

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council was held on November 2, 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/83409327837> Meeting ID: **834 0932 7837**. 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, Erin F. Liese, Town Clerk and Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant.

II. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Town Council President White called the meeting of the Jamestown Town Council to order at 6:34 P.M. in the Jamestown Town Hall, Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers at 93 Narragansett Avenue, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN DEPARTMENTS, 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 Planner's Report- Lisa Bryer
- 1) Update on Narragansett Ave Commercial CD District
 - 53 Narragansett Avenue, former Baker's Pharmacy, is back up for sale
 - 40 Narragansett Avenue, Chopmist Charlies, has renovated and will reopen once it is safe to do so, with a new Gourmet Market.
 - 35 Narragansett Avenue, Tallulah's Tacos, is renovating the former Pink Pig, the Town Council has granted Tallulah's a BV License
 - 29 Narragansett Avenue, former Bank of America Building, has been sold to We Dig Investements
 - Municipal Town Parking Lot on Narragansett Avenue, will continue to be used as outdoor dining
 - 14 Narragansett Avenue, formerly Jamestown Fish, has been auctioned off
 - Jamestown Art Center Public Art Exhibitions will be coming down over the next couple of days

Councilor Piva mentioned a new addition to Narragansett Avenue, in the Bomes Theatre, the Rhode Island Real Estate Services.

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) Public Hearings:
 - 1) Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Article III- Noise Ordinance; Sections 22-63C through Section 22-71. These Amendments are proposed to update and modernize the existing Noise Ordinance (Public Hearing Continued from August 17, 2020, September 21, 2020 and October 19 2020)

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor Piva to open the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Article III- Noise Ordinance; Sections 22-63C through Section 22-71 Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Councilor Beye recused herself from the Public Hearing

Christine Ariel of 61 Steamboat Street, Tony Pinheiro of Lawn Avenue, Brenna Jordon of 19 Walcott Avenue, Jeremy Collie of 151 Narragansett Avenue, Pamela Storey of North Main Road and Maria Shevlin of 24 Hamilton Avenue independently addressed the Town Council with their concerns for the proposed amendments to the Noise Ordinance.

Councilor Piva was ready to support passing the updated ordinance.

President White, Vice President Meagher and Councilor White agreed on tabling the proposed amendments for the next Town Council.

A motion was made by Vice President with a second by Councilor White to table the Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Article III- Noise Ordinance; Sections 22-63C through Section 22-71. for the next Town Council. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Councilor Beye rejoined the meeting.

V. 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 Schedule: November 16, 2020
 - 2) Swearing In Ceremony for Elected Officials: TBD

No action was taken

VI. 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) Request of Chief Edward Mello regarding the approval of the 2021 Harbor Rates approved by the Harbor commission on October 14, 2020

**A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to approve the 2021 Harbor Rates as approved by the Harbor Commission on October 14, 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 Piva to accept the Consent Agenda
Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye**

VII. 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) September 29, 2020 (Town Council Workshop)
 - 2) October 5, 2020 (Regular Meeting)

B) Request of Tax Assessor for Specific Abatements & Addenda of Taxes

ADDENDA TO 2020 TAX ROLL		
04-0135-25	Plat 5, Lot 25	\$ 187.50
12-0490-76	Plat 5, Lot 69	\$ 125.00
TOTAL ADDENDA		\$ 312.50

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

VIII. 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 Dumpling Drive Parking & Traffic Report
From: Edward A. Mello, Chief of Police
Dated: October 2020
 - 2) Copy of letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Wendy Shapiro
Dated: October 19, 2020
Re: Jamestown Code of Ordinance: Sec: 10-70 Dogs at Large
 - 3) Copy of letter to: Jamestown Town Council
From: Wendy Shapiro
Dated: October 20, 2020
Re: Dog License Requirements & Leash Law

IX. 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.

A) Scheduled request to address- none

B) Non-scheduled request to address

No requests to address the Council were made

X. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to RIGL § 42-46-6(c) Notice of this meeting shall be posted on the Secretary of State's website and at the Town Hall and the Jamestown Philomenian Library. Notice is also posted at the Jamestown Police Station and on the Internet at www.jamestownri.gov.

A motion was made by Vice President Meagher with second by Councilor White to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Vote: President White, Aye; Vice President Meagher, Aye; Councilor Beye, Aye; Councilor Piva, Aye; Councilor, White, Aye

Attest:

Denise Gamon, Town Clerk's Assistant