



November 1, 2016

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

6:35 PM – P.H. – Gold Star Parent Exemption

6:40 PM – P.H. – Amend Section 203 of the City Code – Streets and Sidewalks

6:50 PM – P.H. – 2017 Budget

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS

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2. Public Art Policy

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4. Discussion and Vote: City of Saratoga Springs Public Art Policy
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6. Announcement: Health and Wellness Fair for City Employees Update

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3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with GPI
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SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

1. Saratoga County 2017 Budget
2. Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation

City Council Meeting
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Peter Martin

1. Senior Advisory Committee
2. County Sewer Rates

ADJOURN



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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: Meg Kelly, Deputy Mayor
Lynn Bachner, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Tim Cogan, Deputy Commissioner, DPW
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vincent DeLeonardis

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Peter Martin, 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 HEARING

Gold Star Parent Exemption

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioner Franck advised this is for parents whose child died in the armed forces.

Leslie Miller of Saratoga Springs stated she is a Gold Star Mother. She explained the Gold Star Mothers have chosen to wear white to celebrate their children's life rather than wearing black to mourn their death. She thanked the Council for considering this exemption.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Amend Section 203 of the City Code – Streets and Sidewalks

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this is a revision to the City Code regarding streets and sidewalks. People were sitting and lying on the sidewalks causing obstructions to those passing by. He described the difference between what was passed earlier this year and the changes that will be put in place with this version. The level of the fine will also be reduced with this version of the code.

Carl Strock of Saratoga Springs stated he is here on behalf of the New York Civil Liberties Union. He read a statement into the record (attach). The proposed amendment is not an improvement over the version of the code passed in June. It is to punish the homeless. This is unconstitutional. The law should not be amended but rescinded.

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated the sidewalks are public. As long as someone is not obstructing them, there should not be a law.

Mayor Yepsen concluded the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. and left it open.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this was never meant to target anyone. This is a public safety issue with people tripping or falling over others that are sitting and lying on sidewalks.

2017 Budget

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Madigan advised this is the 2nd public hearing for the 2017 budget. This public hearing will be left open until the vote is taken later in the agenda tonight. The Council was asked to consider the proposed amended 2017 budget. The changes were uploaded to the website and available in the City Clerk's Office. She reviewed the revisions to the original proposed budget by department. The Finance and Recreation Departments remained unchanged.

Commissioner Madigan stated again she has not removed the Greenbelt Trail project from the Capital Budget. This project was removed from the tax burden and remains in the Capital Program.

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated she hopes what is in the budget lives up to its promise. She hopes the 911 project includes E911.

Mayor Yepsen concluded the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. and left it open.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yepsen reminded the public and Council that rules have been adopted regarding the public comment period. She reviewed these rules for all.

Mayor Yepsen opened the public comment period at 7:07 p.m.

Bonnie Sellers of Saratoga Springs stated Saratoga Springs was voted the #1 small city to live in, in New York State. Several markers such as affordability, economic health, education and health, safety, and quality of life were used.

Rob Wright of Saratoga Springs stated he is with the Complete Streets Advisory Board. He is here to show support of the Complete Streets Project.

Gina Meinhold of 32 Pamela Lane read a letter from her husband into the record regarding the Pitney Farm (letter attached).

Doug Myer of Saratoga Springs stated he is here on behalf of the Saratoga Greenbelt Trail Committee. He is here to give his support to the Complete Streets Plan.

Sandy Arnold, board chair for the Pitney Community Farm, stated they created a site plan and have had 3 successful events at the farm this year. The easement between their board and the Pitney family has been accomplished along with a signed sale of contract. A closing date is set for December 15th. Their fundraising efforts are going well with over \$200,000 in matching gift funds.

Paul Arnold of Pitney Meadows Community Farm Board stated he is here with a statement from the Pitney Family as they were not able to make it tonight. The family's goal is to create an agricultural resource for the City of Saratoga Springs.

Mary Piper of the Pitney Farm Project Board stated there is a lack of opportunity for students these days, to have hands on lessons. The key goal of the farm is to bring students of all ages there to teach them about the importance of agriculture.

Barbara Glazer of Saratoga Springs stated the organization to acquire this farm is solid. The Pitney family has been adamant that this land be for farming and not recreation fields. She asked the Council to honor that as the Council all committed to that in June 2015.

Peter Goutos of Gick Road stated the Pitney Farm Project is a homerun. One of the trails proposed goes right through the Pitney Farm.

Steve Tallman of Saratoga Springs stated he has been involved in Bikatoga. The Complete Streets policy should be fully supported.

Dan Forbush of 14 Westbury Drive stated he knows how important the recreation fields are but the farm has been there for 150 years. It is a historical piece of land.

Paul Zachos of 108 Spring Street stated he is the director of an association of scientists and teachers. This farm project is important. Food is important for us and many of the local restaurants are farm to table. The educational aspect is another feature of the farm.

Lou Schneider of Saratoga Springs stated on Saturday, November 12th they will hold the Veteran of the Year Award at the Military Museum. The awardee is Robert Nevins. Also, the Jewish War Veterans are running their 3rd winter coat drive.

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated the City of Saratoga Springs needs to live up to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public comment period at 7:33 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Draft Complete Streets Plan

Kate Maynard and Jeff Olsen from Alta Planning presented the draft Complete Streets Plan.

Kate Maynard advised they are looking at the recommendations for all modes as well as policy recommendations. The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) is a part of the work they have been completing. They are looking at West Fenlon as a connector between Rt. 50 and Rt. 9. They are hearing more bike/pedestrian connections are needed in that location.

Jeff Olsen stated they met with each department individually. They are already seeing success; the North Broadway lanes. The basic elements of the plan are up to individual neighborhoods to have their streets look the way they want. They look at the paving projects early in the year and work within those projects. He asked the Council to not only approve the plan but approve it unanimously. This will also need to be integrated with the UDO. They have not heard opposition to this project.

Mayor Yepsen stated she is planning to put this on for discussion and vote on the November 15th meeting.

Public Art Policy

Mayor Yepsen introduced Ian Berry of the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery. He has been chairing the sub-group.

Mr. Berry is here to present the Art Policy. They looked at dozens of policies across the country to create this policy. The policy has been approved by all members of the Arts Committee, city attorney, risk and safety. The final policy is to be determined by the Council as the Arts Committee is strictly advisory.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he reviewed the policy again. He found it doesn't say how many people have to be appointed to the Committee. It also doesn't speak about the term limits and who appoints these people.

Mayor Yepsen stated they are going to put together a subcommittee to function just for the role Commissioner Scirocco mentions.

Commissioner Scirocco suggested this item be pulled from the mayor's agenda for vote tonight and be brought back at a later time with that information included.

Mr. Berry stated they have by-laws for the Commission; no less than 5 members and no more than 20 with all members being residents and their term of office being 3 years. Everything mentioned is covered in the by-laws.

Mayor Yepsen stated she can make a friendly amendment to the motion to include this.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he is seeing a different version of the policy on line versus the hard copy he has.

Mayor Yepsen stated the version handed out tonight is the most current version.

Commissioner Madigan stated the version on line is also seen by the public and now they have a different version than the public.

Mayor Yepsen stated they can upload the most current version.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he would like to see the changes made then vote on them.

Mayor Yepsen stated they will table this to the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Accept \$100.00 Donation from Barrel House Enterprise, LLC for Weibel Ice Rink Halloween Skate (16-384)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to accept the \$100 donation from Barrel House Enterprise, LLC for the Weibel Ice Rink Halloween skate.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Referee Agreement (16-385)

John Hirliman stated this is an updated agreement. They have referees that are 15 years old and up.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to accept the Recreation Department's referee agreement.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Accept the Donation from Saratoga Greenbelt for Signs and Stencils for Bike Paths (16-386)

Mayor Yepsen stated a donation of signs and stencils in the amount of a \$1,000 grant from the New York Bicycling Coalition.

Tina Carton stated the Saratoga Greenbelt Trail is donating to the City of Saratoga Springs 50 directional and on route logo signs as well as an on route stencil.

Commissioner Scirocco asked if anyone has consulted the Wayfinding Program people?

Tina Carton stated these signs are temporary.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to accept the donation from Saratoga Greenbelt for signs and stencils for bike paths in the amount of \$1,000.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: City of Saratoga Springs Public Art Policy

Mayor Yepsen pulled this item from her agenda.

Announcement: Pitney Farm Update

Mayor Yepsen announced a timeline has been developed and goes back to 1994. The closing date is estimated for December 15th. One of the next steps is to have the City Council approve the conservation easement.

Commissioner Scirocco stated the conservation easement does include some form of recreation. He thinks we need additional recreation space in the city. The City needs to look for some space. Taking 20 acres out for the use of fields is not going to be a big issue.

Tony Izzo stated the Pitney family has been very clear as to what their goal is.

Commissioner Franck confirmed the Pitney family does not want recreation on this land. He doesn't want to have recreation fields there. You would be pushing the envelope to use the open space money for anything else other than open space.

Commissioner Scirocco asked Tony Izzo to explain what the City gets for their money.

Tony Izzo stated the money pays for the public's right to ensure certain types of uses never take place on that property.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated it has come up several times using a portion of the property for recreation. It would be great if the Pitney would consider alternative use on a small portion of the property.

Tony Izzo stated the Pitneys clearly stated they are not willing to expand the use for fields.

Commissioner Madigan stated they wanted to ask the question but didn't want to put the project in jeopardy.

Mayor Yepsen stated that her department and the Recreation Department have been looking at properties for additional recreation fields.

Announcement: Health and Wellness Fair for City Employees Update

Mayor Yepsen announced they are having a health and wellness fair for City employees tomorrow.

Announcement: Public Meeting on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Hall – DOT to Discuss Saratoga County Northway Bridges

Mayor Yepsen announced the DOT will be holding a public meeting regarding Saratoga County bridges. It will be November 16th at 6:30 pm in the Music Hall.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Award of Bid: Code Enforcement Contractors to North Country Snow & Ice Management/North Country Facilities Management (16-387)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for Code Enforcement Contractors to North Country Snow & Ice Management/North Country Facilities Management for an amount not to exceed \$5,710.00.

Funding is in line: A3143624 / 54842.

Ayes – All

Award of Bid: Traffic Control Signal Design & Engineering to GPI/Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. Peter Faith (16-388)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for Traffic Control Signal Design & Engineering to GPI/Greenman Pedersen, Inc. not to exceed \$15,750.00.

Funding is in line: A3143314 / 54332.

Ayes – All

Award of Bid: Accounts Department Assessment Enclosure to Bennett Contracting (16-389)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for the Accounts Department Assessment Enclosure to Bennett Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$37,787.00.

Funding is in line: H3141622 / 52000 / 1230.

Ayes – All

Award of Bid: We-Based Support Management System to Brycer, LLC (16-390)

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to award the bid for Web-Based Support Management System to Brycer, LLC at no charge to the City.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Voter: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contract with Bennett Contracting, Inc. for Assessment Office Enclosure (16-391)

Commissioner Franck advised this is the contract with Bennett Contracting for the installation of the office enclosure in the Assessment Office.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Bennett Contracting, Inc. for the Assessment Office enclosure as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Planning board Request for Additional Time to Provide Advisory Opinion on SPA Housing Proposed Text Amendment (16-392)

Commissioner Franck advised that at the August 16, 2016 City Council meeting, the Council voted to send an application for a zoning text amendment to the City's Planning Board for an advisory opinion. The text amendment would require developers of housing developments of 10 or more units to set aside up to 20% of the units as affordable in sale or rental to households of modest income. The City's Planning Board had an initial 60 day timeframe in which to issue an advisory opinion. They sent a letter to Commissioner Franck and the Council on October 21, 2016 requesting additional time to review this item.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the City's Planning Board an extension of time to review the SPA Housing Proposed Text Amendment; with an advisory opinion due to the City Council by December 2, 2016.

Ayes - All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: 2017 Budget

Commissioner Madigan advised the 4th budget workshop has been completed and 2 public hearings have been held. The 2017 amended budget totals remain unchanged.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the proposed 2017 amended budget presented this evening – all funds - as our 2017 adopted budget.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he plans to support this budget. He feels Commissioner Madigan was treated unfair by the Times Union.

Commissioner Scirocco stated this is a good budget.

Commissioner Franck stated they are very happy with the budget. It is not easy to juggle money. It is important as a Council that we are all on board and send a strong message to the DOT/State to amend if the subject comes up.

Mayor Yepsen thanked the Finance Department for spending so much time with them. She is going to support this budget.

Ayes - All

Assignment for Expenses Associated with "Right-Sizing" Appropriations in the 2017 General Fund Budget for Employee Costs (16-393)

Commissioner Madigan stated this takes appropriated amounts in the 2017 general fund budget from employee wages, benefits and other costs carried to maintain the current workforce in the amount up to \$300,000. This assignment will help with the budget and the taxpayers are not taxed for the full year of employment. When employees are not paid for the 365 days it is called right-sizing.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to amend the agenda to allow this item to be a discussion and vote.

Ayes - All

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the assignment of expenses associated with right-sizing appropriations in the 2017 general fund budget for employee costs as distributed with the agenda.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated it is hard to say the Police Department is fully staffed at 72.

Ayes – All

**Commissioner Madigan closed the public hearing for the 2017 budget.

Set Public Hearing: Capital Program/Budget Amendment for Water Treatment Plant Security Systems Project

Commissioner Madigan set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:50 p.m.

Set Public Hearing: Capital Program/Budget Amendment for Security System Infrastructure

Commissioner Madigan set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:50 p.m.

Set Public Hearing: Capital Program/Budget Amendment for Ice Rink Rehabilitation

Commissioner Madigan set a public hearing for Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Health Care Plan Rate Renewals (16-394)

Commissioner Madigan advised this is the rate renewal sheets for the 4 MVP health care plans.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the mayor's required signature on the health care contract rate renewals.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Have the Mayor Sign Agreement with NYSTEC for Smart City Roadmap Update Support (16-395)

Commissioner Madigan advised at the last City Council she presented the Roadmap 1.0. IT is designed to guide the City in broadband infrastructure and keep us as a competitive City going forward. The cost for NYSTEC's assistance is \$14,999.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the mayor's required signature on the NYSTEC agreement as distributed with the agenda. Approval of the mayor's signature on the agreement is contingent upon the budget amendment and transfers covering the agreement fees which are later on her agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor's Signature on Addendum Three to Agreement FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC Agreement for Legal Services (16-396)

Commissioner Madigan advised this is to extend the contract end date to December 31, 2017. No additional funding is being requested or required.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the mayor required signature on addendum three with FitzGerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, PC as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation for the Downtown Special Assessment District to Purchase "Drop Boxes" (16-397)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to accept the donation from Skidmore College in the amount of \$10,000 to be used towards "drop boxes".

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: ___ (16-398)

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 (16-399)

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

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Assignment for IT Initiatives (14XB) (16-400)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the 2016 budget amendment – assignment for IT initiatives (2014 excess fund balance) to cover the NYSEC agreement for Saratoga Springs Smart City Roadmap Update which was distributed with the agenda.

Ayes – All

*****Council took a break at 9:35 p.m.**

*****Council returned at 9:43 p.m.**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement Addendum One with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP for the Canfield Casino Plaster Restoration Project (16-401)

Commissioner Scirocco stated the work will take place in the ballroom, parlor, and bar area of the Canfield Casino. This agreement will provide the City with design and bidding services.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign agreement addendum one with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects, LLP for the Canfield Casino in the amount of \$35,865.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Announcement: National Guard Presentation Citizen Preparedness Training for Families November 2, 2016 at Maple Ave. School 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Commissioner Mathiesen announced the Nation Guard will be doing a presentation on citizen preparedness tomorrow at Maple Avenue School from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from Saratoga Abundant Life Church (16-402)

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to accept the donation in the amount of \$840 from Saratoga Abundant Life Church for the purchase of a canine ballistic vest.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with GPI (16-403)

Commissioner Mathiesen advised this is for design services and construction replacement for traffic control signals at the intersections of Ballston Avenue at West Circular Street and Broadway at Circular Street and at the intersection at Congress and Hamilton Street.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with GPI in the amount of \$15,750.

Ayes – All

Announcement: Condolences

Commissioner Mathiesen stated on behalf of the Public Safety Department, their condolences to Trooper Pratt's family and friends.

Commissioner Mathiesen also extended his condolences to the entire Veitch family on the passing of their grandmother.

SUPERVISORS

Matt Veitch

Saratoga County 2017 Budget

Supervisor Veitch reported the budget was released this morning. It is a \$297 million dollar budget. It increases the County tax rate by \$.04 per thousand.

Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation

Supervisor Veitch reported they approved the application from Saratoga Hospital to refinance some debt.

Peter Martin

Senior Advisory Committee

Supervisor Martin reported the seniors identified transportation solutions, walkability, and ability to get information out to seniors as their main issues.

County Sewer Rates

Supervisor Martin reported there is a public hearing this Thursday at 9 a.m. The proposal is a 15% increase in the trunk and treatment charges.

Commissioner Scirocco stated we are only looking at a 3% increase in sewer rates and no increase in the water rates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 12/06/16
Vote: 5 - 0