



March 1, 2016

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
City Council Room
7:00 PM

6:50 PM – P.H. – 2016 Water and Sewer Rates

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS

1. CDTA – Bus Routes in Saratoga Springs
2. City Center parking Structure

CONSENT AGENDA

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion and Vote: Water and Sewer Rates Resolutions

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. Announcement: Department of Public Safety 2015 Annual Report
2. Discussion: Crime Statistics
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign MOU with Schenectady Fire Department
4. Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from Purina
5. Discussion and Vote: Resolution – Laree's Law

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

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Peter Martin

1. State Legislative Meeting
2. Social Programs Committee
3. In Home Nursing Care

ADJOURN



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7:00 PM

PRESENT: Joanne Yepsen, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Christian Mathiesen, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vincent DeLeonardis

Peter Martin, Supervisor

EXCUSED: Joe Ogden, Deputy Mayor

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2016 Water and Sewer Rates

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Commissioner Scirocco stated the resolutions are available on line. There is no increase in the rates.

Tim Wales, city engineer stated the water and sewer rates will be used for water main replacement on Woodlawn Avenue, Walton Street, Van Dam St., and Greenfield Avenue. Other projects include the water intake valves at the waterplant; our distribution system; water quality; and improvements to the water treatment plant building.

No one spoke.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yepsen said the public comment period is limited to a total of 15 minutes and individuals are limited to two minutes.

Mayor Yepsen opened the public comment period at 7:02 p.m.

Giuseppe Digeso of Saratoga Springs asked if the City Center needs additional parking, how could it achieve a 87% occupancy rate. The City Center operated at a \$700,000 deficiency for the year. How do you afford a \$6 - \$10 million dollar garage when you are running an operating deficit? There is a perception of a conflict of interest of the people on the Technical Committee reviewing this project.

Phil Diamond of 55 Railroad Place stated Commissioner Mathiesen brought up a good question at the last meeting regarding the lot behind the City Center. He investigated that lot and it is owned by the City but there is a myth that the lot is leased to someone – but no lease can be produced. He encouraged Commissioner Mathiesen to look further into this.

Reid James of 88 Monroe Street stated he has had problems with drainage on his street. It has been flooding weekly if not daily. When it is not taken care of it turns into pure ice. As a tax payer he should not have to deal with that.

Otis Maxwell of Circular Street stated he was at the Citizens for High Rock forum this past weekend. He was excited to hear Mr. Baker say a parking lot and a multi-use building may co-exist on the same space.

Mark Lawton of Nelson Avenue stated when something as serious as water and sewer rates is on for a public hearing; something should be made available before the night of the hearing. There is an item to schedule a hearing on the City Center lease; there have numerous attempts to get information on what that is. He doesn't want something handed to him while the public hearing is going on.

Jennifer Leidig of Saratoga Springs stated there was a report tonight from Mark Mulholland stated the City Center lease is a done deal. A Council member has 3 votes. She is hearing there is going to be a second RFP after the City Center builds their garage. That does not make sense.

James Heleke of Saratoga Springs thanked the Council for working on the restructuring of the bus routes. He encouraged the Council to look at the fine details. The efficiency that they are going to hear about tonight comes at a cost. Most of Lake Avenue and Weibel Avenue are going to lose bus service.

Julie Cuneo of 7 Beacon Hill Drive and part of Citizens for High Rock advised they had a great forum over the weekend. It was well received. There are people that want more than the proposed garage. The respondents to the RFP are being judged on a plan that hasn't been vetted.

Rick Fenton of Lefferts Street and member of Citizens for High Rock stated we are seeing another presentation about the parking garage. We have been hearing this proposal will be done at no cost to the taxpayers; but we don't hear any financing details.

Harry Moran, chair of Sustainable Saratoga stated he is here again to talk about the City Center garage and High Rock Lot. He stated there has been community opposition to this project from the beginning. We can meet the City Center's needs while making this key area something that we are proud of for years to come. Let's not move forward with the City Center lease until a decision has been made about a preferred developer.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public comment period at 7:32 p.m.

Commissioner Scirocco stated the reason the water and sewer rates are done the way they are because we don't collect the 4th quarter until March. All the 'president's' streets are part of a project to tie some of the drywells into the live system. They are in the process of conducting an engineering study.

Mayor Yepsen stated infrastructure is always looked at during the Capital Budget process. They will be looking at this then.

Commissioner Madigan suggested that Mr. Digeso take up his financial issues with Mr. Baker. She has been negotiating the City Center lease for about 2 year under 4 city attorneys and it has always been in draft form. In regards to the press, they may or may not have 3 votes for this.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated Mark Mulholland tried to contact him this afternoon to find out what his position is on this topic. He didn't speak with Mark because he doesn't feel that is appropriate.

Mayor Yepsen asked for a moment of silence for Norman Fox who passed away last Friday, February 26, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

CDTA – Bus Routes in Saratoga Springs

Mayor Yepsen introduced Ross Farrell and Chad Heid from CDTA.

Mr. Farrell stated the last restricting done was in 2007. There are only 3 routes that are changing - #50, #472, and #473. They do an extensive amount of public outreach and look at ridership before developing new routes. There will be new service to Kirby Road, Allen Drive and the Navy housing area. They will be increasing the frequency to every 40 minutes from 1 hour. Rollout of new routes will be Memorial Day weekend – May 29, 2016.

City Center Parking Structure

Commissioner Madigan advised Mark Baker from the City Center is here to present the parking structure project.

Mr. Baker stated the City Center Authority is charged to be an economic engine for the City. The City Center solicited RFP responses. Four of the 5 responses would not have allowed for additional expansion of the High Rock Lot. Mr. Baker provided a timeline of approvals and a recap of what the DRC reviewed and approved. 4 ½ level structure. They selected brick and colors to complement the area. He provided streetscapes of the project. There will be a 24 hour security office within the parking structure and the crosswalk 90' X 100'. The DRC gave them good advice on how to make the bridge work and the type of material to use. What is represented tonight is zoning compliant and does meet the comp plan. Agora, archeological, soil test, and traffic studies are all done. This will be a multi complex engine to the neighborhood. A parking study was done in 2014 by Carl Walker and a copy was submitted to Commissioner of Finance for the record. The construction time frame is 8 – 10 months. They see the City Center's component as the first phase. The lease has been in fabrication since 2011 and does nothing to block the City's flexibility to develop the additional part of the lot.

Vince DeLeonardis reviewed the draft lease. Three components – lease for the high rock property, air rights easement from the City to the City Center; and lease back agreement from the City Center Authority to the City. The portion of the lot closest to the Mouzon house is where the parking structure will be

constructed. The lease term is 25 years. The rent is an annual payment of \$50,000 subject to 10% increase every 5th year. In addition, the City Center Authority will pay City 50% of excess revenue. An advisory committee will be formed regarding parking rates.

Commissioner Franck stated lease is well written. From the best he can tell, 1.62 acres is the land lease of which 61.83% of the lot is being leased – less than \$.71 per sq ft.

Commissioner Madigan thanked Vince for his attention to detail.

Commissioner Franck asked how they arrived at \$50,000 as the annual amount.

Mr. Baker stated this is a starting point.

Mayor Yepsen stated they will be asked to make some decisions over the next month. She too would like to obtain a copy of the parking study and see any information on finances and projections.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this started in 2014. A lot of changes were made over the time and thanked the land use boards for all their time they put into this.

Mark Baker stated this is a project people have been engaged in.

Commissioner Madigan thanked Mark and Vince for their time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to accept the consent agenda as follows:

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Ayes - All

Council took a break at 9:10 pm

Council returned at 9:16 pm.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion: 2016 Citizens Community Advisory Committee Recommendations

Brad Birge stated the federal government provides the program with a set amount. This year we received \$314,000 to distribute.

Rich Ferguson advised they had \$454,000 in asks with \$314,000 to give away. Recommendations are in front of the Council for their final decision. They stressed the HUD guidelines and priorities.

Commissioner Madigan stated the senior center has regularly requested funds for outreach. She encouraged the number for the senior center be looked at for funding for their outreach.

Mayor Yepsen confirmed there is criteria that needs to be followed.

Rich stated there is an 8 factor matrix used to provide them a guideline. Only 15% of this program can go to the non-bricks and mortar.

Brad advised tonight sets the 30 day public hearing.

Set Public Hearing: 2016 Citizens Community Advisory Committee Recommendations

Mayor Yepsen set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.

Set Public Hearing: Amend Capital Budget for Geyser Road Trail Project

Mayor Yepsen set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:40 p.m.

Set Public Hearing: Amend Capital Budget for the Complete Streets Project

Mayor Yepsen set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:35 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract Addendum with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) (16-064)

Mayor Yepsen stated the following changes have been incorporated into the NYSERDA agreement No. 39520:

- Page 1, Item 6, Project Period - delete the dates "August 13, 2014 – March 31, 2016" and substitute the dates "August 13, 2014 – June 30, 2017".
- Exhibit A, Statement of Work, Payment Schedule - delete in its entirety and substitute the attached Payment Schedule revised February 17, 2016.
- Exhibit B, Terms and Conditions, Article XV - update contact information to Name: Joanne Yepsen, Title: Mayor, Email Address: joanne.yepsen@saratoga-springs.org.

No other provision of this agreement are otherwise changed or modified. The City of Saratoga Springs requested a 15 month no-cost extension as the current contract expired on March 31, 2016. NYSERDA requested that the contact information be updated to the city staff responsible for approval of invoices to NYSERDA.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to contract addendum with NYSERDA.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Merit for Review – Referral to Planning Board and Design Review Commission for Advisory Opinion on Inclusion of 2 Historic Properties within City Historic District (16-065)

Mayor Yepsen advised 2 property owners have approved the City to have their properties included within the City's historic overlay district. The parcels are 199 Woodlawn Avenue; tax parcel #165.36-1-32 and 200 Woodlawn Avenue; tax parcel #165.36-1-11.

Mr. Gold stated his property was built in 1897 as a stable for 632 Broadway. They don't want their properties and investments made, to be torn down by future owners.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to refer to the Planning Board and the DRC for advisory opinion on inclusion on 2 historic properties within City Historic District.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign 2016 Nutrition Agreement with Saratoga County Office for the Aging (16-066)

Mayor Yepsen advised this is an annual agreement for partial funding of nutrition services.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the 2016 Nutrition Agreement with Saratoga County Office for the Aging.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign 2016 Transportation Agreement with Saratoga County Office for the Aging (16-067)

Mayor Yepsen stated this is an annual agreement with Saratoga County Office of the Aging.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the 2016 Transportation Agreement with Saratoga County Office for the Aging.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Toshiba for Purchase and Maintenance of the Mayor's Office Copier (16-068)

Mayor Yepsen stated it has been determined the Mayor's Office needs a new copier. The Toshiba is the most cost effective in the amount of \$4,774.00. Funding is in line A30111212 / 52200 and A3011214 / 54740.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a purchase and maintenance agreement with Toshiba for the Mayor's Office copier.

Ayes - All

Announcement: Purchase Completed for Loughberry Lake Parcels to Further the Protection of the Watershed

Mayor Yepsen announced the purchase of the parcels has been completed.

Tony Izzo, assistant city attorney, stated there are 2 parcels around Loughberry Lake. The City Council's policy is to buy as much land as possible around the watershed.

Discussion: Future of NY Racing Meeting with Governor's Office

Mayor Yepsen reported she met with the governor's staff regarding the future of NY racing. They spoke about reinstating NYRA to a not for profit organization. They also talked about the role of the local advisory board.

Mayor Yepsen left the meeting at 9:48 pm. due to illness.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Appointment of Temporary Archivist

Commissioner Franck advised that on January 19, 2016, the City Council established the position of Temporary Archivist as part of a records management project. This project is entirely funded by New York State Archives to improve research capabilities and perform preservation and cataloging activities at the City Historian Archives located at the Visitor's Center. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Field Horne as the temporary Archivist for this project.

Field Horne was instrumental in the preparation of the Centennial Book for our City; he is a writer, editor and co-owner of Saratoga Living Magazine; the conference manager for the Conference in New York State History; a graduate of Williams College with a Masters in Museum Management from Cooperstown Graduate Programs. He brings a vast amount of experience and expertise in Archives and Collection Management and we are honored to have him working with Nancy Wagner and Mary Ann Fitzgerald on this project.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Application with New York State Archives for Records Management Grant (16-069)

Commissioner Franck advised the proposed records management project is in the category of inactive records. This project is designed to improve the former voting machine storage room at the City garage into a record storage room. This room will service the Offices of Planning and Economic Development, Building, Community Development and Engineering. The project includes the purchase and installation of 9 additional standard shelving units; 3 map towers; purchase and implementation of an HVAC system; upgraded and additional light fixtures and switches at each entry; and minor remodeling. This is a non-matching grant but the State Archives strongly recommends that the Public Works Department provide its own labor. All materials are fundable however. The deadline for submission is March 14- we do not know the exact amount of money requested- Nancy Wagner is still getting price quotes; it is estimated to be around \$30,000.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign all related documents and permission to submit a non-matching competitive application for a grant from the New York State Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Emergency Medical Supplies to Moore Medical, Bound Tree, and Henry Schein (16-070)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for Emergency Medical Supplies to Moore Medical, Bound Tree, and Henry Schein for various supplies and prices.

Funding is in line: A3143414 / 54150.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Self Contained Airless Paint Striping Machine to JCL Equipment Co. (16-071)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for the Self Contained Airless Paint Striping Machine to JCL Equipment Company, Inc. for the base amount plus item #8 for a total of \$188,075.00.

Funding is in line: H3946952 / 52400 / 1032.

Ayes – All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Set Public Hearing: City Center Parking Structure Lease

Commissioner Madigan set a public hearing for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on April 5, 2016.

Discussion and Vote: West Avenue Special Assessment District Annual Accounting as of 12/31/15 (16-072)

Commissioner Madigan stated she is required to provide an annual reconciliation statement. The principal outstanding balance is \$408,506 at end of year 2015.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the West Avenue Special Assessment District annual accounting as of 12/31/15 which was distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Commissioner Mathiesen advised for the record that he owns property in that district.

Discussion: 2015 Revenue Report – Preliminary

Commissioner Madigan pulled from agenda.

Discussion and Vote: City Network and Computer Use Policy (16-073)

Commissioner Madigan advised the IT Department is working to bring Wi-Fi to City Hall. The computer use policy covers employees.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the City network and computer use policy documents which were distributed with the agenda.

Commissioner Franck stated he hoped this went to Safety Committee before voting on this. Marilyn Rivers asked that it go through Safety Committee. He will vote no at this time since it hasn't gone through safety committee.

Commissioner Madigan stated the proximity card is going through safety committee but this won't go through Safety Committee as this is a finance policy.

Ayes – 3

Nay – 1 (Commissioner Franck)

Discussion and Vote: City of Saratoga Springs Wi-Fi Terms and Conditions of Use (16-074)

Commissioner Madigan stated this covers non-employees. Users will have to agree to terms and conditions before going forward.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the City Wi-Fi terms and conditions of use which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendment Assignment for IT Initiatives (14XB) (16-075)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2016 budget amendment assignment for IT initiatives (2014 excess fund balance) for training and security matters which was distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Benefits (16-076)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to approve the 2016 budget amendments – benefits which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (16-077)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2016 budget transfers – payroll which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (16-078)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2016 budget transfers – benefits which were distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Water and Sewer Rates Resolutions (16-079)

Commissioner Scirocco advised both budgets were running deficits when he took office. The sewer capital budget has fully repaid the City's general operating budget is now operating in the black and the water budget will be in the black by the end of the third quarter billing cycle. Therefore, the meter charge will be removed immediately from the sewer bill.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to adopt the water and sewer resolutions as presented.

Ayes – All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Announcement: Department of Public Safety 2015 Annual Report

Commissioner Mathiesen advised a copy of the annual report has been distributed to each Council member. He pointed out some highlights of the report.

Discussion: Crime Statistics

Commissioner Mathiesen stated in 2015 the number of rapes, robberies, aggravated assault, burglaries, and larcenies were all down.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign MOU with Schenectady Fire Department (16-080)

Commissioner Mathiesen advised there is a 10% match for each participating agency.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the MOU with Schenectady Fire Department. Money for the match will be coming from line A3143632 / 52100.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from Purina (16-081)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this is a donation to help feed the 2 canine dogs.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Scirocco seconded to accept a donation from Nestle Purina, with our thanks, for 30 bags of food valued at \$523.50.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Resolution – Laree's Law (16-082)

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to support this resolution and endorse the passage of Laree's Law and request that the City's three state legislators vote in favor of Assembly Bill A6039 and Senate Bill S4163.

Commissioner Mathiesen read the following resolution into the record:

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs
Whereas, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, NY places a high priority on the health, safety and general well being of the community, and
Whereas, due to their highly addictive and euphoric effect, the illicit use of opioids as recreational drugs is an activity that, in many ways, threatens the health, safety and general well being of a community, and
Whereas, opioids commonly abused include heroin, an especially dangerous and addictive drug, as well as a variety of other narcotics, and
Whereas, according to the most recent Annual Report of the Saratoga Springs Police Department, there have been an approximately 4 to 6 unattended heroin related deaths per year over the past several years in Saratoga Springs, and
Whereas, a law presently being considered by both houses of the New York State legislature, referred to as Laree's Law, was named after the daughter of a law enforcement agent who died as a result of a heroin overdose, and
Whereas, Laree's Law would amend the penal law by adding section 125.24 titled Homicide by Sale of an Opiate Controlled Substance, an A-I felony which would target mid to high level drug dealers who profit from drug sales and provides for a 15 to 25 year sentence for drug dealers whose sales result in an overdose death, and
Whereas, passage of this Laree's Law would give prosecutors and important tool to hold drug dealers responsible for their activities, Now therefore, the Saratoga Springs City Council endorses the passage of Laree's Law and requests that the City's three state legislators vote in favor of the passage of amendment 125.24 to the penal law. (Senate Bill S4163 and Assembly Bill A6039).

Commissioner Madigan stated she is not going to support this. One reason is that this law includes prescription drugs.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 1 (Commissioner Madigan)

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to add an item to his agenda regarding an agreement with Tri-Tech Software Systems.

Ayes – All

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Tri-tech Software Systems in the amount of \$176,436.51. Money will come from capital budget line H3143120 / 52000 / 1244.

Vince stated Verizon is ending their 911 services. There is a component of sharing with Saratoga and Albany Counties.

Ayes - All

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Supervisor Veitch addressed his agenda during the Pre-Agenda meeting on February 29, 2016.

Peter Martin

State Legislative Meeting

Supervisor Martin reported a group of supervisors, county administrator, deputy administrator, and heads of county departments went to Albany. He supported the 16 items that were brought down. There should be a dedicated fund to support infrastructure work at county and municipality level. They also supported the state share more sales tax information with municipalities.

Social Programs Committee

Supervisor Martin met today and received a grant in amount of \$25,000 to comply with governor's order to shelter the homeless when the temperature is 32 degrees or less.

In Home Nursing Care

Supervisor Martin stated the County will be closing down its home nursing service. There are 6 private agencies providing service in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 4/5/16
Vote: 5 - 0