

BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – MAY 10, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00pm - Mayor Anthony LaMantia called the meeting to order and announced that same is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met. Any contracts awarded tonight require the contractor to comply with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et.seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. Also announced, in the event of a fire and pursuant to the N.J. Uniform Fire Code, that the members of the audience were requested to take notice of the exits at the front and rear of the Council Chambers as well as in the main hallway.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor LaMantia

ROLL CALL: Those present: Mayor LaMantia
Council President Jennings
Council member Carpenter
Council member Kostbar
Council member Longo
Council member Maloney
Council member Morales
Attorney Raffetto
Denise Jawidzik, Business Administrator

Those Absent: Engineer Dittenhofer

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

ALL MATTERS LISTED ON TONIGHT'S CONSENT AGENDA ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS ONE VOTE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. ANY RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA WITH ** NEXT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NUMBER ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Resolution #143-05-10-06 was removed while the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved on the following vote:

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER		X	X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #144-05-10-06

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES, HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TAX COLLECTORS OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND NINE DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS (\$2,009.11); AND

WHEREAS, THIS PAYMENT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AS AN OVERPAYMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND NINE DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS (\$2,009.11), TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL, FOR BLOCK 79, LOT 6, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFICATIONS ATTACHED HERETO.

RESOLUTION #145-05-10-06**

REDEMPTION OF TAX LIENS

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS VERIFIED RECEIPT OF PAYMENTS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$68,510.70) AS VERIFIED IN THE CERTIFICATION ATTACHED HERETO; AND

WHEREAS, THIS PAYMENT WAS MADE FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES SPECIFIED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED CERTIFICATION.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CHECKS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS (\$68,510.70) TO THE LIEN HOLDERS SPECIFIED.

RESOLUTION #146-05-10-06**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, PROVIDES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE VEHICLES WHICH ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED BY THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG; AND

WHEREAS, THE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM OF MERCER/MIDDLESEX NO. 61:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT THE LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CONTAINED ON THE LIST BELOW IS HEREBY DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BOROUGH PURCHASING OFFICIAL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW BY PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC AUCTION AT 10:00AM ON JUNE 10, 2006 AT THE PLAINSBORO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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| * 2001 FORD CROWN VICTORIA | 2FAFP71W11X172192 |

RESOLUTION #147-05-10-06**

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-01-06

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A RAFFLE APPLICATION TO UTILIZE INSTANT RAFFLES FROM JAMESBURG B.P.O.E. #2180, WITH ALL THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION; AND

WHEREAS, FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, THAT LICENSE NUMBER #RL-01-06 BE APPROVED IN THE NAME OF JAMESBURG B.P.O.E. #2180. THIS LICENSE IS TO BE VALID FROM AUGUST 1, 2006 TO JULY 31, 2007. AT 74 WEST RAILROAD AVENUE, JAMESBURG:

RESOLUTION #148-05-10-06**

RESOLUTION CANCELING ESCROW BALANCES

WHEREAS, THE GENERAL LEDGER OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG SHOWS ESCROW ACCOUNTS, WHICH CARRY BALANCES, AND HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER; AND

WHEREAS, NO ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE ON ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ESCROW ACCOUNTS, SINCE 2003; AND

WHEREAS, THESE ACCOUNTS DO NOT CONTAIN CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND NO REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE REFUND OF SAID BALANCES:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, THAT THE OUTSTANDING ESCROW BALANCES SPECIFIED HEREIN BE AND ARE HEREBY CANCELED AGAINST OPERATIONS.

Name	Account number	Amount
D'Aniello	T0356000854806	\$1.20
Alliance Homes	T0356000854809	\$24.34
Britske	T0356000854838	\$247.25
Socha	T0356000854850	\$.50

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #143-05-10-06**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES BE AND ARE HEREBY ACCEPTED AND FILED:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
April 26, 2006

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO					X	
MALONEY		X	X			
MORALES					X	
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #149-05-10-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A RESTRICTED CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUCKLEW HOUSE ADA ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM

WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG HAS A NEED TO CONSTRUCT A ADA ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM AT THE BUCKLEW HOUSE, AS A RESTRICTED CONTRACT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; AND

WHEREAS, THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT HAS DETERMINED AND CERTIFIED IN WRITING THAT THE VALUE OF THE ACQUISITION WILL EXCEED \$17,500.00; AND

WHEREAS, THE ANTICIPATED TERM OF THIS CONTRACT IS 60 DAYS; AND

WHEREAS, F & P CONTRACTORS HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL DATED MAY 1, 2006, INDICATING THEY WILL CONSTRUCT SAID BATHROOM FOR \$28,950.00; AND

WHEREAS, F & P CONTRACTORS HAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED A BUSINESS ENTITY DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION WHICH CERTIFIES THAT F & P CONTRACTORS HAS NOT MADE ANY REPORTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A POLITICAL OR CANDIDATE COMMITTEE IN THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG IN THE PREVIOUS ONE YEAR AND THAT THE CONTRACT WILL PROHIBIT F & P CONTRACTORS FROM MAKING ANY REPORTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THIS CONTRACT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG AUTHORIZES THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH F & P CONTRACTORS, INC. AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BUSINESS DISCLOSURE ENTITY CERTIFICATION AND THE DETERMINATION OF VALUE BE PLACED ON FILE WITH THIS RESOLUTION.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER		X	X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES	X		X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #150-05-10-06

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG APPROVING PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #2 FOR THE VETERANS' PARK UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, THE CONTRACTOR, BIG DADDY CONSTRUCTION, INC., HAS SUBMITTED AS-BUILT QUANTITIES FOR THE VETERANS' PARK UPGRADE PROJECT; AND

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER HAS REVIEWED SAID QUANTITIES AND IS IN AGREEMENT WITH SAME; AND

WHEREAS, THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #2, DATED APRIL 28, 2006, IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$44,874.20).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG THAT PAYMENT CERTIFICATE #2, IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$44,874.20) IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT TO BIG DADDY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER		X	X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR					X	
LONGO			X			
MALONEY	X		X			
MORALES			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #151-05-10-06

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-1219 AND S-366

WHEREAS, SENATOR ROBERT MARTIN HAS SPONSORED SENATE BILL 1219 CONCERNING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (O.P.R.A.) AND OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (O.P.M.A.); AND

WHEREAS, SENATOR ELLEN KARCHER HAS SPONSORED SENATE BILL 366 CONCERNING INCREASING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF O.P.M.A.; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLES AND NEED FOR OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTS EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT AND THE NEED TO REDUCE THE RISK, COSTS, AND EXPENSES OF LITIGATION; AND

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL 1219 INCREASES FINES AND PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF O.P.M.A. AND O.P.R.A. IN CONFLICT WITH N.J.S.A. 59:1-1, et. seq. AND IS OTHERWISE DISHARMONIOUS WITH PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THAT IT;

1. CREATES A CONFLICT WITH THE DEFINITION OF "MEETING" AND MAY CAUSE CONFUSION AMONG OFFICERS WHO STATUTORILY ARE REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT AT MEETINGS;
2. ADDS LANGUAGE, "ELECTRONIC MAIL, INSTANT MESSAGING, OR SIMILAR TECHNOLOGIES" WHICH IS UNNECESSARY IN LIGHT OF THE EXISTING ALL-INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE "OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT" PERTAINING TO MEETINGS;
3. CHANGES THE 48 HOUR NOTICE REQUIREMENT TO A THREE BUSINESS DAY REQUIREMENT WHICH WILL FRUSTRATE THE ABILITY TO HAVE MEETINGS BECAUSE NEWSPAPERS NEED TIME TO PROCESS NOTICES;
4. PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY MEETING OF ANY PUBLIC BODY, WITH NOT LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES PER SPEAKER AND NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR IN TOTAL AND IS UNDULY BURDENSOME;
5. REQUIRES THE SPECIFICATION OF THE BASIS FOR EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO CONFUSION, ADDED LITIGATION AND POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO LIABILITY;
6. REGARDING MINUTES IS OVERLY BURDENSOME ON THE RESOURCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND MAY LEAD TO INCREASED EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS;
7. PROVIDES FOR UNILATERAL ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE COMPLAINANT, WHICH IS UNFAIR AND HAS THE EFFECT OF FRUSTRATING THE OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ATTORNEY'S FEES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BOTH PARTIES;
8. EXPANDING THE GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL TO INCLUDE O.P.M.A. WILL FURTHER BACKLOG AN ALREADY INUNDATED AGENCY AND PROLONG LITIGATION;
9. JEOPARDIZES THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXCEPTION TO THE O.P.M.A.;
10. CHANGES THE "KNOWING AND WILLFUL" STANDARD TO "SUBSTANTIALLY" STANDARD, PLACING THE MUNICIPALITY AND ITS OFFICERS IN RISK OF LITIGATION IN CONFLICT WITH N.J.S.A. 59:1-1. et. seq. ;
11. INAPPROPRIATELY PROVIDES FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND PAYMENT FOR SAME WITH PUBLIC MONIES;
12. REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROPOSED NEW AGENCY ("OPEN GOVERNMENT COUNCIL") WOULD BE LIMITED IN APPLICABILITY AND MAY RESULT IN INCONSISTENT SUPERIOR COURT AND O.G.C. DECISIONS
13. REQUIRES A QUARTERLY REVIEW OF MINUTES AND RECORDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO JEOPARDIZE CONFIDENTIALITY;
14. TAKES A STEP BACK IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC BODIES TO PROPERLY ADVISE THE PUBLIC;
15. REQUIRES RECORDATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AT WHICH CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED;
16. IMPOSES ADDITIONAL BURDENS OF REQUIREMENTS UPON SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS;
17. REQUIRES THAT MINUTES BE AVAILABLE WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS THEREBY CREATING UNDO HARDSHIP UPON THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AND LIMITS RESOURCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL 1219 CONTINUES TO EXEMPT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT FROM THE SAME REQUIREMENT THAT SENATE BILL 1219 WOULD IMPOSE ON MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AUTHORITIES; AND

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL 366 CHANGES THE "KNOWINGLY VIOLATES" STANDARD TO "KNOWING OR NEGLIGENTLY VIOLATES" STANDARD WHICH IS IN CONFLICT WITH N.J.S.A. 59:1-1

et. seq. AND IS OTHERWISE DISHARMONIOUS WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNMENT IN THAT IT:

1. INCREASES TEN-FOLD THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATUTE THUS SUBJECTING MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR OFFICERS TO INCREASED COSTS AND RISKS OF EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION;
2. PROVIDES FOR UNILATERAL ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE COMPLAINANT, WHICH IS UNFAIR AND HAS THE EFFECT OF FRUSTRATING THE OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. ATTORNEYS FEES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BOTH PARTIES;
3. INAPPROPRIATELY INCLUDES AUDIO AND VISUAL RECORDINGS OF MINUTES, PLACING AN UNDUE BURDEN ON MUNICIPALITIES TO MAKE AUDIO AND VISUAL RECORDINGS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE SAME BASIS AS MINUTES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, DOES HEREBY OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 1219 AND SENATE BILL 366 FOR REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND FOR THE REASON THAT SAID BILLS WILL NOT POSITIVELY AFFECT THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO OPEN GOVERNMENT AND WILL LIKELY HAVE THE COUNTER-EFFECT OF FRUSTRATING THE OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, THE ASSEMBLY COMPLIMENT AND THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY		X	X			
MORALES	X		X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #152-05-10-06

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S-192, AUTHORIZING A COMPETITIVE SYSTEM-WIDE FRANCHISE FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE.

WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, HAVE BEEN CLOSELY MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF SENATE BILL 192, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE A COMPETITIVE SYSTEM-WIDE FRANCHISE FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES BELIEVES THAT MUNICIPALITIES WILL BENEFIT FROM MORE COMPETITION IN THE AREA OF CABLE TELEVISION SINCE COMPETITION SHOULD IMPROVE SERVICE AND LOWER RATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAS REPORTED THAT THE MONTHLY CABLE RATE IN MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE IS CABLE COMPETITION IS 15.7% LOWER THAN IN NON-COMPETITIVE MUNICIPALITIES, AND THE PRICE PER CHANNEL IS 27.2% LOWER; AND

WHEREAS, SENATE BILL S-192 REQUIRES AN APPLICANT FOR A SYSTEM-WIDE FRANCHISE TO ACCOMMODATE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDING TWO PEG CHANNELS, PROVIDING INTER-CONNECTION TO ALL OTHER CABLE COMPANIES, PROVIDING FREE BASIC SERVICE AND FREE INTERNET SERVICE TO MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR ACCESS USERS; AND

WHEREAS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF VERIZON HAS MET WITH BOROUGH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WHAT BENEFITS THE CITIZENS OF JAMESBURG COULD REALIZE FROM A STATE WIDE VIDEO FRANCHISE; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ARE DESIROUS OF OBTAINING THE BEST CABLE SERVICES AT THE BEST PRICES FOR JAMESBURG RESIDENTS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, DO SUPPORT SENATE BILL S-192 AND ENCOURAGE ITS PASSAGE INTO LAW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER		X	X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR	X		X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #153-05-10-06

APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, THE CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER HAS CERTIFIED AND SUBMITTED A CONSOLIDATED BILL LIST FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS; AND

WHEREAS, ALL VOUCHERS LISTED HERewith HAVE BEEN ENCUMBERED AND SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OR COMMITTEE CHAIR, THE FINANCE CHAIRPERSON, THE VENDOR, AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER , HAVE ALL BEEN OBTAINED ON EACH VOUCHER PRESENTED ON THE ATTACHED LIST.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, THAT THE VOUCHER LIST SUBMITTED IS HEREBY APPROVED FOR PAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,134,179.47

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER			X			
JENNINGS	X		X			
KOSTBAR		X	X			
LONGO			X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

RESOLUTION #154-05-10-06

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE "PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE" TO PLAN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

WHEREAS, THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HAS BEEN A JAMESBURG TRADITION SINCE THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR; AND

WHEREAS, IN MOST RECENT YEARS, FORMER JAMESBURG COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION STAR POST 127, HENRY "SPUD" DOBENSKI, JR., HAS OVERSEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE; AND

WHEREAS, WITH THE UNFORTUNATE, UNTIMELY PASSING OF MR. DOBENSKI IN 2005, THE COUNCILMANIC PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE FORMED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD COORDINATE THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND TERMED IT THE "PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE"; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL ARE DESIROUS OF OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE DILIGENCE OF THE PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE IN PLANNING THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, THEREBY KEEPING THIS BOROUGH TRADITION A SUCCESSFUL ONE;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG, THAT THE "PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE IS HEREBY

FORMED, AS A DIVISION OF THE COUNCIL MATRIC PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PLANNING THE BOROUGH OF JAMESBURG'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CARPENTER		X	X			
JENNINGS			X			
KOSTBAR			X			
LONGO	X		X			
MALONEY			X			
MORALES			X			
MAYOR LAMANTIA						

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Council member Carpenter reported on Board of Education, Library Board, and Patriotic Committee events.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Police Commissioner Jennings commended and reported on a drug enforcement activity in which all members of the Police Department were involved and netted 30 arrests. Also reported that the Flood Control Commission has reached out to F.E.M.A. and the N.J.D.E.P. regarding flood maps of the region. The SERV Center Committee is currently working on resolving a number of issues.

FINANCE AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE

Council member Kostbar had no finance report, however, in light of a recent Land Use Board matter, in which an applicant sought the approval of the Board to destroy an Historic home and build three homes on the involved property, Council member Kostbar spoke regarding the need for a density limitation and change to the Land Use ordinance to change the current R-75 zoning changed to R-100. Council member Longo, also a member of the Land Use Board, spoke regarding the need for amendment to the Land Use ordinances due to the most recent Master Plan as well as the need for a re-examination of the Master Plan. Council further discussed whether such an amendment can be done concurrently with the amendments for alignment with the Master Plan.

PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE & HOLIDAY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Council member Longo reported that the Police Committee has interviewed candidates for Special Police Officers. The applications will be reviewed for a recommendation to be made by the Personnel Committee. The fund-raiser dinner dance for the Deacon's Food Pantry will be held on May 19. Council member Longo also reported that Senator Inverso, Assemblyman Baroni, Assemblywoman Greenstein, and the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders have all been invited to attend and march in the annual Memorial Day parade. Further details of the parade were reported.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Council member Maloney reported that a meeting was held with a representative from Verizon. They currently do not have plans to offer video services in Jamesburg but will keep the Borough's interest in the matter in mind. Council member Maloney attended the Comcast open house and reported that it was a very fascinating tour of their facilities. Also thanked Business Administrator Jawidzik for her diligence in locating a contractor to install the A.D.A. accessible bathroom at the Buckelew House. The Historical Association has informed Council member Maloney that the Association was unable to come to a consensus regarding the proposed amendment to the lease agreement with the Borough, however, they will re-consider the matter at their next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Morales had no report.

Denise Jawidzik reported that surveys were sent out to 15 property owners regarding the making of John Street to a one-way street. Only two responded. One property owner felt the flow of traffic should be opposite of that proposed. Another felt the street should remain as is. Council discussed options to traffic flow and how this matter became a Council issue(a Land Use Board application). Council will visit the area and get a Police Department opinion as to the matter.

Mayor LaMantia reported on the "Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition" meeting that had a large turnout. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association will be holding an ID program at the Jamesburg Firehouse, where area children can be photographed and fingerprinted and the information will be stored on a CD for the parents to keep on file. Mayor LaMantia also reported that he attended the Tax Reform

Summit in Trenton and suggested residents contact their legislators urging movement on the matter of Property Tax Reform.

MOTION TO OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Carpenter

SECONDED BY: Kostbar

ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Becker – Jamesburg Historical Association President

- Thanked Denise Jawidzik for her dedication on getting the handicapped bathroom installed at the Buckelew House.
- A local Eagle Scout will be performing his service project by cleaning up the grounds of the Buckelew House.
- Through funding from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, there will be performances of the Ellis Island Symphony by a local orchestra. The Grammy nominated composer will be providing the score.
- The Community Wide Yard Sale will be held next Saturday.
- The Jamesburg Historical Association was 1 of only 60 groups invited to a Historical Fair.

Tom Bodall – 22 East Church Street

- Spoke regarding the dedication of a historical bronze marker from Middlesex County.
- Spoke regarding a new exhibit at Lakeview.

Elliott Stroud – Jamesburg Civic Association

- Spoke regarding the Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition
- Announced that the Jamesburg Civic Association meets on the first Thursday of every month at Lisco's Café.

MOTION TO CLOSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED BY: Maloney

SECONDED BY: Longo

ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

PROPOSED BY: Longo

SECONDED BY: Kostbar

ALL IN FAVOR: Carpenter, Jennings, Kostbar, Longo, Maloney, Morales.

None Opposed, None Abstaining.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:

7:54 PM