

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 15, 2020**

**I. ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on June 15, 2020. This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-05, executed by Governor Gina Raimondo and was teleconferenced via Zoom. The public access code to participate by phone was 1 (301) -715-8592 or 1(312) - 626- 6799 or 1(646) - 558- 8656. To participate by computer or mobile app: <https://zoom.us/j/98691814807> Meeting ID: **986 9181 4807**. Town Council Members present were as follows: Michael G. White, Mary Meagher, Nancy A. Beye, William J. Piva, Jr. and Randy White. Also present Town Administrator Jamie A. Hainsworth, Finance Director Christina D. Collins, Town Solicitor Peter D. Ruggiero, Chief of Police Edward A. Mello, and Town Planner, Lisa Bryer, Michael Gray, Public Works Director.

**II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:30 P.M., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

A) Resolutions:

1) Recognizing the Month of June as Jamestown Pride Month

Councilor White proposed amending the resolution, striking annually and modifying to this year, 2020, so as not to bind a future council. The resolution will be presented annually.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to approve the Resolution as amended. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

2) Support of an Act Relating to Amending the R.I. General Laws, 45-2-3.2, Availability of Funds upon failure of City of City or Town to Approve Annual Appropriation

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to approve the Resolution. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS, LICENSES AND PERMITS**

*The Town Council will review each license application and vote on it individually. All approvals for licenses and permits are subject to the resolution of debts, taxes and appropriate signatures as well as, when applicable, proof of insurance. Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:*

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to move into the Public Hearing on the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application**  
**Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- A) Public Hearing on the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Application for the following:
  - 1) Public Facility: Funding for the Jamestown Housing Authority to renovate 16 Bathrooms at the Pemberton Apartments complex in the amount of \$ 215,400
  - 2) Public Facility: Funding for the Jamestown Senior Center to replace appliances in the centers kitchen in the amount of \$28,866
  - 3) Housing Development: Provide funding to support creation of one Affordable single family unit opportunity at 91 Carr Lane. In an amount of \$113,500.

Bonnie Hogan of 56 Carr Lane spoke of her concerns regarding the density of the project on 1.3 acres of land. She also stated she had 152 signatures of Jamestown residents who are also strongly concerned of the density of this project.

- B) Approval of the Jamestown Community Development Block Grant Application including Prioritization of Project Proposals and Resolution(s) with a total amount of \$357,766.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to approve the Resolution of both A and B with a total amount of \$357,766.**

**Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to adjourn from the Public Hearing on the Community Block Grant and move to Renewal of Event License Application**  
**Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- C) Renewal of Event License Application
  - 1) Applicant: Jamestown Chamber of Commerce
  - Event: Restaurant Outdoor Dining
  - Location: Narragansett Avenue, Narragansett Avenue Municipal Parking Lot & East Ferry Parking Lot

**A motion was made by Councilor Beye with second by Councilor White to approve the event License Application for the Chamber of Commerce for Restaurant Outdoor Dining for Narragansett Avenue, Narragansett Avenue Municipal Parking Lot & East Ferry Parking Lot with an ending date of August 3, 2020. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to adjourn from the Liquor Licensing Board and Renewal of Event License Application Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- D) Approval of a Vendor/ Peddler/MFE License Application as part of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce Outdoor Dining
  - 1) Applicant: Islandish LTD- Chopmist Charlie's  
Location: 40 Narragansett Ave.

**A motion was made by Councilor Piva with second by Vice President Meagher to approve the Vendor/Peddler/MFE License Application with a review date of August 3, 2020. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**A motion was made by Councilor Piva with second by Vice President Meagher to leave the Public Hearing and sit as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- E) Town Council Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board  
Notice is hereby given by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown, being the Licensing Board in said Town as provided under Title 3, Chapters 1-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended.
  - 1) Renewal of Approval of Requests for Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Applications in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas valid with Special Event Application of the Chamber of Commerce for Dine out Event in response to COVID- 19.
    - i) KALI LLC dba J22 Tap & Table, 22 Narragansett Ave.
    - ii) Jamestown Beer Holdings LLC dba The Generals Crossing- 34 Narragansett Ave.
    - iii) Jamestown Restaurant Group LLC dba Narragansett Café' - 25 Narragansett Ave.
    - iv) Johnny Angels Clam Shack LLC dba Angels Kitchen- 23B Narragansett Ave.

**A motion was made by Councilor White and seconded by Vice President Meagher to approve the Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Applications in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas valid with Special Event Application of the Chamber of Commerce for Dine Out Event in response to COVID-19:KALI LLC dba J22 Tap & Table, 22 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown Beer Holdings LLC dba The Generals Crossing, 34 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown Restaurant Group LLC dba Narragansett Cafe, 25 Narragansett Ave., Johnny Angels Clam Shack LLC dba Angels Kitchen- 23B Narragansett Ave. , with further review at the August 3, 2020 meeting of the Town Council and Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- 2) Renewal of Approval of KAILI LLC dba J22 Tap & Table for Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Applications in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas to include property contingent on lease agreement with REGNUM LLC, located at 20 Narragansett Ave.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher and seconded by Councilor Beye to approve the Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Application in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas of KAILI LLC dba J22 Tap & Table for Temporary Seasonal Expansion of Existing Liquor License Application in accordance to R.I.G.L 3-5-17, for service and consumption areas to include property contingent on lease agreement with REGNUM LLC, located at 20 Narragansett Ave. with further review at the August 3, 2020 meeting of the Town Council and Beverage Licensing Board. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- 3) Marine Vessel Beverage License – **Class G** – Application pursuant to RI General Laws 3-7-15 to allow for the holder of the Class G license for a passenger-carrying marine vessel may serve alcoholic beverages at retail aboard the vessel during the period thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled departure and until departure, provided that the local licensing board annually consents.
  - i) Conanicut Marine Services  
dba: MV Jamestown  
Location: East Ferry Wharf

**A motion was made by Councilor White and seconded by Vice President Meagher to approve the Marine Vessel Beverage License – Class G for the MV Jamestown Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- F) Town Council adjourns as the Liquor Licensing Board

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher and seconded by Councilor White to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**V. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION/COMMITTEE COMMENTS & REPORTS**

*Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:*

- A) Town Administrator's Report: Jamie A. Hainsworth-
  - 1) Financial Town Meeting Update
  - 2) Fireworks Update
  - 3) Class G Liquor Licensee- Listed on the Agenda- IV.
  - 4) Renewal of Event License for Outdoor Service- Listed on the Agenda- IV
  - 5) Beavertail Lighthouse – FYI, No Action Requested
  - 6) Noise Ordinance –FYI, No Action Requested
  - 7) Defunding the Police – FYI Consideration, No Action

Town Administrator reviewed the FTM, it will all be the same, just without a roof. He also advised with the current COVID 19 guidelines, we are not able to have fireworks in July. He explained the Noise Ordinance is to be continued until the July 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting

- B) Public Works Director Report: Michael Gray
  - 1) Pumping report
    - a) Town project reports
  - 2) Town Wells
    - a) Water Treatment Plant
    - b) Transfer Pumping/Reservoir
    - c) Distribution System
    - d) Wastewater Treatment Facility
- C) Finance Director's Report: Christina D. Collins
  - 1) Comparison of Budget to Actuals as of May 31, 2020
- D) Town Planner's Report- Lisa Bryer
  - 1) Affordable Housing Project at 91 Carr Lane Proposal Update

Dale Jerald of 63 Carr Lane referenced the "Town of Jamestown Affordable Housing Plan" by Barbara Sokoloff, 2005 and stated she was in agreement with Bonnie Hogan in reference to the density of the project.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:*

- A) Upcoming Meetings and Sessions – dates and times
  - 1) Town Council Meeting for June 23, 2020 6:00 P.M.
  - 2) Town Council Meeting Schedule: July meeting schedule

Town Council Meeting will be on July 20, 2020 6:30 P.M.

- B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action to extend the May 4, 2020 Executive order from June 16, 2020 to July 21, 2020, unless revoked earlier; the continuation of the authorization of the Town Administrator to take any and all necessary actions to implement best practices guidance regarding municipal government actions to curtail the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to Extend the Executive order from June 16, 2020 to July 21, 2020, unless revoked earlier. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

*Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:*

- A) Review, Discussion and Possible Action on the possible purchase of the former Bank America Building located at 29 Narragansett Ave
- B) Review, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the former EMS Building located at 11 Knowles Court.

No Action was taken, all were in agreement to continue the discussion at the July 23, 2020 meeting.

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to move into Public Hearing. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

VIII. **ORDINANCES, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES AND EXPIRING TERMS**

*Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Council May Review, Discuss and/or take Action and/or Vote on the following items:*

- A) Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Chapter 46- Hawkers, Peddlers, Door-to-door salespersons and Mobile Food Establishments, which removes the Provision on Prohibition of Door to Door Sales

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to approve as amended. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- B) Public Hearing for Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding Repealing Section 38-92. Indecent Intoxication, which removes the Provision of Public Intoxication

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve this proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to move out of the Public Hearing Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- C) Appointments, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms; review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
  - 1) Affordable Housing Committee (Three (3) vacancies with a three-year term ending date of May 31, 2023); duly advertised
    - a. Letters of interest for reappointment
      - i) Donna Andreozzi
      - ii) Sydney Keen
      - iii) Job Toll

**A motion was made by Councilor Piva with second by Vice President Meagher to reappoint Donna Andreozzi, Sydney Keen and Job Toll to the Affordable Housing Committee Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- 2) Jamestown Fire Department Compensation Committee (One (1) Fire Department Rep vacancy with a term ending date May 31, 2023 and One (1) Citizen-at-Large with an unexpired term ending May 31, 2022); duly advertised
  - a. Letter of interest for reappointment
    - i) Prim Bullock
  - b. No applicants for Citizen-at-Large

**A motion was made by Councilor Beye with second by Vice President Meagher to reappoint Prim Bullock to the Fire Department Compensation Committee Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

- 3) Tax Assessment Board of Review (One (1) Alternate vacancy with a three-year term ending date of May 31, 2023); duly advertised
  - a. Letter of interest
    - i) Beth Smith

**A motion was made by Councilor Piva with second by Vice President Meagher to appoint Beth Smith to the Tax Assessment Board of Review as an Alternate Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the Consent Agenda Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

#### **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

*An item on the Consent Agenda need not be removed for simple clarification or correction of typographical errors. Approval of the Consent Agenda shall be equivalent to approval of each item as if it had been acted upon separately for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote. A Consent Agenda item or items may be removed by the Town Council for review, discussion and/or potential action and or vote.*

- A) Adoption of Town Council Minutes
  - 1) May 4, 2020 (regular meeting)
  - 2) May 14, 2020 (special meeting)
  - 3) May 18, 2020 (regular meeting)

#### **X. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS**

*The Council may acknowledge any of the listed Communications and Proclamations and Resolutions. Should any member wish to have a conversation on any of the matters, the item will be placed on a future agenda for review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote.*

- A) Communications Received:
  - 1) Copy of Letter to: Jamestown Rotary Club  
From: Jamie A. Hainsworth  
Dated: June 1, 2020  
Re: Thanks you for support in Jamestown Good Neighbor Fund
  - 2) Copy of Email to: Jamestown Town Council  
From: Ally Ruggieri  
Dated: June 9, 2020  
Re: Budget 2021

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to accept the communications Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

**XI. OPEN FORUM- To participate you will press \*9 to raise your hand.  
The meeting moderator will coordinate your participation.**

*Comments are not limited to items on this agenda. However, items not on this agenda will only be heard and not acted upon by the Town Council. Note: Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act, and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibits the Town Council from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.*

- 1) Scheduled request to address – None
- 2) Non-scheduled request to address

Sydney Keen of 112 Walcott Street addressed the Council to correct the record in regards to defunding the Police. Jamestown for Justice is completely separate from that.

Kendra Smith of 89 Cole Street commented on defunding the Police.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Beye to adjourn at 9:02 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

Attest:

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Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant