of the handicapped accessible trail systems at Allen, Bergman and Chadakoin Parks.
 - Continued planning, design, and construction activities within the Chadakoin Riverwalk System, including the Downtown Connector Project and Phase III activities at McCrea Point Park and along Jones and Gifford Avenue.
 - Additional improvements at Roseland Park.
 - Improvement efforts at Diethrick Park as required by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.
 - Coming to an agreement with the State on a final plan for the complete replacement of the Washington Street Bridge, that is both appropriate and consistent with our award winning Downtown Urban Design Plan.
 - Working with the State to come to an acceptable and timely solution for much needed improvements to New York State Route 394 in Downtown Jamestown (West Fifth and West Sixth Streets)...of course with the persuasive leadership skills and muscle of Councilmen Taylor and Spitale...that is legislative muscle of course!
- Housing and neighborhood improvement efforts will again occupy a special place on our agenda for 2008. During the coming year we will be:
 - Intensifying our code enforcement, demolition and targeted rehabilitation incentive efforts.
 - Completing the implementation of the new computerized code enforcement and housing records system.
 - Launching construction on Phase II of the Appleyard Terrace Development.
 - Accepting the outstretched hand of and working with our County Legislators to

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revive the practice of conducting code compliance inspections on all in-rem, foreclosed properties within the City of Jamestown, **prior to** their sale and transfer by the County.

- Identifying and securing a source of grant funding to retain the services of a housing professional to oversee the code enforcement and rehabilitation efforts of JURA and to coordinate and enhance the impressive neighborhood rehabilitation efforts currently being spearheaded by the coalition comprised of the City and a host of other community-based organizations.
- And last but certainly not least, a variety of initiatives to develop the Downtown of the future...postured on a three-legged stool of more employment activity, more residential offerings and diverse and unlimited entertainment venues...will be advanced during 2008. Included will be:
 - Working with the members of the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) on the implementation of major projects contained within the Downtown Urban Design Plan.
 - Pursuing strategies to encourage the development of more market rate housing.
 - Marketing, improving and pursuing the appropriate re-development of a variety of key Downtown properties including the Wellman Building, the former Grants Building, Erie Railroad Station, Furniture Mart Building, and various spaces within the Civic Center Entertainment District.

The general approach and specific agenda presented this evening is certainly ambitious, and to some, may be unrealistic and even a bit daunting. Well, my friends, let me be as clear as I can. The vision and specific work plan outlined in this message tonight will be daunting and unreachable, **ONLY**, if together, we allow it to be.

We need to stop and realize that we are all products of good stock and a rich history of people achieving the unachievable.

Whether it was that initial young man in search of his lost team of horses, who stopped for a much needed rest and had a vision about building a community along the banks of a narrow and torrential river ripping its way through what was then just a thick patch of trees.

OR

The English and Scandinavian immigrants who worked their fingers to the bone and persevered against all odds to transform a backwoods railroad lacking settlement, into the premier city of the Great Empire State's Western Gateway.

OR

The Italian immigrants, who successfully assimilated with other groups arriving before them to physically create the infrastructure of this city and who rode out a Great Depression with both their dignity and families intact.

OR

The returning World War II veterans and other members of the "Greatest Generation" who not

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only came home to establish beautiful families and build new homes, but delivered one of the industrial powerhouse economies of Upstate New York.

OR

To those in more recent times, who have been forced to deal with and pick up the pieces of short-sighted and mindless politically driven policies, that have developed suburbs at the expense of cities, sunbelt areas lacking natural resources or infrastructure at the expense of established and deteriorating northern and midwestern communities, and third world Pacific Rim economies to the detriment of our own nation.

So, what has history, our history, taught us? It clearly has demonstrated that when we have vision, desire, a positive, can-do attitude and work in the interest of others and not ourselves, we can achieve anything and are literally, unstoppable.

Do I think that the vision and the program before us is daunting and unachievable? NO! And like those who walked and worked before us, I truly believe that we can accomplish all of this and more. And together, in time, I **know** that we will.

Thank you.

Councilman Whitford moved to suspend the rules and approve the appointments from the Mayor as a group. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

Councilman Spitale moved to approve the appointments.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

2008 APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

200801B00.02

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:

James N. Olson
106 Arcade Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed Director of Financial Services/City Clerk in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

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The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.03

Howard Brook
211 Myrtle Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in and for the City of
Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2010.

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David Daversa
221 Hazeltine Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in and for the City of
Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2010.

200801B00.05

Ellen Ditonto
16 Norton Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in and for the City of
Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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Joseph Trusso Sr.
10 Hampton Lane
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be appointed a member of the Planning Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the unexpired term of Gregory P. Rabb.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.07

Joseph Bellitto
50 Hazeltine Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed City Comptroller in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2011.

200801B00.08

Jeffrey A. Lehman
110 Weeks Street
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed Director of Public Works in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2011.

200801B00.09

Marilyn Fiore-Nieves
603 Lakeview Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed Corporation Counsel in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

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200801B00.10

Steven Centi
199 McDaniel Avenue
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed Director of Development in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2011.

200801B00.11

Victoria R. James
809 Lafayette Street
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed Director of Youth Services in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2011.

200801B00.12

Gregory P. Rabb
518 Lakeview Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Board of Public Utilities in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2009.

200801B00.13

Vincent DeJoy III
321 Baker Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Board of Public Utilities in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

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Kimberly Ecklund
32 Harris Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Jamestown Local Development Corporation in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

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Pierre Richard Fleurant
140 Euclid Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Strategic Planning and Partnerships Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the unexpired term of Carla Howie, resigned.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire July 1, 2012.

200801B00.16

Martha Zenns
476 Willard Street
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be appointed Chairman of the Planning Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

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Jeffrey L. Nelson
90 Howard Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

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

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The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.18

James N. Olson
200 E. 3rd Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

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

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.19

Jeffrey A. Lehman
Director of Public Works
145 Steele Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

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

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.20

Martha Zenns
476 Willard Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed as the Planning Commission member of the Jamestown Urban Renewal
Agency in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.21

Gregory S. Hedlund
399 Broadhead Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

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to be re-appointed a member of the Board of Electrical Examiners in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.22

Steve Nowell
29 Chapman Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Board of Electrical Examiners in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

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200801B00.23

Jeffrey Fellows
71 Barker Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a temporary member of the Board of Assessment Review in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire January 27, 2009.

200801B00.24

Jackie Hines
335 East 5th Street, Apt. 5
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Human Rights Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

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The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

200801B00.25

Michael A. "Ang" Munella
56 Pinedale Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2011.

200801B00.26

Charles Kent
69 Hammond Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Parks Recreation and Conservation Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2012.

200801B00.27

Robert Sundell
19 Chestnut Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Parks Recreation and Conservation Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2012.

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Cindy DiNapoli
212 Ahrens Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the un-expired term of Paul Tischer, resigned.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.29

John Stravato II
3 Lamont Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Plumbing Board in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the un-expired term of James Brown, resigned..

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.30

Daniel Bracey
24 Newton Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Board of Appeals in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
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200801B00.31

Gary Sorenson
23 Price Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

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to be re-appointed a member of the Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Board of Appeals in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

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Kenneth Sohmer
311 Lincoln Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Board of Appeals in and for the City of Jamestown, New York to fill the un-expired term of Lori Cornell, resigned.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2008.

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Robert Doverspike
50 Grant Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Board of Appeals in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

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John R. Allen
2795 Mitchell Road
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Veterans Memorial Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

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Clyde Card
574 Front Street
Jamestown, NY 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Veterans Memorial Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

2008801B00.36

Lynda B. Albert
59 Elam Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Veteran's Memorial Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2010.

200801B00.37

William J. Servis
343 Camp Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Veteran's Memorial Commission in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.38

Barclay O. Wellman
1235 Prendergast Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed a member of the Veteran's Memorial Commission in and for the City

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of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2009.

200801B00.39

Carolyn Volk
1596 Manchester Road
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a member of the Veteran's Memorial Commission in and for the City of
Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2008.

200801B00.40

Coco Price
36 Euclid Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a youth member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the
City of Jamestown, New York to fill the unexpired term of Karli Olson, resigned.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2008.

200801B00.41

Steven Maisto
25 Highland Ave.
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be appointed a youth member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the
City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire
December 31, 2009.

200801B00.42

Larry Pace
209 Lincoln Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

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to be appointed a adult member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.43

Celia Wilson
142 Chandler Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed an adult member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.44

Julie Poppleton
5 Clyde Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed an adult member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the City of Jamestown, New.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

200801B00.45

Loren Warner
360 Delaware Avenue
Jamestown, New York 14701

to be re-appointed an adult member of the Youth Services Board of Directors in and for the City of Jamestown, New York.

The term for which said appointment is to be made will expire December 31, 2009.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

200801B00.46

James Slagle, 110 W. Third Street: My main concern is the Cherry Street Parking Ramp. I've asked the manager to talk to her boss about me being security up there. I have sixteen years of security work as a Deputy Sheriff in Manchester, Tennessee. I've got credentials to prove everything I'm saying here. I'm looking after the people in the Hotel Jamestown and their safety. They did put a gate up between the first level of the parking ramp where kids were jumping out scaring people. They did put a gate in there. I talked to Capt. Swanson, Chief Rater and the police officers are going up there as much as possible as they can, but it needs more than just the police officers going up there. They have everything they have to do. I've pleaded with Rebecca up there to call her bosses so I could be security there at least at night time and during the weekends. That's when the most mischief is going on. I don't know how many kids I've chased out of that parking ramp since I lived here and came back to the City of Jamestown in 2005. It's getting out of hand. Somebody's going to get hurt. There's been more cars vandalized in that ramp – my car was one of them – I had my wipers on December 3rd Chief Rater – banged up like a pretzel and boy was I mad. I had stuff taken off my antenna my wife put on. You cannot have nothing in this city if the parents don't control their kids and if the parents don't control their kids, they're going to do what they want to do. I chase them out of the ramp. They buzz me off and all that – I have a cell phone on me all the time. I give them a chance to get out of there – then they give me a little ????? then I'll call the police. This vandalism and everything else going in these ramps – not just Cherry Street Parking Ramp – it's all around the City here. Why do the kids want to play in the ramps? They ride their bicycles – they go up on the fourth floor of the Cherry Street Parking Ramp and ride their bikes all the way around down to the main level. I've driven my car, Chief Rater, up there when I go home at night, and I'll go home tonight and I'll drive my car up to the fourth floor and see if there's any kids up there. I've caught a lot of them up there smoking, drinking and everything else. The police can only do so much. Well the police got to have the help so we can catch these kids and not send them to jail, but give them a good reprimand. You know what I'm saying? I'm not no trouble maker. I just want peace in this City. I remember back in the 1940's when I was a kid here in this City. You could walk down Third Street – any part of this town – and you wouldn't have to be scared of being mugged or robbed or anything. They used to have police officers walking the beat. I know nowadays, you can't do that because of the economy – I understand that, but please help me with this project because I can't do it alone. I'm not here to yell at you council people or Chief Rater, or the Mayor; I just want it safe for everyone in the City of Jamestown – is that asking too much? Thank you very much.

Councilman Taylor: Mr. President, if I could respond I'm sure that I could speak on behalf of the members of the Public Safety Committee and if they'd like to make comments, please do. Probably not to that extent, but we have been aware of some of the problems in the ramps. We have been discussing things that we could possibly do to make the ramps safer in terms of what we could afford, whether it is to install cameras, even more surveillance – things like that. You really put more of a light onto the situation more so than anyone has and we'd be willing to work with you to try to come to solutions and again, thank you for your comments and I hope to work with you to do what we can.

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Neil Boardman, 26 Chicago Avenue: I have in my hand an 8 ½ page letter that was sent to all the Council people from Mr. Walter Simpson from Buffalo pertaining to the opposition of the coal fired power plant. I'm just here to make sure or to confirm the fact that everybody did get one. I can't believe that it won't spur an enormous amount of questions and I would like to reiterate the invitation from Mr. Simpson and any of our group to meet with any and all of you council people – the new council people especially – or any of you or all of you and answer some of these questions and discuss some of the problems and situations that we feel are contained in

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this on-going project. So, like I say, if anybody has any questions or comments, I probably can't necessarily answer them for you at this time, but Mr. Simpson and any or all of our group would like to meet and discuss any of these problems or situations. Thank you.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

200801B01

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

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 \$9,302,173.05 in accordance with the period ending January 28, 2008, 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 \$4,744,970.10, investments in the total amount of \$2,750,000.00 and payrolls in the total amount \$1,807,202.95 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: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B02

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That Firefighter Bruce D. Anderson be, and he hereby is, authorized to attend the Finger Lakes Building Officials Conference to be held in Rochester, New York on March 17-20, 2008, with expenses paid pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B03

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That Detective Stephen Promber be, and hereby is, authorized to attend the Reducing Youth Violence in New York State Conference to be held in Albany, NY from February 4th through February 6th, 2008 with expenses paid pursuant to the Operation IMPACT Grant.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B04

BY COUNCILMAN DOLCE:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into a contract with H.H. Rauh Contracting Co., LLC/Kingsview Enterprises, Inc., 7 West First Street, P.O. Box 2,

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Lakewood, New York 14750 for the demolition of 133 Winsor Street in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars and no cents (\$75,000.00).

Councilman Dolce: I would just like to comment that it's good to see that this will finally get done – it's been long overdue, over a year now since that fire down on Winsor – we'll get rid of that eyesore as well as a public safety hazard.

Councilman DeJoy: I would also like to make a comment and commend all those that worked on this project from the Department of Development and JURA, their diligence and patience in working through this long project that will finally get this eyesore and safety hazard taken care of.

President Rabb: Mr. Olson reminded me to ask if you had any questions or comments before we proceeded with the votes – I apologize for not doing that on the first three, but I am glad that both Councilmember Dolce and Councilmember DeJoy have something to add on this one. Anybody else have comments or concerns?

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B05

BY COUNCILMAN DeJOY:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor of the City of Jamestown, be and he hereby is, authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the cost of the 2008 Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department Summer Playground Program subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel as to form.

Councilwoman Ecklund: Again, I would like to thank the Ralph Sheldon Foundation for their generous donation in supporting the youth in this very, very important vital summer rec program.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B06

BY COUNCILMAN DeJOY:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a contract with the Fenton Historical Society for historical services to be rendered to the citizens of Jamestown for the year 2008 in the amount of Sixteen thousand dollars and no cents (\$16,000.00).

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B07

BY COUNCILMAN DeJOY:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into a contract with the James Prendergast Library Association for library services to be rendered to the citizens of Jamestown for the year 2008 in the amount of three hundred seventy-two thousand dollars (\$372,000.00).

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Councilman Dolce: I just want to say that both of these resolutions six and seven were part of the 2008 budget – it's a procedure that we have to vote on these and this last one for the library represents a \$2,000.00 increase over previous years. Certainly we would love to give them more but this is what we can afford at this particular time so it has increased slightly and it's going in the right direction and the Library is a very valuable asset to our community and we appreciate all the work they do for the community. Thank you.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B08

BY COUNCILMAN DeJOY:

WHEREAS, the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency (JURA) is an independent government agency established by the laws of the State of New York in 1966; and

WHEREAS, the scope of JURA activity has grown to include housing code enforcement and rehabilitation, commercial building code enforcement, neighborhood preservation and improvement, zoning activities, community planning and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown maintains the desire and responsibility to protect the safety and improve the quality of life for all of its residents through the proper enforcement of life and safety codes, the upgrading of the environment within its neighborhoods, rebuilding infrastructure and stimulating the retention and creation of jobs in the industrial, service and commercial sectors; and

WHEREAS, JURA has demonstrated since its inception that it is adequately equipped and fully capable to develop, obtain funding for and implement a variety of programs and activities to address the city's public safety and community/ economic development objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is efficient, cost effective and desirable to contract with JURA for delivery of these essential services and activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency for the 2007 fiscal year to provide the following city services and pursue the following activities:

Enforcement of Chapter 215 of the Jamestown City Code - the Property Rehabilitation and Conservation Code.

Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Enforcement of Chapter 300 of the Jamestown City Code - the Zoning Code for the City of Jamestown.

Operation of the city's various housing rehabilitation and neighborhood improvement initiatives.

Application for and administration of housing and economic development grant programs including but not limited to; HUD's CDBG and HOME Program entitlements; the NYS Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program Grant; NYS Main Street Grant; NYS Quality Communities Grant; and RESTORE NY Grant.

Administration of the Federal Renewal Community Tax Incentive Program.

Administration of all long and short term planning activities.

Marketing of the community and response to development-related inquiries.

Packaging of sites for city-sponsored projects.

and be it further

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RESOLVED, that in consideration of said services and activities, the City will allocate to JURA during FY 2008 a sum that shall not be less than \$315,000 and provide an in-kind contribution of office space, utilities, and parking for JURA vehicles at the Jamestown Municipal Building, and authorize JURA to retain all administrative revenues from housing and community/economic development grants obtained and administered by JURA on behalf of the city.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

PUBLIC WORKS

200801B09

BY COUNCILMAN SPITALE:

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown, Municipal Building, Jamestown, NY 14701, has requested an easement over a portion of Dexterville LP lands for use and maintenance of a storm sewer line running south from East Second Street to Ransom Alley through lands known as Tax Map No. Section 387.34, Block 4, Lot 8; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into an easement agreement with Dexterville LP, PO Box 3311, Jamestown, NY. for use and maintenance of a new storm sewer line through lands of Dexterville LP known as Tax Map No. Section 387.34, Block 4, Lot 8.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B10

BY COUNCILMAN SPITALE:

WHEREAS, the Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc., PO Box 3311, Jamestown, NY 14701, has requested that the City of Jamestown relinquish its rights to the storm sewer easement through a portion of its lands known as Tax Map No. Section 387.34, Block 4, Lots 2 and 3, which easement was recorded in Liber 648, Page 333; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown, Municipal Building, Jamestown, NY 14701, has requested an easement over a portion of Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc. lands for use and maintenance of a storm sewer line running south from East Second Street to Ransom Alley on lands known as Tax Map Nos. Section 387.34, Block 4, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into an agreement with Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc. wherein the City of Jamestown relinquishes all rights to an storm sewer easement through Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc. lands, which easement was recorded in Liber 648, Page 333; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter into a new easement agreement with Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc. for use and maintenance of a new storm sewer line through lands of Appleyard Housing Development Fund Company Inc. known as Tax Map Nos. Section 387.34, Block 4, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

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PUBLIC SAFETY

200801B11

BY COUNCILMAN SZWEJBKA:

RESOLVED, That the Jamestown City Council hereby grants the following organization Games of Chance (Bell Jar) license for the 2008 calendar year:

ILS Veterans Club

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

200801B12

BY COUNCILWOMAN JONES:

RESOLVED, That the following persons be, and they hereby are, reappointed to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City of Jamestown for a term of two years:

Joanne E. Culmo	January 31, 2008 to January 30, 2010
Nancy I. Amoroso	February 14, 2008 to February 13, 2010
Jennifer Ramsey	February 14, 2008 to February 13, 2010

Carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays

NEW BUSINESS

200801B13

Councilman Taylor: I just have a couple of statements I would like to make. Generally it was former Councilman Vivian Taylor who each January would make a few comments regarding Martin Luther King's birthday, the national holiday. Last year, I was not able to do so but I wanted to make up for that and just wanted to make few points about Dr. King's Day before we all went home. Though we are seven days removed from that all so important national holiday, I would just like to first make reference on the two programs that took place in Jamestown last week – the one on January 20th at Emanuel Baptist Church which saw record numbers of elected officials from every level from the state, from the County, from the City government there which was very inspiring to the community, as well as the program at JCC on Monday where there were so many people at the Scharmann Theater. There were people lining the floor, they were standing against the walls – standing room only for those programs. It was truly inspiring. Often when people think of Dr. King's day and his accomplishments, it's often associated with gaining rights for blacks, African Americans, early segregations and Jim Crow laws. It is often stated that Dr. King's dream inspired everyone of every color, every creed, but a lot of people don't necessarily realize the importance, and sometimes it is often asked "how have people been inspired by that?" I think that proof of that could be seen here in the year 2008. When Dr. King died in 1968 whoever would have thought that you would be looking at a President's election as we're deciding who's going to be the leader of the free world, we're choosing amongst an African American; we're choosing amongst a woman; we're choosing amongst a Mormon, a son of the South and various other aspects of diversity for the Presidency of the United States. Even on a more local scale, even if you look at what we have here in Jamestown, New York and Chautauqua County, if you were to go in a time machine or if the people were in a time machine back then, to go into the future to the year 2008 where they would see the diversity where we will have a Councilman Spitale and Dolce and Whitford who's able to work side-by-side with a President like Greg Rabb

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with Minister Jones, with Michael Taylor, where we wouldn't have to depend on the leadership and the skills of a Kim Ecklund with the finances of the City, where we have a lot of diversity, where we have a Chuck Nazzaro or we have a Vicki James, where we reach out across parties with Tina Hallquist and people to make Jamestown what it is. You don't have to look any further than Chautauqua County to see that in many ways, Dr. King's dream is being realized, even if it wasn't the intention. Maybe these changes would have happened eventually over time, but who knows if they would have happened as quickly, so I think that we all are honoring Dr. King's dream, and I hope all of us here as well as the City can continue in that tradition. A lot of work is to be done, and Dr. King's dream is starting to be realized in 2008. Thank you.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James N. Olson
Director of Financial Services/City Clerk

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2007

Government Structure/Financial Affairs

- During an era in which most city governments are running annual deficits, and after several red ink years of its own, Jamestown will once again end the fiscal year in the black ...for the seventh consecutive time.
- After working off the previous \$1.4 million accumulated deficit, the City's General Fund is now sporting a positive fund balance of more than \$2.1 million.
- Continued streamlining operations through collaborations and cross training activities involving the Finance Department and customer service staff of the BPU.
- Developed/adopted 2008 General Operating Budget that contained a reduction in both the property tax rate (\$18.63 per \$1,000 assessed valuation which represents a decrease of \$.25 or 1.33% from the 2007 level) and the overall property tax levy (\$12,610,625 which is a decrease of \$102,000 from the 2007 Budget).
- Continued planning for the upgrade and replacement of deficient Fire Department facilities.
- Arranged financing and authorized the purchase of a new \$810,000, fully equipped, ladder truck for the Fire Department to replace a 40 year old antiquated unit
- Working through the Board of Public Utilities, began implementing a program to replace antiquated and costly telephone equipment with new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology. The new system is projected to result in an annual savings of around \$35,000.
- Implemented new procedures through the Finance/Treasurer's Office to improve upon the collection of outstanding payments and obligations previously considered un-collectible.
- Deployed the next phase of the new computerized accounting system that is streamlining finance, inventory, budgeting and data functions.
- Completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Health Insurance Stop Loss Coverage. Awarded a contract to the Premier Consulting Group, which is projected to save city taxpayers \$6.000 annually.

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- Completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) Services. Awarded a contract to Veracity Benefits Design Inc. of Jamestown which is projected to save city taxpayers \$100,000 annually.
- Completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for property and liability insurance. Awarded a contract to Sloan Melhuish Insurance of Jamestown and the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) which is projected to save city taxpayers \$145,000 annually.
- Expansion of the city's web site ... www.jamestownny.net.
- Updated a study/plan regarding the operation and management of the City's Downtown Parking System (garages, surface lots, curbside spaces).
- Establishment of the Health Care Benefits Fund Advisory Committee. This group is comprised of active employees and retired representatives from each of the five labor bargaining units, along with management staff responsible for the administration of the benefits program.
- Finalized the comprehensive Health Care Benefits Plan Document, which replaced the "piecemeal" documents from 1997 and the early 1980's.
- Working in conjunction with communities and advocates from across New York, lobbied for and realized a 9% increase from the state in AIM (Aid and Incentives for Municipalities) Program Funding.
- Initiated contract negotiations with various employee bargaining units...CSEA, AFSCME, Police and JCAA.
- Expanded police foot patrols in the Downtown area and various residential neighborhoods.
- Further revised the command structure in the Police Department and eliminated another lieutenant's position.
- Instituted a Crime Analyst position paid for with state Project Impact grant funding.

Infrastructure/Utilities/Facilities

- Completed upon a record level of downtown and neighborhood street, sidewalk and storm water drainage improvement projects. In addition to more than three (3) dozen resurfacing, nova chip and storm sewer improvement projects,

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comprehensive reconstruction efforts were completed on East 5th Street, Camp Street, Hebner Street, Pine Street, Dearing Avenue and Prospect Street.

- Continued the development and upgrade of the District Heating System.
- Completed numerous improvements to the water and wastewater treatment systems.
- In accordance with existing intermunicipal utility agreements, expanded the water and sewer systems into additional areas of the Towns of Ellicott and Busti.
- Completed the next phase of the comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) (computerized mapping and engineering tool) for the Greater Jamestown area.
- Implemented \$2.5 million worth of energy conservation improvements to city government buildings. The subject improvements will be fully repaid with savings from reduced utility bills.
- Completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and filed air permit applications with both the Federal and State Governments in conjunction with the development of new electric generating facilities at the Steele Street campus of the Board of Public Utilities. This initiative, which will result in the replacement of the current, functionally obsolescent and environmentally damaging facilities, with a more efficient, environmentally responsible technology, will ensure that the city will remain in the electric generating business and maintain both its energy independence and advantageous cost position for years to come.
- In conjunction with Prax Air Inc., Dresser Rand Corp., Ecology and Environment Inc., and SUNY Buffalo, pursued the development of Oxy Coal, Carbon Capture and Sequestration technology in conjunction with the proposed BPU Clean Coal Electric Generating Project. Pursued State support and Federal DOE funding for this groundbreaking environmental initiative.
- Continued site acquisition and design activities in conjunction with the new Administrative and Operations Center for the Board of Public Utilities.
- Worked with State DOT officials on design concepts for the scheduled replacement of the 46-year-old Washington Street Bridge and arterial highway approaches.
- Continued a comprehensive program to replace outdated, inefficient and unsafe Public Works and Parks Department equipment via the purchase of several new and used vehicles.

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- Greatly accelerated the level of curb and intersection improvements to bring the city one step closer to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Regionalism/Intermunicipal Cooperation

- Expanded water and sewer services into additional areas of the Towns of Ellicott, Busti and North Harmony.
- Expanded the use of the public safety mutual aid agreement.
- Utilizing a \$99,000 Shared Municipal Services Initiative (SMSI) Grant from New York State, initiated a study with the Village of Lakewood, Town of Busti and Town of Ellicott of the feasibility of creating a new municipal electric system to be operated and managed by the City's Board of Public Utilities.
- Conducted wastewater treatment services for the County's South and Center Sewer District.
- Partnering with the County, completed construction of a leachate pipeline linking the County Landfill with the City's Wastewater Treatment System. The City is now treating 100% of County Landfill leachate at its Wastewater Treatment Plant on Quaint Road.
- Initiated contract discussions regarding the provision of water and sewer services to the Town of Kiantone.
- Enacted a Consolidated Assessment Program (CAP) with the Town of Busti. The CAP status qualifies the city for an additional state payment in the amount of \$180,000 and an annual stipend of \$75,000 to help cover the costs of the city's comprehensive revaluation program and to retain 100% full value assessments.
- Conducted centralized purchasing activities with the county for public works materials.
- Launched an initiative to analyze and pursue the consolidation of police services with the County.

Housing/Neighborhoods

- Significantly expanded the Housing Mini-Sweep Inspection Program into more than a dozen additional neighborhoods.
- Initiated more than 1500 new Housing Code Enforcement cases/resolved most

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without City Court intervention.

- Improved nearly 50 housing units through the investment of \$470,000 in Federal grant resources, which leveraged \$5.6 million in private investment into the housing stock of the City.
- Expanded JURA's Street Lighting Improvement Program into various CDBG target neighborhoods.
- Continued development of new housing in the Country View Estates subdivision.
- Completed construction of the \$6 million Appleyard Terrace Town House Project at E. Second and Cross Streets.
- Secured funding for Phase II of the Appleyard Terrace Town House Project.
- Offered assistance to County officials regarding the provision of code compliance inspections for in-rem foreclosure properties.
- Completed the approval process and launched construction of 200 units of new student housing at Jamestown Community College.
- Removed over 100 unregistered and abandoned vehicles from city residential neighborhoods.
- Demolished blighted structures, undertook home inspection and rehabilitation activities and completed various sidewalk, street lighting, landscaping and road improvements within the Northside PRIDE Rehabilitation Project area.

Parks/Recreation

- Completed construction on Phase I of the Chadakoin Riverwalk through Brooklyn Square.
- Completed construction activities and dedicated the Underground Railroad Tableau project at Dow Park.
- Expanded and enhanced the City's nationally acclaimed Urban Forestry Program/Obtained Tree City USA status for the 26th consecutive year.
- Tree Program Activity: Removed 84; Planted 292; Trimmed 881; Stumps Removed 93.
- Implemented numerous ballpark improvement projects at Bergman, Allen and

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Roseland Parks.

- Utilizing state grant resources, launched a new web based computerized data system as part of the Veterans Memorial Project
- Installed Handicapped Accessible walkways at Allen, Bergman and Chadakoin Parks.
- Constructed a new basketball court at Nordstrom Park.
- Purchased and installed new playground equipment at Allen and Nordstrom Parks.
- Pursued an effort with a Northside Community Group to upgrade playground equipment at Roseland Park.

Development Activities

- Earned recognition from the American Planning Association for the Downtown Urban Design Plan (“Best Community Plan – 2006/2007”).
- Approved and processed \$289,000 worth of loans through the Jamestown Local Development Corporation (JLDC). These loans leveraged total private investment of \$861,000 in the City’s economy.
- Worked with the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) to implement the “award winning” Downtown Urban Design Plan.
- Continued development of the Gateway Development Center in the former Chautauqua Hardware Building on Water Street. This previously abandoned industrial complex is now the home to a variety of private businesses and community agencies, including the St. Susan’s Center and Community Helping Hands, Inc.
- Launched numerous improvement projects within the Civic Center Entertainment District, including development of an expanded lobby and box office space for the Reg Lenna Civic Center.
- Financed and installed a new sound system at The Reg Lenna Civic Center which complies with ADA requirements.
- Completed construction of the new Walgreen’s Super Center on the site of the long vacant St. James Catholic School.

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- Assisted with efforts to retain and expand commercial airline service at the county's Jamestown Airport.
- Utilizing \$300,000 in RESTORE NY funding, completed the redevelopment of the former MRC Office Complex on Chandler Street for Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.
- Completed property sale, project financing and permitting activities...launched construction of the new \$7.5 million BWB office/commercial center on the Westside Development site. This project was assisted with a \$1.5 million RESTORE NY Grant obtained by the Department of Development.
- Utilizing \$3.5 million in Federal Transportation Administration and State funding, continued planning and development activities for the Gateway Station redevelopment project at the former Erie Railroad Station.
- Continued planning and development activities in conjunction with the Chadakoin Riverwalk/Downtown Connector Project.
- Provided economic development incentive electric rates in conjunction with the expansion of manufacturing operations at SKF Aero Engine Inc.
- Assisted with the relocation and expansion of the SKF Aero Engine Inc. Corporate offices into the Windstream Complex in Downtown Jamestown.
- Applied for/secured \$2 million in RESTORE NY funding for the redevelopment of the Wellman Building, Period Brass Building and Shults Auto Group properties on Washington Street and Fluvanna Avenue. Collectively, these projects will stimulate \$12 million of private sector investment in the city's economy.
- Certified and provided Empire Zone tax incentive benefits to several city/area businesses, which will invest more than \$7.5 in the City's economy and result in the retention/creation of more than 100 jobs.
- Continued development and occupancy of the 80,000 s.f., \$9 million Riverwalk Medical Center in Brooklyn Square.
- Allocation of \$12 million in federal tax credits for various private development projects within the City's Federal Renewal Community target area.
- Provided \$281,000 in CDBG assistance for a variety of Downtown façade and handicapped accessibility improvement projects. CDBG assistance stimulated a total private investment of \$900,000 in the subject properties.

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- Realized another significant increase in taxable real property assessment...for the fourth consecutive year!