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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

February 28, 2022

Held at

474 BROADWAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

PRESENT:

RON KIM, Mayor

DILLON MORAN, Commissioner of

Accounts

JAMES MONTAGNINO, Commissioner of

Public Safety

ANGELA RELLA, Deputy Mayor

MINITA SANGHVI, Commissioner of

Finance

ANTHONY "SKIP" SCIROCCO, Commissioner

of Public Works

JASON TETU, Deputy Commissioner of

Public Safety

TINA CARTON, Parks, Open Space,

1 Historic Preservation

2 MAYOR KIM: I think we're all here,
3 so I'll call the meeting to order. This
4 is the agenda meeting for the March 1st
5 City Council meeting, 2022. And so just
6 to start out -- oh, one note.

7 This is a live meeting. It is
8 being recorded and it is open to the
9 public. There is no public hearing.

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Something's --
11 someone is getting a -- a rebound on
12 their sound. If everybody can mute.

13 COMMISIONER SANGHVI: I -- I think
14 the Saratoga Springs Mayor's Department
15 account (unintelligible) mute itself.

16 MAYOR KIM: Alright. Why don't you
17 mute -- mute your --

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: It could be
19 lower left corner Tom.

20 MAYOR KIM: There we go. Thanks,
21 Kerry. So we have three public
22 hearings. The amendment to Chapter 136,
23 outdoor dining, and I know there's a
24 proposal here from the accounts

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
Commissioner.

2 There is also the Civilian Review
3 Board, and then the Weibel Avenue PUD
4 amendment. Is there any additions to
5 public hearings at this point from any
6 City Council members? Okay.

7 Then for presentations -- and then,
8 of course, we're going to have our
9 normal public comment hearing, then
10 presentations. The Saratoga Performing
11 Arts is going to come and talk to us
12 about their year-round education
13 programs.

14 I think this is such a valuable
15 service, both to the -- the community
16 and to --

17 MS. HUYBEN: That has not been
18 determined yet. There's still
19 (indiscernible).

20 MAYOR KIM: -- city at large. Then
21 there are no executive sessions. Then
22 the consent agenda, there's -- I don't
23 know if there are any comments on the
24 consent agenda at this point.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I do have an

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(indiscernible).

2 MS. RIBIS: Excuse me mayor.

3 MAYOR KIM: Yes.

4 MS. RIBIS: I just -- I think there
5 might be a typo on number 11. It says
6 approved warrant 2021, 22 March 1. I
7 think that should be 2022.

8 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Any other
9 changes?

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yes, Mr.
11 Mayor.

12 MAYOR KIM: Go ahead.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: We have the
14 minutes from the February 15th Council
15 meeting. Deputy Connors hasn't, she'll
16 upload that once the -- once the agenda
17 is back open.

18 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thank you,
19 Commissioner. Anything else to the
20 consent to do?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Excuse me
22 mayor? Sorry, but --

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I'm going to
24 confirm the number 11 warrant piece
25 before, you know, it goes one way or the

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2 other. So just give me a few minutes
3 and I'll do that.

4 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thank you,
5 Commissioner.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Mayor I just
7 want -- I wanted to ask, I had to jump
8 off. Did -- did we announce that this
9 is -- the meeting is being recorded?

10 MAYOR KIM: Yes.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Okay. Thank
12 you.

13 MAYOR KIM: Anything else to the
14 consent agenda? Moving on to the
15 mayor's agenda. We have a discussion
16 and vote authorization for the mayor to
17 sign an agreement with Saratoga Casino
18 Holdings.

19 That's essentially for the playing
20 fields. Also, number two is discussion
21 and vote for authorization for the city
22 to certify the document -- the bid
23 documents for Saratoga Springs Greenbelt
24 Downtown Connector.

25 Our third item is the authorization
for the mayor to sign the Goldberger and

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2 Kremer Labor Counsel agreement, which is
3 the firm that provides us with labor
4 counsel. Those are the three -- go
5 ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Before you're
7 able -- before you're able to do that
8 Ron, I think that I need to do an
9 extension of the bid prior to your vote.

10 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So, I don't
12 know if you want me to pipe up prior to
13 that with (indiscernible).

14 MAYOR KIM: Which -- which number
15 is that, Commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: It's something
17 that I'm going to be adding to the --

18 MAYOR KIM: Oh, okay.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Miss Ribis
20 (ph.) made us aware of this --

21 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: -- as a
23 functional thing, right.

24 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thank you,
25 Commissioner.

26 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So you can

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just ask me during your presentation. I
2 can raise that issue and then we can
3 pull it back to you.

4 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Or maybe we'll
5 just do the accounts department first.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Totally up to
7 you.

8 MAYOR KIM: Yeah. Then the final
9 item I'd like to add is a discussion
10 about the UDO. There's some issues that
11 have been sort of cropped up that we
12 need to discuss as a City Council and as
13 a city and we'll -- we'll be adding that
14 to the agenda.

15 Are there any questions to the
16 mayor's agenda? Hearing none, why don't
17 you take it away, Commissioner for the
18 accounts.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So, item
20 number one's discussion and vote, amend
21 Chapter 136 of the code, outdoor dining.
22 And as everyone understands, this
23 document, I've circulated amongst
24 everyone, for quite some time now,
25 thankfully, Commissioner Scirocco and I

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2 actually had the opportunity to talk
3 about it for the first time on Friday,
4 and then through Saturday morning, we
5 made some, what I feel are intended
6 amendments, but it makes just the whole
7 process more clear as to how we want
8 this thing run.

9 And then there were also the
10 potential conflict issues with -- with
11 the charter, and as such made sense,
12 just to pry clarification, we don't want
13 to put forward anything that -- that has
14 the potential to, you know, cause
15 disruption in the process.

16 We're trying to do everything we
17 can to keep this moving along smoothly.
18 So I feel that the document that I've
19 circulated to everybody really is a -- a
20 -- a very accurate and -- and good
21 reflection of how that process should
22 move going forward.

23 Do we need to carry out another
24 session, because we made some changes,
25 Tony, or is that something that we can
vote on tomorrow night? Is he over in

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1 China. Mr. IZZO, can you hear me?

2 Right. We need to unmute you.

3 MR. IZZO: I am told I'm unmuted.

4 I'm -- can you hear me?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: You are sir.

6 MR. IZZO: There we go. You were
7 discussing the conflicts with the
8 charter and the UDO. I'm actually
9 hearing two different voice tracks. Was
10 -- was that -- is that the item of
11 discussion you're on?

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So, Skip and I
13 had some conversations just about the
14 inherent language and the authorizations
15 within the outdoor dining amendment.

16 MR. IZZO: Yes. Now I understand.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I circulated
18 that over the weekend, once we had made
19 sure everything was in alignment.
20 Because the document has had some
21 changes, do we have to have another week
22 of commentary or do -- can we pass this
23 item tomorrow night?

24 MR. IZZO: I -- I -- I did read
25 your proposed change of the timeframe to

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
2 -- to extend the period of time, that's
3 done by resolution. That doesn't
4 require an (indiscernible). That should
5 be fine just like it is.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay.

7 MR. IZZO: There is -- as -- if I'm
8 reading it, right, there is some change,
9 but when you amend the text of an
10 ordinance like that in a -- in a
11 substantive manner, rather than just use
12 a solution that's already in the
13 ordinance, that generally calls for
14 notice public hearing, and a textual
15 change to the existing ordinance. So
16 procedurally, that's the way to go with
17 that.

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah. And so
19 done. And again, recognize that maybe
20 you weren't in the whole process. We
21 did previously, Commissioner Scirocco,
22 you know, his -- his availability is --
23 is somewhat limited these days, so he
24 and I didn't have the opportunity to
25 speak until Friday.

 We made some textual changes to

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
2 what was first presented. Do we need to
3 carry on another week because we have
4 slightly tweaked the language from as it
5 was originally presented?

6 MR. IZZO: No, that -- that was my
7 mistake. I -- I -- I made a mistake
8 about that. We're not (indiscernible).

9 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Attorney Isoh?

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm going to
11 run a string down (indiscernible) at
12 City Hall. Get a couple of
13 (indiscernible) going.

14 MR. IZZO: I think it is odd,
15 because we're in three rooms here --

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah.

17 MR. IZZO: -- with Jason, and I
18 think there's some delay with Tony.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Definitely see
20 him.

21 MR. IZZO: I'm not sure why because
22 it's just three, you know.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Mm-hmm.

24 MR. IZZO: (Indiscernible) --

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm blaming
IT.

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1 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: No, thank you.

2 It's often if you're in a close
3 proximity there, you can hear different
4 people and stuff (indiscernible).

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, sure.

6 Do you have a -- do you have an answer
7 on that, Tony?

8 MR. IZZO: I -- I'm -- I'm having --
9 - I apologize.

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Basically --

11 MR. IZZO: I'm hearing more than
12 one audio track. I'm hearing something
13 I said four minutes ago.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, I know.
15 I noticed.

16 MR. IZZO: Can -- but can -- can --
17 can you hear what I'm saying right now?

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yes.

19 MR. IZZO: Lips are moving, I'm
20 talking, you can hear me? Let's --
21 let's try this. What -- what -- what my
22 answer was, was, the resolution is fine
23 for changing just the hours. That's
24 already in the ordinance that you --
25 that -- that the council can do that,

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1 but your ordinance also changes the
2 authority to do things from certain
3 people to other (indiscernible).

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Correct.

5 MR. IZZO: And that's a textual
6 change in the ordinance itself. That's
7 the kind of thing that is really --
8 should be done through legal notice,
9 publication, public hearing, and a
10 change to the text of the ordinance.
11 You can do that in one meeting.

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Which we did,
13 so --

14 MR. IZZO: But you've -- you said
15 done -- you've advertised it already.

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: We advertised
17 it prior to the last City Council
18 meeting. We've already had one public
19 hearing on it, but after that public
20 hearing, Skip and I had a subsequent
21 conversation and we just altered --

22 MR. IZZO: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: --
24 (indiscernible) really fleshed out the
25 details a little bit better.

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1 MR. IZZO: If you -- if it's -- if
2 it's been advertised, and the public
3 hearing has been held on the textual
4 change to the ordinance, the
5 requirements have been met.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So, okay.
7 Well, the textual change, there's been -
8 - there was an initial one, and then
9 there's a subsequent one prior to this
10 meeting, so that's where the confusion
11 comes in.

12 MAYOR KIM: If I'm understanding,
13 Tony, correctly, I think that we have to
14 now Jay, do another public hearing on
15 that (indiscernible).

16 MR. IZZO: Okay. Now -- and
17 Commissioner, your last -- I'm -- I'm
18 trying to -- we're -- we're having audio
19 problems.

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Sure. You
21 know, what I'm going to do? I'm going
22 to --

23 MR. IZZO: Commissioner, your last
24 question to me was, Commissioner?

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm going to

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1 type this, so it's very clear. I'm
2 going to type it.

3 MS. RIBIS: Commissioner Moran, I
4 think I can answer that for you.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Being that
7 you've already advertised the legal ad
8 and the public hearing, all we would
9 need to do at the meeting tomorrow night
10 is, before you actually open the public
11 hearing to people, announce what those
12 changes are, and then when you make your
13 motion to amend that chapter of the
14 code, just -- we'll put in the motion --

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: As
16 recommended.

17 MS. RIBIS: -- amended, as read
18 tonight. Exactly.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Perfect.
20 Thank you, Lisa. That's exactly what I
21 was looking to understand. Just the --
22 the proper process. So -- so that's the
23 first item. I'm glad we got that out of
24 the way. We've got an award of bid.

25 As I mentioned, we need to extend

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
the bid of Goldberger Kremer, prior to
2 Ron, signing that and then just a brief
3 COVID update on planned activities and -
4 - and what we have going on. That's it
5 for me.

6 MAYOR KIM: Thank you,
7 Commissioner. Shall we now move on to
8 the Finance Department.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you,
10 Mayor Kim. We have (indiscernible). I
11 will be really exploring participatory
12 budgeting. We will give an update on
13 that special announcement.

14 I will do the Finance Department
15 updates as I have been for every
16 meeting. And there's a discussion and
17 vote on budget transfers and payrolls
18 which we'll do for transparency.

19 MAYOR KIM: Thank you -- thank you,
20 Commissioner. Next is public works.
21 Commissioner Scirocco.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
23 mayor. There are three items on my
24 agenda. Excuse me. The first one is
25 discussion and vote. This is

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
2 authorization for the mayor to sign a
3 contract with Ferguson Waterworks for
4 pipes, fittings, hydrants and valves.

5 The second item in my agenda is
6 discussion and vote, approval to pay
7 invoice number 7153442585 and 7153442610
8 to Schindler Elevator Corporation, the
9 amount of \$1,001.38. And the third item
10 on my agenda is a -- just to set a
11 public hearing for the 2022 water and
12 sewer rates. And I don't know if
13 there's any question on --

14 MAYOR KIM: Commissioner, about how
15 much time do you need for that?

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Oh, just --
17 in the past, it's only been five
18 minutes.

19 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thank you.
20 Thank you, Commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:
22 (Indiscernible).

23 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Next,
24 Commissioner Montagnino, Public Safety
25 Department.

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank

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1 you, Mr. Mayor. We have an additional
2 item with -- so we have a total of
3 three. The first is discussion and
4 vote, authorization for the mayor to
5 sign a contract for the purchase of
6 police vehicles from Metro Ford.

7 Item number two, is to set a public
8 hearing on traffic control measures for
9 the Caroline Street School vicinity.
10 This involves change to the speed limit,
11 change to the parking and an extension
12 of the one way area in front of the
13 school.

14 Item number three, is to be added
15 to the agenda, it's an announcement that
16 the Department of Public Safety's 2021
17 annual report will be published on the
18 city website on March 14th of 2022. And
19 that's our agenda.

20 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Montagnino. And then we have the
22 supervisors' agendas that have been
23 submitted. I don't believe they're on
24 the phone.

25 Any other changes to our agenda at

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1 this point from any of the

2 Commissioners? Seeing none, --

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Obviously
4 -- if -- if -- if I may Mr. -- I'm just
5 wondering if -- if Mr. IZZO had an
6 opportunity to catch up with Mr. Moran
7 on the question about whether the -- the
8 subsequent changes to the modification
9 of the ordinance required a separate
10 hearing.

11 MAYOR KIM: You know, Jim, what I
12 was suggesting to Dillon in a -- in the
13 chat was that we have a phone call about
14 this because it's -- there's something
15 wrong with the audio.

16 We're not sure, so I think we can
17 resolve that and -- in a -- in a
18 separate conversation.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you,
20 Ron. I agree.

21 MAYOR KIM: Is that okay, for
22 everyone?

23 MR. Izzo: Works for me.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, it does.

25 MAYOR KIM: Anything else? Hear --

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seeing none, I'll adjourn our meeting
2 and we'll see you tomorrow. Thanks.
3 Thanks, everyone.

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Before you
5 jump off, Ron, what time are you
6 thinking about for a call?

7 MAYOR KIM: Why don't we just get
8 on the phone now?

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay.

10 MAYOR KIM: (Indiscernible).

11 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay. Works
12 for me.

13 MAYOR KIM: And Tony's
14 (indiscernible).

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And just to
16 clarify, the meeting is tomorrow at City
17 Hall, downstairs, right?

18 MAYOR KIM: Yeah. Oh, I'm sorry.
19 Yeah. So that's good point, Minita.
20 Yes, we're having our first City Council
21 meeting in City Council chambers.
22 Anything else?

23 MS. CARTON: This is Tina. I just
24 want to mention the amount of
25 Commissioners that can be together to

1 Saratoga Springs City Council Meeting
2 have a meeting that then becomes a
3 public meeting.

4 So I just wanted to bring that up
5 in case there are a lot of people.

6 MAYOR KIM: It's just going to be
7 myself. In fact, I'm going to just have
8 Tony talk to Dylan about this, make sure
9 that's clarified on. That's all.

10 MS. CARTON: Okay. Thank you.

11 MAYOR KIM: We -- we -- we observe
12 that strictly, Tina. Anything else?
13 Thanks. Good to see you Skip. Take
14 care.

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Same here.
16 Thanks.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: It's good to
18 see you, Commissioner Scirocco.

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you -
20 - thank you, Commissioner.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TETU: Welcome
22 back.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Welcome back
24 skip

25 (End of audio)

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