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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

April 19, 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

HEATHER CROCKER, Deputy Commissioner

of Finance

JOE O'NEILL, Deputy Commissioner of

Public Works

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MAYOR KIM: It's about 6:36. I'm

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because call our public hearing to

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order.

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Our first item on the public

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hearing agenda is the Civilian Review

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Board. I'd ask you if anyone has -- the

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public would like to comment on the

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Civilian Review Board proposal, please

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step up to the mic. Give us your name,

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your address and you have two minutes,

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anyone?

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MR. MATHIESEN: Hi, my name is

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Chris Mathiesen. I live at 28 Friar

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Tuck Way, Saratoga Springs.

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Regarding the Civilian Review

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Board, I think I've said in the past, I

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am not a strong advocate for this. We

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looked into this when I was commissioner

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years ago, we didn't think it was really

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something that was necessary.

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Especially, under the commission form of

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government where the commissioner and

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the deputy commissioner have, so much

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civilian control over the -- the Police
2 -- Police Department.

3 I mean, there are obviously good
4 things here. Yes, the Department does
5 exist to help create and maintain a self
6 -- self -- a safe environment that's
7 important. Trust and confidence of the
8 community is essential for the smooth
9 operation of The Department, that's
10 true. When that trust and confidence is
11 brought into question or broken, prompt,
12 appropriate, effective procedures must
13 be available to resolve any issues that
14 have risen. Well, for -- since 1950 and
15 that's been the commissioner and the
16 deputy commissioner, those civilians
17 that were overseeing that department.
18 And I don't know any living current or -
19 - or former commissioner of public
20 safety, including you Mayor, who would
21 tolerate any kind of misconduct or any
22 kind of problem in terms of -- of -- of
23 issues of this sort in that department.

24 So I understand that a number of
25 people feel that this is necessary. I

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2 was very disappointed, though, when I
3 saw the -- the Zoom meeting on the last
4 meeting of the Police Reform Task Force.
5 And so much of the concerns that were
6 being raised, had to do with the general
7 amount issue and there was so much
8 misinformation there regarding the --
9 the -- the investigation that was
10 conducted. The report that was done
11 that Commissioner Montagnino doesn't
12 seem to acknowledge. The -- the matter
13 the -- in which it was -- it was dealt
14 with, there was a lot of misinformation
15 there. I would invite anybody in the
16 Council to speak to me about the context
17 of the facts that you think you have and
18 get a clear picture of what would
19 actually happened there.

20 So I don't really believe that this
21 is necessary, if it is, it's not a bad
22 thing and I hope it works well. But
23 I'll also hope there's balance on that -
24 - on that committee. Thank you.

25 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else
 wish to be heard, regarding the Civilian

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1 Review Board? Seeing no one else, I'm
2 keeping the public hearing open at the
3 request of Commissioner Montagnino.

4 And we'll go on to the second,
5 which is the Community Development Block
6 Grant Recommendations. Anyone wish to
7 be heard on the Community Development
8 Block Grant Recommendations, which will
9 be voted on tonight, by the way?

10 Anyone, wish to be heard about -- on the
11 Community Development Block Grant
12 Recommendations? Seeing, no one.

13 I will go to our third public
14 hearing, which is on the Amendments to
15 Unified Development Ordinance. Anyone
16 wish to be heard on the Unified
17 Development Ordinance Amendments?

18 MR. MATHIESEN: Yes, Chris
19 Mathiesen in 28 Friar Tuck Way. I just
20 -- I wasn't quite sure. I've -- I've
21 tried to read through the UDO and I've
22 haven't gotten all the way through.

23 Wasn't sure why you were taking out
24 Country Club and educational facilities
25 out of the rural residential district.

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1 We have two, golf -- I think -- I'm
2 assuming Country Club means golf course.
3 We have two golf courses in the rural
4 residential districts in the city. I
5 don't see there being a big problem with
6 that, I'm not quite sure where that came
7 from. I'm not sure what the issue is, I
8 don't think there's any room for any
9 more golf courses in the city, so I'm
10 not even sure why you're removing that.

11 And -- and the educational
12 facility, well, we have this sort of
13 independent school out on Lake Avenue.
14 I don't think that's really having a
15 negative impact on the rural residential
16 character of that area. I think you
17 know, obviously commercial uses would
18 but I don't think that's really
19 necessarily a negative.

20 So I'm not quite sure -- I wasn't
21 quite sure where those were coming from,
22 so that was -- I was just concerned
23 about that. Thank you.

24 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else
25 wish to be heard on Possible Amendments

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to Unified Developments Ordinance?

2 Seeing, no one else.

3 I will move to our fourth public
4 hearing, which is on the Sister City
5 Relationship with Chekhov Russia. Just
6 to give you the background here. We
7 received a letter it was late February
8 from the Council General Payne
9 (phonetic), who asked us to reconsider
10 the relationship we've had since about,
11 I guess it was 1999 (indiscernible) with
12 Chekhov Russia.

13 That we thought it would be --
14 before we took any action on that
15 relationship that we have -- we have had
16 to all the public. Anyone wish to be
17 heard about the Sister City Relationship
18 with Chekhov Russia?

19 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Mayor Kim, I
20 -- I got an e-mail I'd like to read out.

21 MAYOR KIM: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: But I'm
23 trying to find it. Sorry, could you
24 just give me a second?

25 MAYOR KIM: Sure.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: There are
2 several e-mails and I'm trying to figure
3 out what -- where does it start. Sorry,
4 give me a second.

5 I'm just because read out one that
6 -- that came to me. It says, we
7 estimate -- this is from Laura Chodos.
8 She was involved in this process and
9 served for 11 years.

10 And she believes that this is
11 critical in terms of understanding
12 between the two countries. And she says
13 that we estimated that during the 11
14 years of operation, our Russian guests
15 spent approximately \$90,000 on food,
16 gifts, horse racing bets and
17 entertainment.

18 The Goodwill cannot be measured if
19 current military involvements and
20 amicably, our State Department and Open
21 World Program at the Library of Congress
22 will fund programs with Russia again.
23 She says why not think about other
24 countries and matching cities to city
25 responsibility -- possibilities.

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1 Zooming online education programs will
2 help everyone learn about other
3 cultures.

4 So there's definitely sort of a
5 move and apparently we're not -- Chekhov
6 is not the only Sister City. It says
7 amongst the sister cities that Saratoga
8 Springs has been associated with, Vichy
9 in France, Tula in Russia that was from
10 1991 to 2000, Chekhov Russia from 2000
11 to 2011. The most active group was
12 Saratoga Springs Chekhov Sister City
13 Incorporated.

14 And then she's attached one of the
15 brochures describing the activity which
16 you know, also has the chronology of an
17 exploratory visit in September 2000.
18 Where they had a visit to Russia, an
19 official delegation and so on and I can
20 submit all of this to -- to you.

21 MAYOR KIM: Why don't we attach it
22 to the record?

23 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Yeah, I will
24 do so. Sorry, it just came --

25 MAYOR KIM: Great. Thank you.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Yeah.

2 MAYOR KIM: Yeah, I -- I heard she
3 was involved. The -- the mayor time
4 (indiscernible). Former Mayor
5 (indiscernible) class mentioned that
6 (indiscernible).

7 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: I -- I
8 believe what she thinks we should be
9 doing is, sort of putting it on hold.
10 And then if it does start again, to --
11 to continue but you know, just sort of
12 to be more deliberate about it.

13 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else wish to be
14 heard about our Sister City Relationship
15 with Chekhov Russia? Seeing none, I
16 will move on to our fifth public
17 hearing. Oh and we're keep -- we're
18 because close the public hearing on
19 Chekhov Russia (indiscernible) most
20 likely have a proposal for this
21 (indiscernible) at our next meeting.

22 The fifth item for public hearing
23 this evening is the Caroline Street
24 Traffic Control. Anyone wish to be
25 heard about the Caroline Street School

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1 Traffic Control above? Step up, give us
2 your name and your address and you have
3 (indiscernible) --

4 MS. O'MALLEY: Hi, Olivia O'Malley,
5 MacArthur Drive. I do have a petition
6 I'd like to present to the Council, to
7 have the Do Not Enter signs and Drive
8 removed. So if I could pass it off to
9 somebody at some point.

10 And while I'm happy to see that
11 that one way was removed from the
12 proposed ordinance. I'm disappointed to
13 see that there wasn't a one way in the
14 opposite direction, preventing cars from
15 heading east on Caroline Street past
16 Schuyler Drive at school arrival and
17 dismissal.

18 The measures proposed -- and at
19 Benton and there's kids that walk well
20 beyond that point, to MacArthur,
21 Iroquois and down to Foxhall. In the
22 absence of a sidewalk, this is the only
23 way to keep kids safe until they reach
24 their street. This measure would be
25 similar to what is done at Lake Avenue

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2 School, where Regent Street is made one
3 way during school arrival and dismissal.
4 They have a portable Do Not Enter sign
5 that's rolled out at school arrival and
6 dismissal and then moved out of the way
7 at every other time. It would be
8 preventing traffic for 15 minutes twice
9 a day and again, there's precedent for
10 this at Lake Avenue School.

11 So you know, while we're really
12 appreciative of the other measures,
13 especially the No Parking, No Standing
14 signs, those have been very helpful.
15 Having that one way going the opposite
16 direction really would provide the
17 children with the greatest amount of
18 safety. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Could --
20 before -- before you get -- there --
21 there has been a suggestion made that
22 the crossing guard in the afternoons
23 particularly.

24 MS. O' MALLEY: Uh-huh
25 (affirmative). Yes.

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Put up

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1 some kind of like a sawhorse --

2 MS. O' MALLEY: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: --
4 indicating that no traffic should go
5 beyond the end of that first block.

6 MS. O' MALLEY: Uh-huh
7 (affirmative).

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: And the
9 crossing guard would be directing
10 traffic north and south to keep traffic
11 off of Caroline Street.

12 MS. O'MALLEY: Yep.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Is that a
14 reasonable alternative to --

15 MS. O'MALLEY: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- what
17 you're suggesting?

18 MS. O'MALLEY: I -- I do think that
19 would be helpful. I think the afternoon
20 is the most problematic time because you
21 have everyone being dismissed at once,
22 instead of over a 20 minute period. So
23 there's just a constant stream of cars
24 coming by the kids. If there was some
25 sort of aid to help the crossing guard

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2 you know, something to block off the
3 roads, so they have to go right or left
4 unless it's local traffic. I think that
5 would be the best option and it would be
6 the least disruptive to the
7 neighborhood.

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Right.
9 That -- that's something that we had in
10 mind, it --

11 MS. O'MALLEY: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: --
13 wouldn't require an ordinance to do. It
14 would just be something that -- for the
15 dismissal period, the crossing guard
16 would -- would direct the traffic left
17 or right --

18 MS. O'MALLEY: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- from
20 her perspective. So --

21 MS. O'MALLEY: Yep, that would be
22 great.

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- I think
24 that will answer the question.

25 MS. O'MALLEY: Yes, thank you.
Appreciate that.

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Welcome.

2 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else wish to be
3 heard about -- on the issue of Traffic -
4 - Traffic Control at the Caroline Street
5 School? Commissioner, do you want this
6 left open?

7 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I think we
8 can close the hearing, Mr. Mayor because
9 we have the proposed ordinance on the
10 agenda and we'll be voting on it as --

11 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- part of
13 our matters later on.

14 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. We will
15 close the public hearing on Traffic
16 Control Caroline Street School.

17 Our final public hearing is on the
18 Weibel Avenue PUD Amendment. Is there
19 anyone that wishes to be heard on the
20 Weibel Avenue PUD Amendment?

21 MR. GRASSY: Good evening, Mayor.
22 Good evening, Commissioners'. It's a
23 pleasure to meet you all. My name's
24 Justin Grassy, I'm an attorney with
25 Jones Steve's. I represent the

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1 applicant, Farouk Aronson.

2 This matter has been before the
3 City Council for some time. We actually
4 initially introduced the amendment in
5 May of 2021, we have now supplemented
6 it. Although for a risk of being
7 repetitive I figured I'd give you kind
8 of an overview of exactly what is -- is
9 before you currently.

10 Most of you would know the -- the -
11 - the Weibel Plaza Commercial PUD as the
12 current Hannaford, Nicole's Tractor
13 Supply and Denny's. In addition to
14 that, the -- the entire PUD area
15 actually comprises just over 39 acres
16 out there, 16 of which remains vacant.
17 So the 16 is -- is largely our focus
18 here, although the PUD Amendment
19 obviously impacts the entirety of that
20 PUD.

21 The -- the 16 acres is kind of
22 nestled behind Hannaford. And so
23 Hannaford is -- is to the east, to the
24 north is the New York State Department
25 of Transportation and to the west, I

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1 think it -- its longest boundary line is
2 the North Way. So it's -- it's somewhat
3 of a unique parcel for over there, I
4 think is a reason that we are now --
5 well, the PUD was originally approved in
6 1992. I think there's a reason now that
7 we are in, you know 2022 and it hasn't
8 been developed yet.

9 The genesis for the application
10 back in May of 2021 is that there is a
11 provision in this PUD that says, this 16
12 acre area known as Zone B of the PUD.
13 If there hasn't been a site plan
14 approval, then the PUD zoning expires
15 and it reverts to an RR-1 District.
16 That district no longer exists, so
17 technically, there's an error on our
18 map.

19 At the time in May of 2021, we --
20 we came to -- we came to the city and
21 said would you -- would we'd like to
22 include this in part of the UDO? In
23 fact, the YMCA PUD had a very similar
24 provision where a portion of it expired,
25 so we're all kind of at the same spot.

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1 And the discussion was, let's not
2 include it with the UDO, let's kind of
3 have it as a separate application.

4 So we submitted an amendment to the
5 -- the PUD, which increased the -- the
6 expiration date and as well incorporated
7 a couple of additional uses. There are
8 already, within the PUD obviously, some
9 significant number of permitted uses.
10 However, obviously since there has been
11 no site plan and no development in that
12 area, we wanted to add some additional
13 ones that might be more feasible.

14 So currently before you we have
15 requested PUD amendment, extending that
16 expiration date to 2035, to give us some
17 additional time to put some plans
18 together. Any of those approved
19 permitted uses would still require
20 Planning Board Site Plan Review. We
21 have left alone, the remaining permitted
22 uses in the PUD but we have also added
23 three additional uses.

24 Those -- those uses we have added
25 are our warehouse, distribution plant

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and wholesale establishments. And then
2 we've added a marijuana dispensary and
3 marijuana growing and processing. We
4 think those are -- are good fits for
5 that particular area.

6 In addition, first time around in
7 May, the reason why we supplemented the
8 application is that. The City of
9 Saratoga Springs Planning Board, as well
10 as the County Planning Board had some
11 recommendations, suggestions. In fact,
12 the City of Saratoga Springs Planning
13 Board provided a recommendation -- a
14 positive recommendation of the
15 exploration provision but a negative
16 recommendation with regard to our new
17 uses.

18 And the reasoning, as I'll
19 paraphrase the reasoning on this but it
20 was essentially that the 1992
21 legislation was obviously before the
22 Comprehensive Plan update. And the
23 Comprehensive Plan Update resulted in
24 certain zoning guidelines for
25 architectural and design work. Those

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2 were not included in the 1992 PUD, so
3 Planning Board City -- City of Saratoga
4 Planning Board had recommended that we
5 incorporate some of that language that
6 is now in our transaction zones into the
7 PD amendment as well.

8 So we've included that, that's --
9 that's probably the most significant
10 changes that you'll see and -- and a
11 redline form that we submitted. It's a
12 couple pages of additional guidelines,
13 recommendations for that what -- what is
14 also included in our transect zones for
15 this PUD amendment as well.

16 We are hopeful now, what we were
17 looking for is -- is to go now, back
18 before the City of Saratoga Springs
19 Planning Board. With another
20 recommendation from the City Council,
21 for -- to see if those changes are --
22 are what they were seeking, to see we
23 can get a positive recommendation on
24 both aspects now, of those changes.
25 Similarly, we would be seeking a
 recommendation from the County Planning

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Board, from a referral from the City
2 Council.

3 So that's really the -- the action
4 that we'd be seeking at this point, is
5 simply a referral to the City Planning
6 Board and the -- and the County Planning
7 Board. Ultimately, we would obviously
8 be back before the City Council for
9 approval -- for a decision on the PUD
10 amendment itself, as well as a secret
11 evaluation. But I know this is also, I
12 think somewhat new to everyone on this
13 is and we've been kind of in a hiatus of
14 -- of making those changes. So that's
15 why we have a public hearing open
16 tonight.

17 MAYOR KIM: So you'd like a
18 referral from this Body to the two
19 Planning Boards?

20 MR. GRASSI: Correct.

21 MAYOR KIM: So we could maybe close
22 the public hearing and -- and get our
23 resolution on that and enter the PUD on
24 a later stage

25 MR. GRASSI: Correct. Yeah,

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whether or not you know, you want to
2 close the public hearing, is -- is
3 certainly up to you, whether you want to
4 leave it open.

5 That is the only action that we
6 would be seeking, is -- is so long as --
7 as -- as City Council finds that there
8 is merit for review on this and that way
9 it can -- it can be referred to those
10 Planning Boards. That's the only option
11 we'd be seeking.

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Could I ask a
13 question, Mr. Mayor? So if you were to
14 close this and then the PUD is -- new
15 uses are considered. Will the public
16 have an opportunity to re-comment on
17 that, from a procedural standpoint?
18 Before it's considered for us for
19 adoption or -- or a recommendation.

20 MR. GRASSI: And we would certainly
21 -- I suggest, I guess, reopening the
22 public hearing based on the comments
23 from the --

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I only asked
25 because first off, I'm very much in

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2 favor of the addition of the marijuana
3 distribution location. I think there's
4 was some guidance behind the scenes to
5 say, this is an area we're looking at
6 that makes a ton of sense for locating
7 this, so I'm strongly in favor of that.

8 But that it is a new use, that this
9 is a new -- a new thing for our
10 community that we'll be incorporating.
11 I think it's important that we give as
12 much visibility to those plans to
13 everybody and -- and given them the
14 opportunity to comment on that, before
15 we would make a formal adoption or a
16 formal recommendation.

17 MR. GRASSI: Certainly, we
18 completely agree.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah.

20 MAYOR KIM: So at this point, I
21 think we can close the public hearing,
22 look to -- to a resolution as to what --
23 as to whether or not we want to refer
24 this to The Court.

25 Is there any deadline that acting -
- enacting on the amendment? Because I

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2 know it's been pending a while, I mean
3 for the months. 'Cause it's my
4 understanding if we don't do something,
5 it reverts back to the original zone,
6 correct?

7 MR. GRASSI: Right. I mean, so
8 yeah, correct. I mean currently, it's
9 technically already reverted.

10 MAYOR KIM: Oh, okay.

11 MR. GRASSI: As soon as the site --
12 no site plan approval was approved by
13 2012, interestingly, it already
14 reverted. So while it appears as a PUD
15 on the -- on the zoning map of the city,
16 technically, that really almost should
17 be a defect, there's no -- there is no
18 underlying zoning absent. I guess a
19 determination as to what it should be,
20 the legislation doesn't provide so.

21 As far as the deadline for the --
22 for the City Council to act or I don't --
23 I don't believe there are any imposed
24 deadlines on that at this point.

25 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: If I may,
26 Mr. Mayor, I -- I think if I understand

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1 Counsel's position and what I've read in
2 their proposal, this is because require
3 a zoning change for this to happen.
4 Which means it's because be backed
5 before the City Council after it passes,
6 assuming it passes the Planning Board.

7 MAYOR KIM: Correct but we could
8 open the public hearing at that point on
9 that specific zoning amendment, which
10 might be more -- that might be specific
11 enough for -- to get any other --

12 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Right. So
13 that at this point, we could refer the
14 matter to the Planning Board without --

15 MAYOR KIM: Right.

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- losing
17 any of the options and any of the
18 ability for the public to weigh in.

19 MAYOR KIM: I mean --

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, that
21 works for me. I just want to make sure
22 that there's, you know this is the first
23 time I'm hearing about it in public
24 forum. I understood that this was
25 forthcoming, I just think it's

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appropriate that we -- we not end the
2 conversation, that's all. That it would
3 be reopened at a different portion of
4 the project is totally fine with me.

5 MAYOR KIM: Yeah, it's been on our
6 agenda.

7 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I know.

8 MAYOR KIM: Since we all walked in.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I know.

10 MAYOR KIM: But this is the first
11 time we've had a presentation on it.

12 So -- so why don't we do this is --
13 we can hold off on a resolution and
14 we'll be back here probably by the next
15 City Council meeting after this. But
16 we'll close the public hearing at this
17 point. Any objections?

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: None.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: No
20 objection.

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: No.

22 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: The Block
24 Development Grant was that open or
25 closed Ron?

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1 MAYOR KIM: I'm sorry, that was --
2 was closed.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: That was
4 closed.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: That was
6 closed, also. Thank you, sir.

7 MR. GRASSI: Excellent. Thank you
8 all.

9 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. So that
10 closes all our public hearings. And I
11 call the meeting to order and ask
12 Commissioner Moran to do the roll call.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Mayor Kim?

14 MAYOR KIM: Here.

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
16 Montagnino?

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Present.

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
19 Sanghvi?

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Present.

21 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
22 Moran is here. If I may ask everyone
23 for a moment of silence in honor
24 Commissioner Scirocco. Thank you.
25 Supervisor Gaston?

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1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

2 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Supervisor

3 Veitch?

4 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you.

6 MAYOR KIM: We could rise to salute
7 the flag. Next portion of our meeting
8 is our public comment period and as I've
9 said before, the one rule is we have two
10 minutes for every person who'd like to
11 come to speak to us. Come to microphone
12 give us your name, your address. Happy
13 to hear what you have to say, please
14 keep these suggestions in mind. You're
15 a member of a community, speaking to a
16 community be kind, be factual and
17 accurate. The suggestions, the rule of
18 two minutes is strict. Please come to
19 the mic if you have anything you'd like
20 to comment.

21 MR. LARSON: Mayor Kim, members' of
22 the Council. My name is Erik Larson.
23 I'm a member of the Community of
24 Saratoga Springs. I've made a career
25 out of being a member of a dispute

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2 resolution a profession. I'm an
3 arbitrator and mediator and I'm rising
4 to enthusiastically, support the
5 Council's adoption of chapter 37 for the
6 Civilian Review Board. That has been
7 under debate and under consideration by
8 this body and others for a considerable
9 period of time. And it's now arrived at
10 a point where the Council can take an
11 action to adopt a statute that I believe
12 will go a very long way in resolving
13 many of the controversies that have
14 invoked -- enveloped our community in
15 the last few years.

16 I've read the -- I've read the
17 proposal carefully. I realize that many
18 of its provisions have been endorsed by
19 the Police Reform Task Force, under Co-
20 chair Jason Golub. And I -- frankly,
21 look upon myself as a professional with
22 regard to matters of dispute resolution
23 and I find virtually nothing in this
24 proposal that I object to.

25 I think that it is dealt with
issues that have come up before this

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2 body, in previous considerations in a
3 very professional way. I believe it's a
4 neutral approach to providing a forum
5 for citizens in the community, to raise
6 grievances with a Police Force. It does
7 it however, in a way, which is
8 completely neutral. And I believe if
9 it's properly funded and if it's
10 implemented with regard to the
11 intentions that are set forth in the
12 provisions, that it will advance the
13 peace and civility of our community into
14 a very considerable degree. So I
15 encourage its adoption. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone
17 else?

18 MR. MATHIESEN: Chris Mathiesen, 28
19 Friar Tuck Way. Regarding the comment
20 just made, yes, the Citizens Review
21 Board could be neutral based upon the --
22 the makeup of the board that's really
23 important.

24 Also, just a few other things about
25 this proposal, to be a member of this
 board you have to have resided in

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1 Saratoga Springs for at least, six
2 months prior to the appointment. I
3 think six months is a little short, I
4 think you should look for people who
5 have been here longer, who understand
6 the city. Six months is not a very long
7 time.

8 And my other (indiscernible)
9 comment is that, in order for the Board
10 to properly investigate a complaint, the
11 complaint should made -- be made as soon
12 as possible but not more than 90 days
13 after the incident. Boy 90 days is a
14 long time, I would suggest something
15 shorter. I think if people are because
16 have a complaint made against the
17 Department, that you want to make sure
18 that complaint is made when memories are
19 fresh and evidence is -- is more easily
20 attained. So I think that would be
21 important to other comments.

22 Other comments I talked before --
23 last week about the -- the changes in
24 the hierarchy of the Police Department.
25 I -- I continue to reflect on the

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importance of having a chief and an
2 assistant chief in that department. I
3 think the -- they balance each other. I
4 think that they are -- really complement
5 each other. I think that taking one
6 away is -- is -- is not a good idea at
7 this stage and I would suggest that that
8 be rethought.

9 And read something in one of the
10 blogs about a change, apparently in the
11 code of conduct for the police,
12 regarding something about adultery. And
13 I'm not quite sure what that's all
14 about, I haven't heard that discussed at
15 the -- the -- the Council table I don't
16 think. But that's an archaic part of
17 New York State law and how that will be
18 used to try to dismiss a member of -- of
19 our department, really concerns me.
20 Thank you.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone
22 else, wish to be heard?

23 MS. BROWN: Alexis Brown, Saratoga
24 Springs. I missed the --

25 MAYOR KIM: Can you get closer to -

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MS. BROWN: Yeah.

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MAYOR KIM: -- mic, please? We --

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MS. BROWN: Is this okay?

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COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Yeah.

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MS. BROWN: Okay. Alexis Brown,

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Saratoga Springs. Here to talk about

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the Civilian Review Board because I

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missed the public hearing. I just want

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to say one, thank you for lowering the

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minimum age requirement to 18 to 25.

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Just because there's a -- I think it's a

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big etiological difference between you

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know 18 year olds and 29 year olds, so

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that -- that was a positive that I saw.

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I just want to bring attention to

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the second paragraph on the second page.

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Where it says members of the CRB shall

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be individuals of good character, who

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must at all times remain unbiased and

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impartial regarding matters of law

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enforcement in our community. The

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Activist Community and the City were a

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bit concerned that that language may be

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used by future you know, members of the

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Council to bar activist and things like
2 that from joining the committee. So I
3 just would like to bring attention to
4 that. So thank you.

5 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else
6 --

7 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Commissioner
8 Montagnino, wasn't that on the Police
9 Reform Task Force recommendation?

10 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes, the
11 -- the language regarding good character
12 is directly lifted from the
13 recommendations of the Task Force.
14 There's some additional specific
15 language with regard to felony
16 convictions and removing the bar if
17 there is a certificate of relief from
18 disabilities or a ceiling order. But --
19 but to directly answer your question,
20 the good character language is verbatim
21 from the Task Force recommendation.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Which was
23 the original Task Force, the -- the
24 people who came up with the 50 point
25 recommendation?

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGVHI: Okay.

3 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else, wish to be
4 heard? Seeing none, we're because close
5 the public comment period and we will
6 move on to our first presentation.

7 Mostly Modern Musical Festival is
8 because be appearing in June, their home
9 is Skidmore and we've invited them here
10 today to give us a little taste of what
11 they're because be performing in June.
12 Victoria Patterson is the executive
13 director. Hi.

14 MS. PATTERSON: Hi.

15 MAYOR KIM: Thanks for coming. And
16 Ashley Gray the director of
17 communications.

18 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you.

19 MAYOR KIM: And one of -- thank you
20 for coming and take it away.

21 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr.
22 Mayor. Thank you, City Council. My
23 name is Victoria Patterson. Hi,
24 everybody. Well, the camera -- maybe
25 people at home aren't because know the

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surprise but everybody in this room can
2 see the surprise.

3 I am a musician, I am a violinist
4 and I'm the Executive Director of the
5 Mostly Modern festival. And so let's
6 just start our slideshow. Let's make
7 sure Justin (phonetic) there it is. And
8 I'd like to thank Carrie (phonetic) and
9 Justin, everybody for -- for
10 coordinating this -- this presentation.

11 So here I am with my husband. That
12 is me, I have spent 20 years on
13 Broadway, I've had four shows on
14 Broadway. Right before the pandemic I
15 was playing Moulin Rouge and Phantom,
16 the Opera. And my husband is a
17 beautiful composer, classical -- I would
18 say we're classical musicians. However,
19 I play pop music, I play on Broadway, I
20 play all types of music -- modern music.
21 And we have been married a very long
22 time, I'm not because disclose that.
23 But we've been married a long time,
24 we're a musical team and the Mostly
25 Modern Festival like the Mayor said

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2 takes place at Skidmore College. It's a
3 three week festival that happens every
4 June.

5 Let's go maybe to the -- here it
6 is. Yes, so our very first season was
7 in 2018 and then we had our second
8 season in 2019. And then guess what
9 happened? I don't need to tell you but
10 we did not have a festival the last two
11 summers because of COVID 19. We house
12 200 People at Skidmore College and I
13 wanted to make it work outdoors but I
14 just couldn't figure out how to house
15 and feed 200 people for three weeks. We
16 wanted to do it out in a park but we
17 were not able to do the festival.

18 So our third season is this June
19 and as you can see, we have an
20 orchestra, we have chamber music, we
21 have opera, we have vocal music, all
22 types of classical music. And the
23 reason it's modern, is that we do do
24 dead composers but we also do living
25 composers. Like my husband, who's the
house -- our house composer and we do

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1 music of our time. So you're not
2 because get to -- it's not the Mostly
3 Mozart Festival, which is in New York
4 City and yes, that is upon we took that
5 from New York where I -- I live there.
6 This is the Mostly Modern and yeah, we -
7 - we love to celebrate living composers.

8 So there are 50 faculty members
9 like myself, who are veteran Broadway,
10 Lincoln Center musicians, awesome New
11 York artists but we also have about 150
12 students. Students 18 and older,
13 mostly, I would say in their young -- in
14 their early 20s and they -- they
15 auditioned for the festival. And so
16 when you saw that orchestra picture,
17 that was me sitting with a 22 year old
18 violinist. And so all the professionals
19 and the students sit side by side and
20 make music -- music together at the
21 concerts. People audition from
22 Juilliard, the Eastman School where I
23 went to school. You know McGill,
24 Curtis, it's quite competitive and we're
25 so proud of the quality of the institute

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as well as our professional artists.

Okay. So Justin's because set this
up for us. This gives you just, it's --
instead of me speaking, this is a one
minute video that shows our final
orchestra concert with Ward Stare, who
was the conductor of the Rochester
Philharmonic. I'm from Rochester, New
York and this was our final concert.
This just gives you a top as of what we
do at Skidmore College.

Fantastic, I can't wait to come
back this summer, just watching that
video is just so exciting. I just
cannot tell you how much I miss live
music and I cannot wait to share this
with you guys.

So just going a little bit about my
history, my husband and I -- Robert and
I started a nonprofit in 2005, it's a
501(c)(3), it's called Mostly Modern
Projects. And to the left, you see
Mostly Modern Festival, which is at
Skidmore College. Hopefully every
summer till I die, every June I would

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1 love to be here in Saratoga Springs.

2 And then to the right is the Mostly
3 Modern Pops, which is like I say, I do
4 play classical music but I also play a
5 lot of popular music. So in the
6 pandemic particularly, I started this
7 string quartet with a drummer. And we
8 played everything from the Beach Boys to
9 Coldplay to Lady Gaga to classical and
10 it's been really -- really -- really fun
11 and making people happy, so that's
12 Mostly Modern Pops.

13 And I'm not because go too much
14 into the middle thing but it's so
15 special. I want to tell you about music
16 and medicine because -- I mean you guys
17 know this but during the pandemic, all
18 the musicians, all of Broadway shut
19 down. There was no -- there was no work
20 and so certainly the first six months we
21 just -- my husband and I -- we'll get to
22 this but we have a house up here, so we
23 -- we hung out here. But by last year -
24 - by last January 2021 I was pretty
25 bored and I was sick of just doing 1000

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piece puzzles. And so I just couldn't
2 stand it anymore. And I live only about
3 10 blocks from the Jacob Javits Center.
4 That's the Javits Center on 34th and
5 12th Avenue. And a colleague of mine --
6 we went in and basically we walked in
7 trying to get the vaccination, and I
8 just thought, wait a minute, there needs
9 to be live music here, 'cause it's a
10 really safe, gigantic space. We've got
11 10,000 people at the height of the
12 pandemic, 10,000 people a day, who are
13 coming in to get the shot and why not
14 soothe people? Not everybody likes to
15 get shots. And it was just a stressful
16 time, -- let's -- even if you don't mind
17 getting a shot. The national guards
18 there, the EMT, there's doctors, it was
19 a rather stressful moment in our -- in
20 our -- in New York City. So I pitched
21 this idea to the Javits Center, and to
22 make a long story sho -- short, we ended
23 up doing seven concerts every day, seven
24 days a week from 12:00-2:00, we had a
25 lunchtime concert. We played soothing

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music, happy music. We had harp
2 players, guitar, string, quartet. We
3 played pop music, classical music folk
4 music, and we just calmed people down
5 for those two hours. And they -- and
6 the doctor started coming up to us and
7 saying, Hey, nobody's having panic
8 attacks during the time you guys are
9 playing. And then it -- another doctor
10 would come up and basically I said, we
11 need to take a study on this. I need
12 you guys to write this down and let's
13 see if it's just a coincidence. But the
14 fact is in six months, maybe one person
15 had a panic attack while I was playing
16 the violin. And so, I don't know. I
17 think this is a life changing thing for
18 me personally. I think music is so --
19 so important. And I always knew that I
20 started the violin when I was four, but
21 playing for these patients at the Javits
22 Center, I wanna play at Saratoga
23 hospital. I wanna be doing outreach all
24 the time because it is so -- it's so
25 healing and people love it. So I had to

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1 just share that with you guys, even
2 though that doesn't really have to do
3 about my presentation, but it's really -
4 - was an incredible year, last year to
5 be in New York City, doing that work.
6 Okay. Um the mostly modern projects and
7 our festival is supported by these
8 amazing organizations, the national
9 endowment for the arts. This is a huge
10 honor. It is highly competitive. I
11 don't need to tell you all wonderful
12 government people how -- how it -- it's
13 really an honor to get an NEA grant,
14 which we got our first grant about three
15 years ago, right before the pandemic
16 basically. And then the New York state
17 council in the arts is another great
18 supporter of ours. We just got a three-
19 year grant with the New York state
20 council in the arts. Both of them are
21 to support many of our projects, but
22 certainly yes, they want us to -- it
23 supports our festival in the summer and
24 all the good work that we're doing in
25 Saratoga Springs. So I just wanted to

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1 acknowledge them. Okay. So for those
2 of you at home or here, if you haven't
3 been to the Arthur Zankel Music Center
4 at Skidmore college, that -- that's a
5 picture of the brand new hall. Well,
6 it's maybe 10 years old, but a lot of
7 people I notice in town, they still
8 haven't been to this hall. It's
9 absolutely new in my mind. And it is --
10 forget about Carnegie hall. This is
11 better than Carnegie hall, man. Zankel
12 -- Arthur Zankel hall is actually did
13 build the Zankel music hall at Carnegie
14 hall. It is beautiful in those glass.
15 That whole thing is the backstage.
16 You're looking at a floor to ceiling
17 glass window when you're hearing music
18 with like a forest background. And they
19 even have a light show. They can do the
20 lighting of the music of the mood to the
21 -- to the nature at -- at Skidmore. So
22 that is like the centerpiece of our
23 shows. That picture of all the trees in
24 my driveway that is my home. We have an
25 A-frame that -- that is out on county,

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Route 68. Um now the whole world's
2 gonna know that but it's near the
3 harvest and hearth piz --pizza place.
4 And like I said, we got -- my husband
5 and I got this place before the pandemic
6 and I just -- I am so happy to be here.
7 Like I said, I'm from Rochester, New
8 York, my husband's from Buffalo, New
9 York. We're very upstate. Even though
10 we've been in New York City for 20
11 years, we could not be happier looking
12 at that view every day. (Laugh) Okay.
13 So this is during the pandemic. You
14 see, I -- I'm wearing a face shield, and
15 then the other guys are wearing their
16 masks. This is in front of Saratoga
17 savory. And I just wanted to do a shout
18 out to Saratoga Springs because again,
19 there was nothing going on and
20 businesses like north Shire, bookstore
21 Saratoga, savory -- sa -- savory pantry,
22 Delphi hotel, and many others Sartor
23 they -- they said, you know what? You
24 guys can play your string quartet or
25 trios outside. Remember we couldn't

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2 even play inside, you know, for much of
3 the pandemic. And so we were able to do
4 outreach concerts playing outside. We
5 played at Congress Park and I just, --I
6 was so welcomed in this town. I --I
7 also wanna do a shout out to Caffe Lena.
8 They hired me during -- and my musicians
9 during the pandemic. They are such a
10 tour to force of this town. Okay. So
11 we -- we are seeking for anybody
12 watching here in -- in the room or at
13 home, we are seeking sponsorship
14 opportunities for local businesses to
15 help us support the festival. So I said
16 earlier we have 200 people basically
17 moving into Saratoga Springs and that's
18 what's so nice for you as a town. We
19 wanna give you guys business, right?
20 These are people coming from Australia,
21 Portugal, Canada, all over the US. They
22 love -- let -- let me tell you classical
23 musicians, you know, they say, oh, you
24 guys are so nerdy. Well look, let me
25 tell you. We like to go out and drink.
 We like to go out to restaurants. We

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2 can party and spend money. So I am
3 telling you, we're gonna bring a lot of
4 great business to you guys in the month
5 of June. Be -- we did in 2018 and 2019,
6 we also have board members in patrons
7 who live in New York City and Boston.
8 So we're gonna bring in people from out
9 of town coming to the shows. So we're
10 so excited to bring -- again, we're just
11 -- I just wanna revitalize the art scene
12 here in -- in Saratoga. You don't need
13 much help in the months of July and
14 August. I know because of the
15 Philadelphia orchestra, the New York
16 City ballet, but we really wanna spice
17 it up in June. And so we are gonna
18 bring in people from out of town to the
19 region and -- and we are looking for
20 people, if you're interested, in
21 sponsoring us, which we will tell like
22 for example, Northshire Bookstore, we
23 tell all our 200 visitors, you need to
24 go to this place because it's so
25 amazing. So you're -- you're supporting
 our non-profit and everybody who gets

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2 ads gets two season passes to all 12 of
3 our shows. Okay. So we have 12 shows.
4 The first one is at Caffe Lena on June
5 8th, if you don't know what Caffe Lena
6 is, then you must not live in Saratoga
7 Springs because it's just such an iconic
8 space. And what I love about them, you
9 know, the -- it's famous for Bob Dylan
10 and folk music. And I was so happy and
11 humbled. They bring a -- a classical
12 violinist in and have us play classical
13 music. And I know they have us, hey,
14 they support opera. They know -- they
15 do -- do all types of music. I did a
16 children's show this summer. So our
17 very first show is a kickoff at Caffe
18 Lena. And I'm not gonna tell you all 12
19 performances, 'cause I'll be here all
20 night. But I did wanna highlight three
21 shows that we're doing. The first one
22 is Peter Bay. The picture at the
23 bottom, that's Peter Bay. He used to be
24 the associate conductor of the
25 Rochester, Phil harmonic. He moved down
 to Austin, Texas many years ago. He is

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1 the best. He is so great. We're doing
2 a Samuel Barber beautiful piece on that
3 program as a summer Knoxville of --,
4 summer of 1915 to the right is an opera
5 that my husband wrote. Robert
6 Patterson, it's a comic opera. It is
7 not an Italian or German. It's an
8 English, of course, it's --, it's called
9 the companion. It's a -- it's a
10 futuristic opera, takes place in the
11 future. It's about this woman, who's in
12 the middle and she has a robot like
13 companion who cooks and cleans and does
14 many things for her. And basically,
15 it's a love triangle in its man versus
16 machine, right? So in the 40 minutes
17 it's like, does she have a crush on the
18 guy on the left? Who's the robot. Um
19 he's the Justin of this meeting. He
20 does all the te -- tech stuff and it's
21 like, she starts to like the real human.
22 And she just is basically pulled between
23 the robot and the human. And I'm not
24 giving that away, but that's June 18th.
25 And then the last concert we're doing

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2 this summer, June 24th, that's our final
3 show of the summer. Joanne Falletta.
4 Also, if you're an Upstate New York
5 person, you need to know her. She is
6 the Buffalo Phil harmonic conductor.
7 She was cool way before even me too
8 existed. I mean, this woman is an icon
9 in Upstate New York and basically all
10 over the United States. She's one of my
11 favorite conductors period. And we are
12 so thrilled to have her. I don't think
13 she's conducted in the Saratoga Springs
14 region. So she's really excited to be
15 here with her husband. They're making a
16 whole trip of it, she'll be closing our
17 program. And so that's just a little
18 top, as of all the concerts we're doing.
19 And this is the end of my presentation.
20 We have tickets on sale, mostly modern
21 festival.org. And I'm going to close
22 this out with a song. It is from the
23 it's from the civil war series. It was
24 a Ken Burns movie and it's called
25 Shocked Farwell. (Music) (Applause)

25 MAYOR KIM: Thank you so much.

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1 VICTORIA PATTERSON: Thank you all

2 very much.

3 MAYOR KIM: That was really
4 wonderful. Thank you. We have a second
5 presentation and we'll let Commissioner
6 Sanghvi introduce.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. this
8 is a ClearGov budget, transparency
9 portal. That's gonna be on the City web
10 and this is a preview of the sort of new
11 accessible transparency and budget
12 program. It replaces open Gov as you
13 know it open go wasn't necessarily
14 available all the time last year. Clear
15 -- so ClearGov replaces that. And
16 they're here this evening to walk us
17 through the substantial information
18 options that we have via zoom
19 presentation. And Rob Battaglia is
20 gonna be our presenter and key person
21 who has provided a substantial
22 assistance throughout this initiative.
23 And I know our budget director, Lynn
24 Bachner has been the point person on
25 this. All right, take it away.

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1 ROBERT BATTAGLIA: Perfect.

2 Hopefully everyone can see my screen

3 here. My name is Rob Battaglia. I am a

4 senior market development executive at

5 ClearGov, and I want to thank the City

6 Council for allowing me to present

7 tonight about ClearGov, and some of the

8 different solutions that the City will

9 be using in the coming year. Just as a

10 quick background on ClearGov for those

11 who might not be familiar with us, we

12 are a cloud-based budgeting software

13 company. We work with a handful of

14 communities across New York State, and

15 over 600 local governments across the

16 United States. And all of our solutions

17 are designed to complement your existing

18 accounting software. So the City

19 currently uses menus as its accounting

20 software, all of our different cloud

21 based budgeting modules compliment that

22 existing platform. We offer a bunch of

23 different modules around the budget

24 process specifically, and the different

25 solutions that the City of Saratoga

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Saratoga Springs has signed up for include our
2 operational budgeting module. This is a
3 tool used by the finance department to
4 streamline the budget building process
5 across departments from a collaborative
6 perspective, and also streamline the
7 communication process with council
8 members and other stakeholders during
9 the budget building process. It also
10 comes with a tool around capital project
11 planning and communication. The other
12 module that the City has signed up for
13 is our transparency software, which is a
14 cloud based tool used to better
15 communicate both with stakeholders
16 internally and the public financial
17 information, including your budget
18 versus actual activity during the fiscal
19 year. Other updates such as non-
20 performance -- non-financial performance
21 measures as well as capital project info
22 as well. So I'm now gonna give a
23 demonstration of our public facing
24 transparency solution. If any members
25 of the City Council have any questions

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2 for me, I'm happy to answer those during
3 the demonstration. I'll also leave some
4 time at the end for questions as well.
5 So I want everyone to imagine right now
6 I'm on the City's website. I want you
7 to imagine somewhere off the City's
8 website is gonna be a button or a banner
9 or a link. And when anyone clicks on
10 that, whether it's a member of the
11 government stakeholder internally, or a
12 member of the public, when we click on
13 that link button or banner, it's gonna
14 take us to a web based site that looks
15 something like this. So right now we're
16 looking at a demo account. What comes
17 with this ClearGov transparency site are
18 a bunch of different ingredients, and
19 it's really up to the user in this case,
20 you know, the City's finance department
21 to decide, you know, how you wanna
22 customize this based on the needs of
23 Saratoga Springs. I'm gonna briefly run
24 through some of the different
25 ingredients and then we'll -- we'll
 slice and dice the details a little bit

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further. So at the onset, you're gonna
2 see a demographics breakdown of the
3 community in your transparency profile.
4 We have a direct API with the census
5 bureau and this demographic data as
6 populated through that API from the
7 census bureau. We also update this
8 information each year as well from a
9 financial transparency perspective. The
10 City is able to upload unlimited amounts
11 of historical budget and actual data.
12 And that data will be presented in a
13 bites sized, infographic based fashion.
14 So compared to maybe, you know, some of
15 those more PDF based budget documents,
16 this is a tool that's interactive and
17 much more intuitive for again, a
18 resident or a stakeholder to kind of
19 see, you know, the financial data. We
20 can see that high-level information. We
21 can see the budget versus actual
22 activity historically, and this tool can
23 also be used during the fiscal year and
24 update your actuals monthly or quarterly
25 to also show some of that activity

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during the year as well. In addition to
2 that, you're also able to show, you
3 know, certain information like major and
4 -- and important capital project
5 information high level financial data
6 like fund balance totals debt
7 information. You can even do check
8 level financial transparency as well.
9 Where I first wanna start though is with
10 kind of the more granular financial
11 elements of the software. And right now
12 we're looking at a community in New
13 York. This is the village of Pelham in
14 Westchester County. I wanna first start
15 with a revenue breakdown of their
16 transparency site. So a resident again,
17 or a stakeholder internally can click on
18 this site, right now we're looking at a
19 revenue breakdown for Pelham. We can
20 current -- we can see what they've
21 budgeted for revenues in their budget
22 versus what was actually collected, to
23 date. Everything is infographic.
24 Everything's broken down with nice,
25 beautiful graphs and charts and -- and a

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resident or a stakeholder can come in
2 here and play around with these
3 different charts and graphs, and kinda
4 consume that data from a bunch of
5 different perspectives. So this is not
6 just putting the data in ICE format, but
7 it's also putting it their fingertips
8 from an interactive perspective as well.
9 And you can see the revenues broken down
10 for the village of Pelham, we're --
11 we're seeing their revenue is broken
12 down by the different revenue sources.
13 We see per cap and figures associated
14 with those figures. We see their budget
15 versus actual activity for the last 10
16 plus years for each revenue source. And
17 then showing in a really nice, easy to
18 read format the amount budget for each
19 revenue source. Then what was actually
20 collected down to the line item level,
21 same thing on the expense side. So if I
22 click on the expenditures portion of the
23 transparency profile, there's actually a
24 feature available to the City to make
25 available to members of the public,

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2 rather than showing the expenses by per
3 capital like revenue. We can actually
4 make available to residents the ability
5 for them to type in their property tax
6 bill to the City, and it will
7 personalize the experience for
8 residents. So the City can kind of
9 customize what formulas associate with
10 this. So maybe the City sees, you know,
11 30 cents on the dollar from property
12 taxes. So if I, you know, in this case
13 pays \$7,000 a year in property taxes to
14 the village of Pelham it'll actually
15 appropriate the right amounts based on
16 those formulas. So I can see again,
17 high level info, like how much they've
18 budgeted for expenditures versus how
19 much they've spent to date, everything
20 broken down in a really easy to read
21 format, and then that personalization
22 for me as the resident. So if I pay
23 \$7,000 a year to the village Pelham and
24 property taxes, \$21 is going to public
25 safety. And I can see that data broken
 down budget versus actuals for context

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as well, 17 to employee benefits, you
2 know, whatever your chart of accounts as
3 a community looks like, that's what's
4 gonna be represented here. And this is
5 really like layers to the onion. So as
6 a viewer, I can continue to peel back
7 these layers, but the, you know, finance
8 department and the City is able to kind
9 of pick and choose, you know, how many
10 layers are available in their
11 transparency profile. Some of the other
12 features available in this solution
13 include check level transparency. So in
14 addition to, you know, fund level
15 transparency, department object and line
16 item level financial transparency, you
17 can get even more granular than that and
18 do what we refer to as open checkbook.
19 So if the City wanted to include all of
20 their check level details, basically
21 their check runs each month into the
22 ClearGov platform, it'll be aggregated
23 into a -- a searchable database by
24 vendor by description, by expense type,
25 and you can also run a start versus end

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2 date window to examine that check level
3 transparency. So you have even more
4 granular options as a community when
5 you're doing your financial transparency
6 in the product. In addition to
7 financial transparency, there are also
8 features like dashboards where the
9 finance department or the City Council
10 can set up for any department or agency
11 within the City government, a dashboard.
12 And these are really tools used by those
13 different departments to communicate
14 whatever information they wanna
15 communicate or whatever information the
16 City Council wants to collect from each
17 department. Here's an example of a
18 dashboard. This is a water and sewer
19 department or water and sewer division
20 dashboard showing certain performance
21 measures, certain key performance
22 indicators about what that department is
23 doing. You know, at the end of the day,
24 you know, government is service
25 oriented, and this is a great way
 whether it's from a -- a council

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perspective or a public perspective to
2 kind of understand, you know, where the
3 budget is being used. You know, if a
4 highway department requests a five
5 percent increase in the budget to pave
6 an extra 50 roads, you know, this would
7 be a way to communicate on those
8 performances during the fiscal year. We
9 can use this, not just to communicate
10 and collect data from each department,
11 but perhaps the City Council
12 administration would want to use these
13 dashboards to centralize information.
14 So something that's pretty pertinent
15 these days is communication around APA.
16 So you can imagine maybe creating a -- a
17 dashboard around, you know, your APA
18 presentation, you know, updates on, you
19 know, who your APA committee members
20 are, and what your planning process was
21 for your APA allocations and information
22 around the actual, you know, allocation
23 of those funds and updates around those
24 different projects. You know, this is a
25 dashboard for you to centralize really

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any kind of information you want, not
2 just financial data. The last piece I
3 wanna show is going to be capital
4 projects. So in the software we can
5 also show on a map, all of the relevant
6 projects happening in the City. These
7 can be, you know, all of your capital
8 projects. These can be just major
9 projects. These can be projects other
10 than capital, maybe APA projects or
11 state or shared services projects. And
12 what's nice is not only can we show on
13 the map, all the different projects
14 taking place, but each project is gonna
15 get its own page here for residents and
16 stakeholders to kind of get updates on
17 them. So a lot of times communities
18 will communicate updates on major
19 projects at meetings like this, or maybe
20 on the website, but sometimes that
21 information isn't in the best format.
22 This is a great way to digitize this
23 information in a one stop shop, you know
24 descriptions on the projects, images,
25 renderings attachments, all available in

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2 a nice digital, mobile friendly, ADA op
3 -- ADA optimized format. We're looking
4 at geographic information related to the
5 project showing, you know the budget for
6 that project versus what's actually been
7 spent to date. Where the money's coming
8 from the expense is over time, the
9 phases of the project, the point of
10 contact your timelines or your projected
11 versus current updates. This is also a
12 civic engagement tool where residents
13 can ask questions about the project.
14 Those would be submitted privately.
15 They would be answered privately by the
16 City, and then if you wanted to post
17 those questions and answers publicly,
18 you could do that. And residents can
19 even subscribe their e-mail to get
20 updates sent directly to their inbox
21 related to those important projects. So
22 that's our transparency software.
23 Before we wrap up here, I did wanna give
24 a sneak preview of the City of Saratoga
25 Springs transparency profile. Now I
 will just caution you that this is still

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2 a work in progress. The data's being
3 finalized between our team and the
4 budget director. So if you have any
5 questions about any of the data I show
6 in this profile I will direct your
7 questions to the budget director. But
8 you can clearly see here a high level
9 demographic snapshot, and we can drill
10 down into some of the different revenue
11 and expense breakdowns here. So from a
12 revenue perspective, we're looking at
13 the general fund revenue here for the
14 City of Saratoga Springs. What was
15 budget versus what was actually
16 collected again, that nice interactive
17 breakdown by the different revenue
18 sources for the City. We can see here
19 everything broken down by the different
20 sources themselves. So we see property
21 taxes broken down per capita, budget
22 versus actuals for the last five years,
23 including the current year. And what's
24 nice is you can continue to, like we
25 said earlier, peel back these different
 layers. So you can imagine a resident

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1 reading this information, maybe wanted
2 to -- to peel back this a little bit
3 further, get more detailed information
4 on the revenue side of things, even go
5 down to the line item level. On the
6 expense side, again, we can clearly see
7 what's been budgeted here in FY 22 versus
8 what's actually been spent the date this
9 far in the fiscal year. We can see the
10 budget broken down by the different
11 departments, and then again, we can see
12 those trends historically the budget
13 versus actual trends plus what's been
14 spent to date. And if I go into the
15 commissioner finance department, I can
16 see that broken down per capita. If you
17 want to turn that feature on for
18 residents where they can personalize it
19 with their property tax bill, you can
20 certainly have that feature turned on,
21 but we're gonna continue to peel back
22 these layers. Now we're in the finance
23 department, we're looking at everything
24 broken down, you know, IT versus the
25 actual finance department, it looks like

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2 versus insurance, and we can continue to
3 drill all the way down to the line item
4 level if we really wanted to. And you
5 can see here that budget versus actuals
6 for contracted services. So the object
7 for IT down to the line item level
8 versus personnel as well. So that's a
9 high level overview of ClearGov and
10 obviously our transparency solution that
11 the City will be rolling out here this
12 year, but I'm more than happy to take
13 any questions or -- or comments from --
14 from the council.

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So if you
15 all have any problem, we're still in the
16 process of finalizing it. So we're open
17 to three --as you can see, we are still
18 in the process of finalizing it. So if
19 you have any thoughts or suggestions,
20 this is a good time. We're happy to
21 hear it. And our budget director, Lynn
22 Bachner is here. If you'll have any
23 questions, she can help us too, but we
24 should -- we should have this up and
25 running, you know, within a short period

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of time. And, we've -- we've been
2 talking about accountability and
3 transparency Day 1. This is sort of
4 part of that. And I have to say a lot
5 of this was, you know, sort of put in
6 place before I was, commissioner. But
7 I'm -- I'm really happy to see, you
8 know, sort of how much this can --, how
9 much information our -- our, members of
10 our community can get from -- from the
11 finance department because of this.

12 MAYOR KIM: Great. Any other
13 comments?

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I think
15 it looks very promising, commissioner.
16 Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you.
18 And -- and thank you to Lynn Bachner
19 who's, like I said, the -- the point
20 person for this, so thank you.

21 MAYOR KIM: Great. Our next item
22 is the executive session. We don't have
23 any at this point, so I'll invite the
24 supervisors. I don't know which is
25 coming first to do their report to the

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City Council.

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2 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you,
3 mayor, Supervisor Veitch. Just wanted
4 to I have -- I have three agenda item --
5 actually four agenda items tonight. So
6 the first thing on my agenda is just to
7 report back on the Saratoga County IT
8 upgrades for our board meeting room.
9 Proud to announce and happy to announce
10 that today was the first full board
11 meeting with our new technology. We did
12 our first live stream of a board meeting
13 today in Saratoga County. We didn't
14 really have any issues when it came to
15 the meeting, it flowed well and
16 everything went well. All county
17 meetings, both committee meetings and
18 full board meetings are now going to be
19 livestream on the Saratoga County
20 website. So our meetings do usually
21 attend early -- happen earlier in the
22 afternoon. So I know people can't
23 always be there to see our meetings but
24 after each meeting, we will now post the
25 meetings on a YouTube page to allow

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members of the public to see the
2 meetings. Uh and again, you can visit
3 our website at Saratoga County dot --
4 Saratoga County, ny.gov, and then it's
5 meetings and 2022 meetings and all of
6 our meetings and agendas and background
7 information, as well as the livestream.
8 YouTube pages will be on that -- on that
9 page. I do wanna thank our county IT
10 department, as well as our clerk of the
11 board and our administration staff.
12 They -- they basically spent the last
13 four weeks testing and retesting and
14 then testing again the county IT
15 upgrades to make sure that they work and
16 everything went off without a hitch
17 today. Second on my agenda is just a
18 quick report on the county facility
19 study. So Saratoga County is in the
20 midst of doing a facilities review and a
21 facility study. The last time that the
22 county did any kind of building new
23 buildings in our county complex in
24 Boston spa was probably about 20 years
25 ago. Uh we did build a public safety

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building in a public health building a
2 few years ago on the county farm out in
3 the town of Milton and quickly found out
4 that the building was too small. We're
5 expanding our public health department
6 into a full service public health
7 department. And we have quickly run out
8 of space even in our newest building
9 that's only a few years old. So
10 basically, the idea here is to do a
11 comprehensive review of our county
12 facilities, our -- our county workforce,
13 how we arrange ourselves in Bolton spa,
14 our accessibility as well as for
15 efficiency of operation. We did an RFP
16 for firms to assist us to perform this
17 study. We received six proposals and we
18 conducted interviews with three of the
19 firms and we did choose today Clark
20 Patterson Lee as the company that had
21 won the award for the facility study.
22 Uh we did have to do a budget amendment
23 of \$47,000 above our \$100,000 budgeted
24 in order to make this work. They've
25 done a lot of work in comparable

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2 counties for different kinds of studies
3 in terms of facilities and space. And
4 they really kind of came to the top when
5 it came to interviewing them on their
6 competency as well as their experience
7 and doing such a thing and -- and making
8 good recommendations for us to hopefully
9 operate better in the future. If -- if
10 you do recall they were the -- the
11 company who did the engineering for the
12 City hall renovations. So we do have
13 some experience with them here, right
14 here in the City with that company. And
15 they did a great job of all of that.
16 It's -- it's really a 20 year impact of
17 our study. We're looking for what
18 recommendations might come out of it,
19 whether it's consolidate, renovate, or
20 build and we're looking forward to work
21 with them this year to try to come up
22 with a plan for a better efficiency and
23 a better working environment at our
24 county, as well as better accessibility
25 and service to the public. Uh so that
 people can easily find our buildings

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easily, find our departments and -- and
2 get what they need from Saratoga County.
3 Uh third on my agenda is just a report
4 on the Saratoga casino hotel foundation.
5 We had a meeting on April 6th. The
6 foundation is consistent of five
7 members. It's myself the chairman of
8 the board of supervisors mayor Kim as
9 well as Therese Connolly and chip --
10 foster from the Saratoga Horseman's
11 association, harness horse persons
12 association. Every year we do a grant
13 program funded by the Saratoga casino to
14 help, not for profits to help with
15 gambling addition -- addiction and other
16 issues. Our grant program will open in
17 July, usually happens in the summer and
18 we have a deadline on August 31st and
19 our presentation and check presentation
20 will be on September 18th. So we're
21 looking forward to giving out those
22 grants to our not-for-profits this year.
23 It's a pretty small grant program, but
24 we've been doing it for a lot of years,
25 and I'm pleased to announce that I am

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2 the chair of that committee again. This
3 year I've been doing that for now,
4 probably about 10 years and looking
5 forward to having a good program again
6 this year. And last on my agenda is
7 just wanted to say a few words about
8 Commissioner Scirocco. As you know, he
9 was a lifelong Saratogian, born and
10 raised here in his community, and it's a
11 very sad loss to our community, overall.
12 I did wanna mention two things. He was
13 a supervisor before me down at Saratoga
14 County for eight years. And I just
15 wanted to mention two of the things that
16 I remember from when he was supervisor.
17 So the first thing was he pushed for and
18 got the 50 percent NYRA admissions tax
19 to the City. He was the primary
20 advocate for that pushing to get that
21 tax collected and -- and half of it sent
22 to the City. Originally, all the
23 admissions tax was collected at the
24 county and they were not sharing it with
25 the City. So we still do that today,
 and I appreciate Commissioner Scirocco

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Supervisor Scirocco at the time for
2 doing that. He was also chair of the
3 DPW committee at the county back when
4 the Giza Road trail was still a glimmer
5 in our mind. (Laugh) And he was -- and
6 they were getting ready to replace the
7 bridge on Giza Road over the railroad
8 tracks. And so he was really a great
9 advocate at the county level to ensure
10 that that sidewalk got put on the bridge
11 when they repla -- replaced the bridge.
12 And it was really the first piece of the
13 trail (laugh) that -- that -- that
14 bridge sidewalk. So I remember that
15 meeting quite well back in maybe 2006 or
16 2007, where, you know, he came and
17 talked to us and we said, Hey, we need -
18 - we need some help for this Geyser Road
19 trail project we have and he was on
20 board all the way and got that done for
21 us. And it -- it was really the first
22 county bridge that had a like pedestrian
23 aspect to it. And so I appreciate the
24 Co -- Supervisor Scirocco at the time
25 commissioner to get that done. So I

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just wanted to mention that as something
2 that I remember from him, but we got
3 elected together in 2008, and we've
4 served together in both of our roles at
5 the City and county ever since. As you
6 know, he did so much for our City
7 preservation, infrastructure, parks, and
8 rec and many things I think you'll talk
9 about in your resolution tonight. It
10 was gre -- a great honor to have served
11 with him as -- and as one of his
12 successors as supervisor, and also proud
13 to have known him and to work with him
14 in the City. Uh as you know, my
15 thoughts and I'm sure all of our
16 thoughts are with his family at this
17 time, he will be missed by so many
18 Saratogians and I was very glad to have
19 known him and I'm so appreciative of all
20 the service he gave to his City, as well
21 as his musical talent. So thank you.
22 And that's my agenda for tonight.

23 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Thank you,
24 Supervisor Veitch. Next is Supervisor
25 Gaston.

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1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you,
2 Mayor and council. The first item on my
3 agenda is a COVID 19 update.
4 Unfortunately, it's not as good news as
5 we've had. Our numbers are increasing
6 again. Right now, our rolling seven day
7 positivity rate is 9.3 percent. I will
8 note that that number is only being
9 calculated with PCR tests now because
10 the home test the correct numerator
11 denominator weren't available because
12 people weren't reporting negative tests.
13 However, that is also reflected in what
14 we're seeing as increases in
15 hospitalization. Our rate is still
16 relatively low at about six per 100,000.
17 However, it's increasing by about 76 to
18 a 100 percent every couple of weeks, and
19 we know that it's a lagging indicator.
20 So right now Saratoga hospital is
21 actually performing one of the best in
22 our capital region, but hospitals in
23 both Glens Falls and in Albany have no
24 ICU beds available and are limited in
25 their regular hospitalization bed. So

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1 it is still an indication COVID exists
2 with us. Right now. 80 percent of
3 cases identified are the B.2 Omicron
4 variant, which is the one that often
5 takes several rapid tests to show up.
6 PCR tests remain more sensitive. So if
7 you have a concern, if you have symptoms
8 and you need to go somewhere, please try
9 and take a PCR test, and do not rely on
10 a negative rapid test as saying that
11 you're good to go. Travel mask mandates
12 have been lifted in most of the country
13 a federal court rule that they were
14 invalid. There's some question about
15 whether that's gonna be appealed, but as
16 of right now, they don't stand.
17 However, individual businesses,
18 companies and locations may have their
19 own requirements. So you should pay
20 attention and wear a mask when you're
21 asked to, and nowhere is it -- nowhere
22 public accommodations is it banned for
23 you to wear a mask. So if you choose
24 to, like I'm doing right now, that's
25 fine. Those are the big things. We

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2 continue to do very well in vaccination
3 in Saratoga County, which is why I
4 believe we are not doing as bad as some
5 of the other counties in New York state,
6 which have unfortunately very high
7 hospitalization and death rates. So
8 let's keep that up and get your boosters
9 including your second booster, if you
10 were eligible for it. Everyone 50 and
11 up has been deemed eligible at this
12 time, and if you have a medical
13 condition that requires it, you were
14 previously able to. The second item on
15 my agenda is not a dance is just a
16 report from the board of supervisors
17 meeting and the most important thing
18 Supervisor Veitch spoke about a lot.
19 One thing I hear a lot from constituents
20 in Saratoga Springs is that it's
21 difficult to get ahold of the county.
22 Where do we go, is it accessible? And I
23 am very grateful to Supervisor Veitch
24 and the committee for putting forward
25 this study, that's going to really
 analyze it and look at where we need

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1 things and where we don't. For
2 instance, public health was taken out of
3 the City. I know Supervisor Veitch
4 disagreed with it. I have said that I
5 disagreed it happened before I got on
6 the board, but I've fussed about it
7 since then that social services items
8 like that, whether they're accessible
9 both logistically and under ADA
10 guidelines, we're looking at all of
11 that. And I think that's going to be
12 really great. And I think that if you
13 have any concerns or comments in
14 particular, you should share with your
15 supervisor so that we can make sure that
16 that's something that's looked at or
17 considered in the process. I look
18 forward to all of our county government,
19 ideally being as efficient and
20 accessible as our meetings now are.
21 Thanks to the the live streaming, which
22 is going pretty well. Not everybody's
23 used to it yet. If there aren't any
24 questions that concludes my agenda,

25 MAYOR KIM: Any questions? Thank

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you, Supervisor Gaston. We are going to
2 move to our consent agenda and I'll move
3 that to consent agenda as listed and
4 described be approved. Is there a
5 second, .

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

8 MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion
9 on the consent agenda? All in favor,
10 Aye?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
13 carries. Thank you. The next items,
14 I'm -- I'm gonna go to the mayor's
15 agenda. The next items are relating to
16 Commissioner Scirocco. Before I get to
17 the two resolutions to honor our fallen
18 comrade, I'd -- I'd like to just tell a
19 story about Commissioner Scirocco. Um
20 about a month after the election my --
21 my father passed and we had wake like
22 every, you know, the -- the usual events
23 and much to my surprise, Commissioner
24 Scirocco came to the wake and it
25 shouldn't surprise me because he's that

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kind of just good, decent human being.

2 And amazed as it turned out, as he was
3 talking to my -- my mother, it turned
4 out that he knew some of the people that
5 my -- my mother had grown up in
6 Schenectady with. And that's really, we
7 can talk about all the great things that
8 "Skip" Scirocco did for this city, but
9 what he really -- what he really
10 surpassed in was just being a decent,
11 good human being. And certainly we need
12 that and we will miss him. I don't know
13 if the other City Council members want
14 to make any comments before I go to the
15 first agenda item, which is the
16 Resolution. If not, I'll -- I'll go to
17 discussion and vote. This is a
18 resolution in -- in memorial to Anthony
19 J. "Skip" Scirocco, 1948 to 2022.

20 Whereas Anthony "Skip" Scirocco, former
21 Saratoga Springs County Supervisor, and
22 Saratoga Springs Commissioner of Public
23 Works, died in Saratoga Springs on April
24 6, 2022, just over three months after
25 beginning what would've been his 23rd

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1 year as an elected officer of this City.

2 And whereas Commissioner Scirocco was
3 one of a small number of City Council
4 members who worked as a City employee
5 before taking his place at the council
6 table. He had great respect for our
7 city's historic buildings and streets.
8 And in addition to his improvements to
9 City infrastructure, he oversaw many
10 renovations, including The Canfield
11 Casino, The Spirit of Life Statute, and
12 The Civil War Monument. His dedication
13 to the thorough renovation of City Hall,
14 following its damage from a lightning
15 strike were undoubtedly, be considered
16 among his greatest contributions. His
17 commitment to a quality renovation
18 helped prevent further deterioration and
19 his efforts made a critical difference
20 in the preservation of this historic
21 structure. In person, he was a kind and
22 generous man who loved his family, his
23 friends, and his community. His
24 experience in City Government earned him
25 appreciation from his department's

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employees from his fellow council
2 members and from the public. His legacy
3 to our City is vast and his
4 accomplishments will continue to be
5 enjoyed and appreciated for many decades
6 yet to come. Now, therefore be it
7 resolved that on the behalf of the
8 people of Saratoga Springs, this City
9 Council, hereby honors Commissioner
10 Scirocco's life, his memory, and his
11 lifetime legacy of service to our City
12 and extends sympathy to his family.
13 Thank you. And that's in form of
14 motion. Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

17 MAYOR KIM: Is there any other --
18 any discussion? All in favor?

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

22 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Our -- the
23 next item on our agenda is discussion
24 and vote resolution to name the Music
25 Hall -- The Anthony J. Scirocco Music

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Hall. Whereas Anthony J. Scirocco,
2 Commissioner of Public Works for
3 Saratoga Springs died on April 6, 2022,
4 just over three months after beginning
5 what would've been his 23rd year as an
6 elected officer of the City. And
7 whereas Commissioner Scirocco always
8 respected our city's historic buildings.
9 He worked frequently with historians and
10 preservationists to make sure that
11 repairs and renovations to historic
12 structures were done carefully and
13 responsibly. One of his outstanding
14 achievements in is the recent renovation
15 of this Music Hall on the third floor of
16 City -- Saratoga Springs. The Music
17 Hall's careful and thoughtful
18 restoration, which will be enjoyed by
19 the public for many years, is part of
20 the legacy that Commissioner Scirocco
21 leaves to us. And whereas Commissioner
22 Scirocco was also a talented and popular
23 musician who for many years entertained
24 audiences by playing the music he loved.
25 Now, therefore be it resolved that on

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2 behalf of the people of Saratoga
3 Springs, this City Council hereby
4 establishes that the historic Music Hall
5 area on the third floor of Saratoga
6 Springs City Hall shall be, and hereby
7 is designated and named, The Anthony J.
8 Sciocco Music Hall. The Council
9 further directs that appropriate signage
10 be installed forth with -- to indicate
11 this designation. That's in a form of
12 motion. Do I have a second?

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

16 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
17 favor, aye.

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. The Mayor's
22 third item is a discussion and vote to
23 create a Commissioner Public Work Search
24 Committee. We are basically in a
25 unusual situation, not unprecedented,
 there have been historical situations

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2 where this occurred, where we are going
3 to -- have to replace the irreplaceable,
4 but attempt to do our best at replacing
5 Commissioner Scirocco and -- and -- and
6 find a replacement for the temporary
7 terms. So I'm gonna read the resolution
8 and then we'll, --we'll talk -- we'll
9 have an opportunity for City Council to
10 -- to talk -- discuss it. Whereas
11 Commissioner Anthony "Skip" Scirocco,
12 has recently passed away during his
13 elected term of office. And whereas
14 Section 2.4 of the City Charter provides
15 that when a vacancy in elective office
16 occurs other than by expiration of term,
17 the City Council shall appoint a person
18 to fill such vacancy until the end of
19 the official year in which said vacancy
20 occurred. And whereas while Section 2.4
21 of the Charter does not establish
22 standards or procedures for the council
23 to adhere to when temporarily filling
24 such vacancy, the Council finds that it
25 is in a public interest to create a
 process that invites qualified

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2 candidates to be interviewed and fairly
3 considered. Section 2.2 of the City
4 Charter provides that this council may
5 create such ad hoc committees and
6 appoint members there to as deem
7 necessary in the public interest. Now,
8 therefore the Council hereby resolves as
9 follows; one, this council shall create
10 the commissioner department of public
11 work search committee. The committee
12 for the purpose of interviewing
13 candidates for the temporary appointment
14 to the position of commissioner public
15 works as such temporary appointment is
16 authorized by City Charter, Section
17 2.4.2. The committee shall consist of
18 five members. The Mayor and the
19 commissioners of finance, public safety
20 and accounts shall each appoint one
21 member. The City Council shall
22 designate the fifth member, the chair
23 and the chair shall have the
24 administrative powers to call, schedule,
25 organize, and conduct meetings to
request information from City staff, and

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to 'cause minutes to be taken and kept.

2 Three, the committee shall be advisory
3 only and shall have no authority to
4 exercise any of the powers of the City
5 Government. At the end of its review of
6 all candidates, dean qualified, the
7 committee shall make a recommendation to
8 the council as to a person best
9 qualified for the appointment. The
10 council shall not be bound by the
11 committee's recommendation. Four, the
12 committee's meeting shall be open to the
13 public however, there'll be shall --
14 there shall be no public comment taken
15 during the meetings. The public shall
16 be invited to provide comments in
17 writing or electronically at any time.
18 Five, the committee's responsibilities
19 and its authority shall end when it
20 makes recommendation to the council.
21 That is a resolution that's in a form of
22 a motion. And I'll ask for a second and
23 then we can have a discussion.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'll second

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that.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

3 MAYOR KIM: Any City Council
4 members wish to comment on the proposal?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'd like to
6 speak about Item 4 Commissioner --
7 Mayor.

8 MAYOR KIM: Yep.

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I believe
10 there absolutely needs to be open
11 transparency, but this is a fairly
12 contentious issue. And I particularly
13 have concern given just some of the
14 outbursts that -- that have occurred
15 over the last couple years during public
16 meetings that any of our candidates
17 could potentially be impacted by the
18 actions of -- of folks in the gallery.
19 And while I understand the Mayor's
20 desire to -- to make this as open as
21 possible, I think we also have to
22 consider the fairness of the process to
23 the individuals who are gonna be
24 participating and as such I would hate
25 for anybody to have their -- their

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1 opportunity to speak with this committee
2 flustered or -- or overtaken by perhaps
3 comments, you know, directed towards
4 them or at them, or about their
5 candidacy.

6 MAYOR KIM: And Commissioner, I
7 think one of the things that -- once
8 this is adopted if -- if the Council
9 chooses to. One of the things that our
10 -- the chair -- the designated
11 chairperson has done is made some
12 recommendations as to how it would be
13 conducted. Of course, that committee
14 would -- and I can review some of those
15 I had a conversation with him. But --
16 but I -- I think the idea here is that
17 there would be -- it would be
18 transparent. It would be open to the
19 public. But there would basically be --
20 people could observe but not basically
21 participate.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So how do we
23 stop that in practice?

24 MAYOR KIM: Well, I -- I think one
25 of the ideas here, which we've -- we've

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1 looked at is that there could be live

2 zoom -- a live zoom feed or live

3 Facebook feed to, so the people can --

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Absolutely --

5 MAYOR KIM: Watch it. But that
6 basically there there's nobody that can
7 sort of participate.

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: If -- if -- if
9 that's the approach that -- that
10 completely satisfies my concern. Again
11 I'm -- I'm worried about the in-person
12 outburst that puts somebody off their
13 game, that in some way, disrupts the
14 process and is unfair to everybody
15 participating. So that's the heart of
16 my concern and if that's the approach,
17 that's okay with me.

18 MAYOR KIM: In fact, what I can do
19 -- if -- it -- I -- I don't know if each
20 of the City Council members wants to
21 name their designee at this point, and
22 then we can go through the rules that
23 have been subscribed. I -- I -- the --
24 for -- for the -- the chair -- the ---
25 the City Council have all agreed that

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the former Commission of Accounts, John
2 Franck will chair the commission. So I
3 don't know if anybody else wants to
4 announce who they they're selecting,
5 relating to this.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm prepared
7 to do so.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah. Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'll be naming
10 Kristen Dart as my opponent or -- as my
11 opponent -- as my -- as my appointment
12 to the -- to the committee.

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I will name
14 Barbara Thomas, who was the past
15 president of the League of Women Voters
16 and a former Treasurer for the NAACP, as
17 well as the senior advisory senior --
18 advisory Committee for the Aging in the
19 Mayor's office. So she's had a lifetime
20 of community work here, and I think she
21 would be a great appointment to this
22 committee.

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I would
24 like to choose as my designee to the
25 committee Timothy Holmes who's well

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1 known in -- in the City. He's been
2 active in local politics. He happens to
3 be a member of the Republican Party. He
4 brings some -- some balance and some
5 common sense approach to day-to-day
6 life. And I think he would be someone
7 whose opinion would be worth hearing by
8 the other members of the committee. And
9 therefore he's my choice.

10 MAYOR KIM: And my choice is Alexis
11 Brown. Who's been a local activist in
12 the City and been also active in local
13 politics. So there is a five-member
14 committee, and I don't know if there are
15 any other. We have the motion on the
16 table. We can call the vote at this
17 point. We have a second.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I would
19 second that, sir.

20 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

21 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

24 MAYOR KIM: Opposed. The motion
25 carries. So now that we have the -- the

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1 -- the -- the structure, I'll -- I'll
2 just talk about some rules that this
3 committee will consider in terms of how
4 they will go about this process. The
5 job interviews will be held in the City
6 Council room. Their -- the schedule
7 probably will be sometime next week.
8 The chairman John Franck will -- will
9 have -- is still getting in touch with
10 the proposed members. The group job
11 interviews will be live streamed. So
12 the public can observe in real time.
13 The questions and answers will -- will
14 be recorded so that people also can --
15 can see those if they're not available
16 for the particular time that the meeting
17 has occurred. Prior to the start of the
18 interviews, the candidates, they're --
19 they're gonna propose a process where
20 the candidates will basically draw a lot
21 to determine who goes first et cetera.
22 So that there's sort of a fair, no
23 advantage as to the interviews. And
24 we'll -- we'll ask the candidates who
25 are waiting to be sequestered. They'll

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probably be in the Mayor's office away
2 from City Council chambers so that they
3 don't -- they have no advantage of
4 hearing all the questions. The -- the -
5 - the ideas that as -- as former
6 Commissioner Franck proposed, was that
7 they would each get similar -- same --
8 the same questions from the committee
9 members, and will have a certain amount
10 of time to respond. He thinks that the
11 interviews will probably go 30 to 45
12 minutes. Finally, the City Hall has
13 currently received four expressions of
14 interest from members of the public for
15 this position. They are Jason Golub,
16 Anthony Scirocco, Robert Bullock, and
17 Billy McTygue. We are also setting that
18 if anyone else is interested submit a
19 letter, resume no later than April 25th.
20 So you've got basically to close a
21 business on next Monday. And submit
22 that to the Mayor's office. We'll pass
23 it onto the committee and you'd be
24 considered. So that's the process. Of
25 course the committee will also probably

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adopt some of their own rules and that -
2 - I don't know if there are any other
3 questions from the City Council members.
4 Great. We'll now go on to the Mayor's
5 fourth agenda item. Is a discussion and
6 vote on Interim -- on Interim Department
7 of Public Works agendas? The --
8 obviously since we won't have a
9 commissioner of Public Works, we -- for
10 a few weeks, we wanted to make sure that
11 that doesn't hobble the Department's
12 management. We have a great deputy here
13 through Joe O'Neill. So we are -- I'm
14 proposing a resolution that essentially
15 these -- the -- the -- the agendas be
16 allow -- that we allow the agendas to be
17 advanced by the Mayor's office until
18 time as there is an appointment as
19 commissioner of Public Works. I'm gonna
20 read the resolution, whereas
21 Commissioner Anthony J. Scirocco has
22 recently passed away during his elected
23 term of office. And whereas Section 2.4
24 of the City Charter provides that when a
25 vacancy in elected office occurs other

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2 than by expiration of term, the City
3 Council shall appoint a person to fill
4 such vacancy until end of the official
5 year in which said vacancy occurred.
6 And whereas while the Council shall act
7 to fill the vacancy, as soon as
8 possible. The appointment of
9 Commissioner Scirocco's successor
10 required, requires reasonable time for
11 due consideration. And during that
12 time, it is in the public interest for
13 the daily business that the Department
14 of Public Works to continue without
15 interruption. Now, therefore be it
16 resolved as follows. The -- one, the
17 managerial and supervisory staff of the
18 Department of Public Work show forth
19 with submit all agenda items for their
20 department to the Mayor's office prior
21 to each meeting of the City Council.
22 Such items shall be processed along with
23 each agenda in the usual manner. The
24 Mayor shall consult with staff at The
25 Department of Public Works as it deems,
 necessary for the effective scheduling

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of each item submitted. Two, the Mayor
2 shall introduce each item from the
3 public works agenda at each Council
4 meeting, and the Council shall act upon
5 them as a deem appropriate. Three, this
6 procedure shall remain in effect until a
7 succession to the Commissioner Scirocco
8 has been appointed by the Council has
9 filed and oath of office. And that's in
10 a form of a motion. Is there any --

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I second.

12 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion on this
13 motion?

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: The
15 reported one item Mr. Kim, would --
16 would this -- if adopted, would this
17 procedure recognize Mr. O'Neill in his
18 status as deputy, that -- that it seems
19 that by definition, the deputy would
20 fill in -- in the absence of the
21 principle for -- for whom he or she
22 would serve. So would he be essentially
23 the point person here.

24 MAYOR KIM: Add this discussion and
25 the charter doesn't seem to allow for

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2 the deputy or any deputy to present at
3 this -- to -- to -- to essentially
4 present an agenda at the Council table.
5 But it's not completely clear when you -
6 - Tony, I don't know if you wanna make a
7 comment about this?

8 MR. TONY: The -- the Charter's
9 essentially silent on that point,
10 Commissioner. The deputy is the --
11 deputies are mentioned in a separate
12 section. The deputy basically derives
13 any authority from the Commissioner or
14 Mayor who appoints him or her when
15 there's a vacancy, other than by
16 expiration of term. There's maybe some
17 question as to exactly what authority
18 the deputy has. This resolution is
19 intended to resolve any -- any
20 discrepancies and -- and make things
21 clearer. And -- and the council has the
22 authority, I believe, to enact such a
23 resolution so that there's no -- no
24 question about exactly who has what
25 authority to do what. It clarifies
 things.

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1 MAYOR KIM: And two points to that.
2 First, it's my intention is -- I'll --
3 I'll be getting the agenda from their
4 staff. I'm not -- I'm not making this
5 agenda. They're basically Joe O'Neill
6 and -- and Mike Veitch would be the
7 people who would tell me this is what
8 the department wants. So I -- I don't -
9 - and -- and also we -- we think this
10 should be wrapped up by the first
11 meeting in May. So that we hope that
12 actually there will be a commissioner
13 sitting here at that point. And -- and,
14 so it's really just in case we need that
15 authority for the Department to operate.
16 It's -- it's not intended to be a long -
17 - a lengthy process.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I'm --
19 I'm satisfied with that explanation.
20 Thank you very much.

21 MAYOR KIM: Any other questions?
22 Motion's been seconded, all in favor.

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHI: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

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1 MAYOR KIM: Opposed. Motion
2 carries. The fourth item is a
3 discussion and vote -- I'm sorry. This
4 is a fifth item. There's discussion and
5 vote resolution on City Attorney. The -
6 - I've without -- the -- the -- the, the
7 resolution is on -- whereas on February
8 15, 2022, the Mayor appointed Anthony J.
9 Izzo to the position of interim City
10 attorney. And this council unanimity of
11 unaniously approved a resolution
12 relative to that position. And whereas
13 the Council finds it appropriate to make
14 certain amendments to that resolution.
15 Now, therefore be it resolved as
16 follows; One, the City Council
17 acknowledged that the Mayor's
18 appointment of Anthony J. Izzo as City
19 attorney. Set appointment to supersede
20 his previous appointment as interim City
21 attorney and the Council hereby amends
22 its prior resolution of February 15,
23 2022 to replace all references there
24 from interim City attorney to City
25 attorney. Two, the council acknowledges

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the Mayor's appointment of Anthony J.

2 Izzo as City attorney for a term to

3 continue through December 31, 2023,

4 subject to -- subject to the charter.

5 Three, all other items contained in the

6 February 15, 2022 resolution shall

7 continue in full force and effect. And

8 that's in a form of motion. Is there a

9 second?

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

12 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
13 favor?

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

17 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
18 carries. The fifth item is a discussion
19 and vote resolution requesting state
20 legislation to expand residency
21 requirement for City attorney. I'll
22 read the resolution, then I'll explain
23 sort of the -- the impetus behind this.
24 Whereas Section 3 of the public officers
25 law -- law requires that local officers

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2 must be residents of a political
3 subdivision or municipal corporation for
4 which he or she shall be chosen or
5 within which he or she will be required
6 to exercise official functions. And
7 whereas the government of the City of
8 Saratoga Springs includes a City
9 attorney who is appointed by the Mayor
10 and who serves as a general legal
11 advisor to all City departments and
12 entities. And whereas because of the
13 residency language in the public
14 officer's law, all City attorneys, so
15 appointed here -- here too far have
16 resided in the City at Saratoga Springs.
17 This has significantly restricted number
18 of qualified persons available for this
19 important position. And whereas the
20 opportunity for council members to seek
21 qualified individuals for this position
22 from anywhere in Saratoga County or any
23 adjoining county would result in a
24 significant benefit to the public. And
25 whereas the Council is aware that many
 municipalities have already sought

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2 exceptions to the residency language for
3 designated local officers, including
4 several City attorneys throughout the
5 State and the State legislator.
6 Legislature has granted more than 70
7 such exceptions in Section 3 of the
8 public officer's law. Now, therefore
9 this Council finds that legislation
10 specifically allowing the appointment of
11 persons residing in the County of
12 Saratoga or in an adjoining county
13 within the State of New York to the
14 position of City attorney as reasonable,
15 practical, and consistent with the
16 City's goals. The Council hereby
17 declares its intention to submit a
18 proposal for such legislation to the
19 office of Senator Daphne Jordan, and
20 Assembly Woman, Carrie Woerner, for
21 submittal to the state legislature as
22 soon as practical. The Council directs
23 that a copy of this resolution be
24 immediately forwarded to the offices of
25 Senator Jordan and Assembly Woman
 Woerner and that's in the form of a

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1 motion. Do I have a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

3 MAYOR KIM: Is there any
4 discussion, any questions? All in
5 favor?

6 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHI: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

9 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
10 carries. The seventh item on the
11 Mayor's is to set a public hearing on an
12 amendment to the UDO. We, we are gonna
13 be setting four public hearings. They
14 are all amendments to the UDO will wanna
15 hear from the public on these items and
16 then move forward on the consideration
17 of them. The first public hearing is on
18 UDO Amendment 1, to remove uses from the
19 Greenbelt. This is essentially a
20 proposal to remove within the RR1
21 District certain uses and then the
22 Gateway commercial rule, the GCR zoning
23 District. And I'll -- I believe we'll
24 need about five minutes for this public
25 hearing. I -- next item is to set a

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2 public hearing on UDO Amendment 2. This
3 is amendment that would essentially read
4 into the UDO definitions and criteria
5 for the Greenbelt that will assist the
6 Design Review and Planning Board in how
7 to evaluate projects. And I believe
8 this would also require about a five-
9 minute public hearing. The third
10 amendment and the ninth item on the
11 Mayor's agenda is amendment that would
12 propose enhanced stream and wetland
13 protections for the -- basically it's
14 100 foot buffer for streams and wetland
15 protections. And that'll also be a
16 five-minute public hearing. The final
17 public hearing we're gonna set is for --
18 to amend a land disturbance activity
19 permit. Essentially this is -- goes to
20 an issue of when a landowner or -- or
21 somebody who is -- is cutting down trees
22 or clearing land. It -- it's a -- a
23 protection to make sure that the purpose
24 of why they have done that remains is
25 essentially identified in the original
 application. And that's again, a five-

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minute public hearing. My 11th item is
2 a discussion and vote resolution to
3 support the New York State crash
4 victims' rights and safety act. I'm
5 gonna wave the reading of this long
6 resolution. It was published with the
7 agenda. I'll -- I'll -- I'll ask ---
8 I'll just describe it essentially.
9 There's a packet of bills before the --
10 the eight separate bills before the
11 State Legislature that would essentially
12 enhance protections for bike riders,
13 motorists, and they're everything from
14 allowing municipalities like us -- like
15 ours, the ability to regulate speed
16 limits in certain circumstances, which
17 we cannot do now. To also advocating a
18 crash victim's rights and safety act. So
19 I'll put this resolution in form of
20 motion, wave the reading and ask for a
21 second.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

23 MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion
24 or questions on this?

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I strongly

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support it. I think it's a great idea.

2 It enhances the -- the quality of life
3 and makes our community safer. And I'm
4 really glad that we are supporting this.

5 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Sanghvi. Any other comments? All in
7 favor?

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

11 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
12 carries. My 12th item is I'm -- I'm
13 downsizing my office -- moving my office
14 and we have four file cabinets that my -
15 - the Mayor's office could use and we
16 save money if I don't have -- we don't
17 have to buy them. So I'm donating them.
18 It's about, I think about \$300. And I -
19 - so I'm asking in the form of a motion
20 to approve the donation of four file
21 cabinets from the law offices of Ronald
22 J. Kim and that's in a form of motion.
23 Do I have a second?

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

25 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in

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1 favor, aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye

4 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

5 carries. The 13th item is the approval
6 of the CDGB funding grants that have
7 been recommended by our committee. I'm
8 gonna briefly go through these, but very
9 briefly we have the total allocation
10 this year is \$298,000. We are the --
11 the committee through their hard work is
12 recommending about an \$18,000 grant to
13 Saratoga Affordable Housing Group for a
14 case manager. Also 20,000 to the
15 Salvation Army for a case manager.
16 75,000 to rebuilding Saratoga County for
17 housing rehabilitation. Another 57,000
18 to Saratoga Affordable Housing Group.
19 Again for rehabilitation of affordable
20 housing units. 40,000 to Franklin
21 Community Center to replace a roof.
22 15,000 to Mother Anderson, mother --
23 Mother Anderson-Women and Childrens'
24 Shelter for a cooling system. 20,000 to
25 RISE Housing and Support Services for

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repairs to -- to flooring in their
2 building. And then 53,000 to fund our
3 Community Development Program
4 administrator, who -- who do -- does a
5 lot of the work in supporting this
6 committee. So I'm -- I'm asking the
7 City Council to approve the -- these
8 distributions to -- of the 2022 CDBG
9 funding. And that's in a form of
10 motion.

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

12 MAYOR KIM: Is there any
13 discussion?

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I -- I have
15 a question. Do we -- when we make these
16 recommendations, do we look at sort of
17 past history of discrimination against
18 certain groups, for example, Salvation
19 Army and it's discrimination against the
20 LGBTQ individuals and stuff like that.
21 So I'm not saying that, you know, we
22 should, but I'm -- I'm asking in general
23 in terms of process.

24 MAYOR KIM: You know, Commissioner
25 Sanghvi I -- I don't know if they have

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1 asked that question. I think the -- the
2 one thing that I'm -- I do know is that
3 the committee does come together and I -
4 - it's a public hearing. So I suppose
5 if -- if it's an issue that somebody
6 wanted to raise, they could certainly do
7 that. I don't know if in this situation
8 they did do that.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Mm-hmm
10 (affirmative).

11 MAYOR KIM: But there's the -- the
12 -- one of the -- one of the things that
13 I think every year when this group does
14 get together, they're -- they have far
15 more applications than they have money,
16 and that's certainly something that
17 maybe should be considered in the public
18 hearing.

19 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. Thank
20 you.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Any other
22 questions? All in favor of the motion?

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

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1 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

2 carries. The next few items are all
3 donations that we are accepting for
4 Saradac for the -- for Camp Saradac
5 through our Rec Department. So I'm
6 gonna go quickly as possible through
7 these. They're all discussion and
8 votes. We're accepting donation from
9 Saratoga County Children's Committee to
10 this is a scholarship for -- for Camp
11 Saradac and then that's in a form of
12 motion. All --

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

14 MAYOR KIM: Second. All in favor.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye

17 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

18 carries. The next item is to accept a
19 donation again for Camp Saradac from
20 stewards of \$5,500. And that's in the
21 form of a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

23 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
24 favor?

25 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

3 MAYOR KIM: The next item is
4 accepted \$2000 donation from George and
5 Martha Parker, again for camp
6 scholarships and that's in a form of
7 motion. Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

10 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
11 favor?

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

15 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
16 carries. The next is to accept \$1,000
17 donation from The Rotary Club of
18 Saratoga Springs again for Camp Saradac
19 and that's in a form of a motion. Is
20 there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

23 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I -- I'm
25 really wanting to say thank you to all

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of the organizations as well as
2 individuals who have given to Camp
3 Saradac. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: As someone who
5 attended Camp Saradac throughout his
6 childhood I don't think you'd quite
7 understand as a kid, what it stands for
8 and -- and again, Commissioner Sanghvi
9 takes the words right out of my mouth.
10 Thank you for this.

11 MAYOR KIM: Any other comments?
12 All in favor, aye.

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

15 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
16 carries. The next item is discussion
17 about authorization for the Mayor to
18 sign the 2022 health department renewal
19 application for a permit to operate Camp
20 Saradac. And that's in form of a
21 motion. Do I have a second?

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

23 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
24 favor?

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

3 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

4 carries. The next item is the approval

5 of the 2022 Camp Saradac trips and

6 programs. The Rec Department's

7 requesting approval of the 2022 camp

8 field trips and programs. The trips and

9 programs will be purchased out of

10 Account Number A356715454500 programs

11 and bus trips. And which was part of

12 the 2022 adopted budget. The amount is

13 \$18,420. And it-- it -- that's in a

14 form of a motion. Do I have a second?

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

16 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in

17 favor?

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

21 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

22 carries. The next is to authorize The

23 Mayor to sign the Spa State Park bus

24 permit application. This is again

25 relating to Camp Saradac and basically I

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1 -- the Camp Saradac goes to the Peerless
2 Pool at the Saratoga Spa State Park two
3 times, total cost is \$420 and the -- the
4 pool trips will be out of the account
5 number A356715454350. And it is in the
6 adopted budget. And that's in a form of
7 motion. Do I have a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

9 MAYOR KIM: Second. All in favor,
10 aye.

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

14 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
15 carries. Next item is authorization for
16 The Mayor to sign its claim time LLC
17 service agreement. This is a climbing
18 wall that the -- they use for Camp
19 Saradac and it is an amount of 1425 and
20 is included in the budget at
21 A356715454500 and is essentially for --
22 the total budget line is \$18,420. And
23 that's in a form of motion.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I second.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

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1 MAYOR KIM: All in -- all in favor.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

5 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

6 carries. The next item is for The Mayor

7 to sign an authorization with the

8 department of -- New York State

9 Department of Health to renew their

10 concession stand operation. And that's

11 in a form of motion. Is there a second.

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

13 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Where will

15 this be again?

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Rec Center.

17 MAYOR KIM: This is actually in the

18 Rec Center. So this --

19 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: They -- I

21 guess they need to license their -- any

22 other discussion?

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: No.

24 MAYOR KIM: All in favor.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

3 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
4 carries. My 23rd item is to authorize
5 Mayor to sign Pitney -- Pitney Meadows
6 Community Farm facilities use agreement.
7 This is agreement with The Rec
8 Department who runs a running program
9 each year through the summer and the --
10 it -- it's through from June 27th to
11 August 20 -- 20th. There is no fee and
12 that's in a form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

14 MAYOR KIM: All in -- any
15 discussion? All in favor?

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

19 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
20 carries. That concludes my agenda. And
21 we can now move on to Commissioner
22 Moran's Accounts Department.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you, Mr.
24 Mayor. I'd like to congratulate you on
25 the 24th item agenda. That seems to be

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the record that I've been able to
2 discern so far. First announcement is
3 this upcoming Friday, April 22nd happens
4 to be Earth Day. I think a lot of folks
5 understand its importance and often do
6 various things themselves in recognition
7 of -- of our I think implicit
8 requirement to treat the earth with
9 respect and -- and do everything that we
10 can within ourselves to recognize the
11 influence we have on the environment.
12 It's shocking to me actually that up
13 until now, the City has never formally
14 recognized Earth Day and simply
15 announcing today that we'll be forming a
16 committee to have a proper Earth Day
17 event going forward in 2023. And I will
18 be seeking out folks to -- to join in on
19 that and make sure that going forward,
20 we have a proper day celebrating Mother
21 Earth. My second item on my agenda is
22 an announcement. The Tree Toga event
23 with Sustainable Saratoga is coming up
24 on April 30th. Again in line with what
25 I just spoke about. Our urban forest

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has been under attack because of the
2 pressures of development and everyday
3 life in a city. Over the last 12 or 15
4 years, I believe Sustainable Saratoga
5 has identified that were down roughly
6 7,000 trees. The Tree Toga event I've
7 taken part in for roughly a decade. It
8 is one of the greatest events I do you
9 know, with my wife, just as a community
10 event, it's really fun. You get to meet
11 a lot of different people and we plant
12 trees. This year is a relaunch after
13 the obvious slowdown related to COVID,
14 we'll be planting 53 trees this year.
15 That's a record. All of those sites
16 have been designated. So if you are
17 interested in participating, Sustainable
18 Saratoga is asking that you sign up for
19 next year's event. But the event will
20 be taking place at Pitney Meadows. That
21 is a change from prior years where we
22 take place or start the event rather at
23 the Farmers' Market. So please everyone
24 come out, enjoy an incredibly fun day
25 and again help bring some more greenery

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and trees to the urban forest.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So Megan,
3 that's my wife and our son when he was
4 about three, four years old before COVID
5 we planted a tree.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I remember.
7 Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And this
9 year, again, we have signed up to plant
10 a tree, so we'll see you.

11 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Awesome.

12 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: That's great.
14 I -- I strongly encourage everybody to
15 do it. I've planted them at all my
16 family's houses, my neighbor's houses
17 and I'm gonna continue going. And
18 again, it -- it's -- it's a great
19 course. And these are trees that are
20 along the -- the -- generally along the
21 right of way. They do have a tough life
22 being near plows, being near vehicles.
23 I encourage you, if you are property
24 owner within Saratoga Springs, plant
25 native trees in your backyard and let

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2 them grow. That is the best chance that
3 we have to continue to refroze this City
4 and maintain that City and the forest
5 appeal that we all know and love. Next
6 item on my agenda is an announcement.
7 So assessments is a large piece of our -
8 - our job here in the accounts
9 department. My predecessor Commissioner
10 John Franck again, was the first person
11 that really opened up the grievance
12 process for the citizens of Saratoga
13 Springs. In addition to making the
14 assessment data available online, he
15 also ran training classes. Those have
16 continued 'til this day. Our grievance
17 class training is on May 10, 2022 and
18 grievance day itself is on May 24, 2022.
19 The grievance class will be held on
20 Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in
21 the City Council room. Residents are
22 invited to attend and learn how to
23 correctly fill out the application to
24 grieve their assessments and understand
25 the process. There's no sign up for
 this class. You can just attend. And

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1 again, I wanna reinforce, if you feel
2 that something is awry with your
3 assessment, if you have questions about
4 how your valuation relates to others
5 around you, the data's available to you.
6 It is entirely within your right to
7 grieve your assessment. And what we
8 will be doing this year is we will be
9 memorializing this training class via
10 video, and we will have that training
11 class available online. In case folks
12 can't make it to the class, they'll have
13 the ability to at least gather that
14 information on their own time via the
15 internet. Grievance day is Tuesday, May
16 24, 2022. Residents do not need to be
17 present to grieve their assessment. If
18 a resident wishes to appear before the
19 board of assessment review, the
20 residents completed application and
21 documentation must be submitted to the
22 Assessment Department prior to the start
23 of the hearing session. At that time,
24 the resident can receive a time to
25 appear before the board. For

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information, please contact the city's
2 webpage, or you can certainly call the
3 Assessment Office within the Accounts
4 Department. We're here to answer your
5 questions again, this is a -- a -- a
6 very important function. It relates
7 directly to taxation, which I think is
8 near and dear to everybody's heart. And
9 all of the work that I will be doing
10 within the accounts department and with
11 the assessment function is to be
12 collecting inventory and driving
13 fairness and completeness within our
14 assessment role. And again, I can't
15 stress enough, the importance of
16 fairness. The fourth item on my agenda.
17 It's the award of a bid. Bid extension
18 of laboratory services to Pace
19 Analytical Services, LLC, formally known
20 as CNA Environmental. Because this
21 organization was bought out CNA
22 Environmental by pace analytical
23 services. We need to redraft this
24 agreement with them upon the
25 recommendation of the Department of

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1 Public Works. I moved to extend the bid
2 for laboratory services to Pace
3 Analytical Services, LLC, formally known
4 as CNA Environmental for an additional
5 year under the same terms, conditions
6 and prices as awarded under Bid Number
7 two -- or rather 2020-06. Again, that
8 was Bid Number 2020-06. And I put that
9 forward in a form of a motion.

10 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

12 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
13 favor, aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

16 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
17 carries.

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: The next item on
19 my agenda is setting of a public
20 hearing. We're going to be discussing
21 amending The City Code RE, alcohol sales
22 and use. As we have done earlier this
23 year, we are extending the capability of
24 our restaurants to extend their patios
25 or outdoor dining opportunities into the

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public space. Under the authorization
2 of state leg -- currently existing state
3 legislation. This also gives the
4 ability for their liquor license to be
5 extended out into the space. That may
6 or may not be supported going long term
7 into the future. But instead of being
8 at the whim of the state, I feel it is
9 much more important that we gain local
10 control over that type of a situation.
11 And so in amending our code to
12 facilitate the use of alcohol and sale
13 of alcohol within these extended dining
14 spaces, which we have already done
15 through our outdoor dining legislation,
16 we're going to ensure that our city's
17 restaurants can continue to provide
18 their full complement of services.
19 Again, notwithstanding this supports
20 literally millions of dollars in revenue
21 to the city and the lifeblood of our
22 identity. And so this is a logical step
23 in continuing to support them as well as
24 gain local control, which is always best
25 for everyone. The other item that we

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are going to also discuss is the ability
2 to license and rather consume alcohol
3 under the special event permit process.
4 It's very common these days, for
5 instance, for a road race or an outdoor
6 concert that is sponsored or exists
7 within a public fear -- sphere that
8 there would be a beer garden -- be a
9 beer truck at the end of a race that is
10 literally the way these things are run.
11 It is a very, very normal function
12 within communities all around us. We're
13 a little bit behind the time. And --
14 and so I'm looking really just to put us
15 on that same par such that when those
16 requests come in, we have the ability to
17 administer, regulate and frame that use.
18 The intent is not to create a bourbon
19 street north simply -- simply not the
20 case, but rather just again, to allow us
21 to provide some of those common
22 amenities that are available everywhere,
23 because we do understand it's better off
24 to be meeting and gathering outdoors.
25 The last little bit of this is Congress

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1 Park is one in the Casino within
2 Congress Park is one of the only places
3 that is public property -- that is City
4 property that's authorized to have the
5 sale and -- and consumption of alcohol.
6 If someone is having an event at the --
7 at the Casino and they want to extend
8 out and have a champagne toast as a part
9 of a wedding someplace in Congress Park,
10 I think that's completely okay. And I
11 think that's in line with the type of
12 programming we hope to continue through
13 with the Casino. This is not intended
14 to allow for beer festivals, large scale
15 concerts, or any of those things to take
16 place in Congress Park. In fact, I will
17 look to make sure there's a carve out
18 that does not allow that type of kinetic
19 event within the -- the -- the confines
20 of -- of a historic park. And so where
21 there would be any consternation related
22 to some of those things. Hopefully my
23 comments have allowed you to understand
24 the better -- better, rather the scope.
25 I'm currently working with City Attorney

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1 Izzo to determine all of the areas in
2 the code that we need to address, but it
3 is simply a means of -- of giving us
4 control over that process as it relates
5 to special events and outdoor dining.
6 I'm looking at May 3rd. And what do you
7 think Mr. Mayor, 5 -- 10 minutes you
8 think that would be more contentious
9 where we would want more time?

10 MAYOR KIM: I -- I think that we --
11 what it tends to be is that we have
12 several public hearings and so we can
13 sort of --

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay.

15 MAYOR KIM: If we say it's five and
16 it goes over.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay. Great.
18 Then we'll set it for May 3rd for five
19 minutes and we'll see what goes from
20 there. And last, just a quick -- quick
21 COVID update. I think Supervisor Gaston
22 did a great job really expressing where
23 we are today. There are reasons to be
24 concerned and there are reasons to be
25 cautious. We still have at our disposal

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1 vaccinations and boosters and rapid
2 testing. And these are tools that
3 should allow us to feel comfortable
4 going out into the world, regaining the
5 freedom of our normal lives but we
6 should remain cautious. And towards
7 that end, I just want to let everyone
8 know we still have about 1800 test kits
9 that we can distribute from the City.
10 If there are any events going on where
11 you would like to have them, please
12 contact us. We'd be happy to give them
13 to you. They are available for
14 distribution for free from our
15 firehouses. And these tests do have a
16 June expiration coming up on them. So
17 we would love to get them into your
18 hands and get them used. Again, rapid
19 tests are not spare tires. They're not
20 there in the case of emergency, but
21 rather they're there to use every day to
22 give us the confidence that we need to -
23 - to go on and carry our lives out. So
24 that being said, that is the end of my
25 agenda. I appreciate it. Thank you,

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1 sir.

2 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commission
3 Moran. Now Commissioner Sanghvi, the
4 Finance Department. Would you like to -
5 -

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yes, please.

7 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you,
9 Mr. Mayor. The items on my agenda start
10 with the announcement of participatory
11 budgeting. We had one very successful
12 meeting at the Senior Center. We are
13 working on more meetings with
14 neighborhood associations. So if any
15 neighborhoods would like me to come and
16 talk to you all about participatory
17 budgeting, please contact me. I'm happy
18 to come over. We're also looking for
19 people to join our committee. We've
20 started getting applications for
21 committee members as well as we got our
22 first proposal for a project. It is
23 somebody who thinks we should have
24 curling in Saratoga Springs. That
25 sounds fun. And -- and so, you know, we

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2 -- we want more projects, we want great
3 ideas. So please submit your
4 applications. As I've explained before,
5 participatory budgeting gives everyone a
6 seat at the table. It creates sort of
7 an inclusive budget process. It
8 promotes sustainable public good and
9 increases civic engagement. So this is
10 something we are really excited about in
11 the Finance Department. We are mostly,
12 you know, just nerding out about it all
13 there. Our second public forum will be
14 on Tuesday, April 26th in the Music Hall
15 at 6:00 p.m. So -- so next Tuesday at 6
16 o'clock here, I have put out some
17 flyers. So if -- if you see them,
18 please take one and -- and join us. And
19 I'm happy to provide more finance
20 updates as well as talk about
21 participatory budgeting on that day.
22 The second item on my agenda is finance
23 updates, like always, you know, I try to
24 get everybody abreast on where we are in
25 our city finances. Like you saw the
 clear Gov presentation. You will soon

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1 have a lot more at your fingertips. Our
2 sales tax for 2022 remain strong. This
3 is important because in our 2022 budget.

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: We got 3.9
5 million from the federal APA funds and
6 we're not going to have that. So 7
7 percent of our budget will -- will not
8 be available to us in 2023. So -- so
9 that's a big hole that we have to fill.
10 Plus, we have to fund the EMS station
11 that I am certain Commissioner
12 Montagnino is going to be asking for
13 soon. And so having a good sales tax
14 year is essential so that we can sort of
15 plan ahead and -- and fill that 7
16 percent hole. Just so -- we are all on
17 the same page. Our sales tax year to
18 date were 13.7 percent higher than 2021.
19 So that's good news. Our occupancy tax,
20 we got our first occupancy tax report
21 for 2022. It covers data through
22 February and is provided for by the
23 County. I've explained this before, but
24 we get 1 percent. County gets 1
25 percent. The city center gets 2 percent

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and the visitor center, that discover
2 Saratoga gets 2 percent. And so the
3 city center got \$149,978. As to the
4 visitor center, we got 1 percent, which
5 is \$74,989. This is again higher than
6 2021, and it so far indicates a good
7 start to our tourism cycle. I'm
8 cautiously optimistic that if we
9 continue this trend we will hopefully
10 have a -- a good robust tourism season.
11 Again, to, you know make sure that we
12 have -- we don't have a hole going into
13 the 2023 budget season. The third item
14 on my agenda is the authorization for
15 The Mayor to sign an agreement with
16 Quadiant for postage -- for a postage
17 machine and service. This is backed by
18 popular demand, a male postage machine
19 for all City departments will be located
20 near the locked mailboxes and is
21 password protected by department and sub
22 department. This contract has been
23 approved by all required departments,
24 legal risk, and safety purchasing and
25 finance. I moved that the City Council

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authorized the Mayor to sign the
2 agreement with Quadient for postage
3 machine and service as included in the
4 agenda. This is a motion.

5 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

7 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? Who is
8 demanding it? Just kidding.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: It's actually
10 our deputies.

11 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion --

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Definitely not.

13 MAYOR KIM: All in favor --

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Whatever they
15 want.

16 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

20 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
21 carries.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: All right.

23 The fourth item on the agenda is a
24 discussion and vote. It's an
25 authorization for The Mayor to sign an

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extension addendum to -- to CivicPlus
2 Agreements for City Web Services. These
3 were sort of put in motion before we
4 came on. And we have an expiration
5 date. We are hoping to extend the
6 expiration date. This has been approved
7 by legal finance risk and safety and
8 purchasing. So yes, I moved that the
9 City Council authorized the Mayor to
10 sign Addendum 2, to CivicPlus agreements
11 for city web services, as included with
12 the agenda. I have a quick note here.
13 It is no -- it is not no cost. There is
14 a cost, it is about \$10,500 for 2023
15 that we will put in and in for the 2022
16 budget it's already budgeted for and --
17 and has aligned for it. In -- in --
18 sorry, this is a motion.

19 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

21 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion on the
22 motion? All in favor, aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

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1 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

2 carries.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: The fifth
4 item on my agenda is budget transfers
5 for payroll. We do this for
6 transparency and accountability. Lines
7 one to seven are transfer funds to
8 Police Department overtime from various
9 Police Department wage, identification
10 clerk, and code enforcement lines in the
11 amount of \$170,041. And Lines 8 to 14
12 are transfer funds to preservation, open
13 space sustainability historic
14 preservation, posh grant assistant for
15 wage insurance and benefits from the
16 assistant city attorney wage line in the
17 amount of \$57,260.14. I move that the
18 City Council approved the budget
19 transfers payroll as included with the
20 agenda. This is a motion.

21 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

23 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
24 favor, aye.

25 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

3 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

4 carries.

5 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: The sixth
6 item on my agenda is a discussion and
7 vote for budget transfers for
8 contingency funds. I am presenting one
9 small standard request that signifies a
10 positive city situation per the City
11 Charter Title 4, Section 4.14 a discount
12 in the amount of 2.25 percent is paid to
13 all taxpayers who pay the -- for all
14 four tax installments by March 1st
15 deadline for the first tax installment.
16 So basically if you pay a property taxes
17 all in lump sum, we give you a 2.25
18 percent discount. And this has
19 encouraged a lot of people to provide us
20 the lump sum. It helps us with
21 paperwork, it you know, gets us the
22 money a lot sooner. And the program has
23 been very successful. As my wife would
24 put it, we are victims of our own
25 success. So the finance budget --

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1 budgets this line with careful
2 consideration for the tax rate and the
3 economy this year, we had many taxpayers
4 participate and require a nominal amount
5 compared to the benefits. So we need to
6 transfer \$6,294.6. Prior to these
7 transfers, the contingency appropriation
8 for our city was held at \$250,000.
9 Subsequent to these transfers, there
10 will still remain \$243,705.94. I moved
11 that the City Council approved the
12 budget to transfer contingency as
13 included with the agenda. This is a
14 motion.

15 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

17 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah, just a
19 quick question. Do you know how many
20 properties that was?

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I do not --

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Or how many
23 have, like in total -- you don't --
24 'cause we have approximately 9,800
25 residential properties. I'm just

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1 curious from a ratio per sort of
2 standpoint.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I don't have
4 that information. I -- I know that a
5 lot of people this year settled --

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: No. It'd be
7 good to know. I just love the --

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Oh no -- no.
9 I -- I totally get it. And I'm certain
10 that in some e-mail, Kristen has sent me
11 that information. I just don't have it
12 on the top of my tongue right now.

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: No I agree. I
14 just -- again, curiosity.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I -- I will
16 get that information.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I -- I will
19 be happy to share it with you. Sorry.
20 I guess we need to vote on it.

21 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah.

22 MAYOR KIM: Oh, I'm sorry. All in
23 favor.

24 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

2 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

3 carries.

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you,
5 Mr. Mayor, that's the end of my agenda.

6 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner
7 Sanghvi. We are moving on to The Public
8 Works Department agenda and pursuant to
9 the earlier resolution by The City
10 Council, I'll be presenting The Public
11 Works Department's agenda based on
12 information that their staff provided me
13 earlier this week. The first item on
14 the public works agenda is a discussion
15 and vote authorization for The Mayor to
16 sign an agreement with Green Ridge
17 Cemetery. This is a long term
18 relationship between the city of
19 Saratoga Springs and the Green Ridge
20 Cemetery Association, that's dates back
21 to 1966. The city owns approximately
22 eight acres from Lincoln Avenue through
23 the Sacket Gate. The cemetery contains
24 approximately 3000 monuments along with
25 fencing, curbing trees and shrubs that

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2 need tripping many times throughout the
3 year. There are three large hills that
4 require continual mowing and over 200
5 feet of sidewalk frontage on Lincoln
6 Avenue that needs summer every winter.
7 The trees located in the cemetery
8 require hours of raking and leaf
9 removal. The city of -- The Department
10 of Public Works doesn't have the
11 manpower nor can we price -- be price
12 competitive for this annual maintenance
13 agreement. And so they've reached an
14 agreement of \$31,907 to maintain Green
15 Ridge Cemetery. So I am moving for The
16 Mayor to sign an agreement with Green
17 Ridge Cemetery in the amount of
18 \$31,907.06. And that's a motion. Do I
19 have a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

21 MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion
22 on this? All in favor?

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye

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1 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

2 carries. The second item on the public
3 works agenda is a proclamation on the
4 city of Saratoga Springs Arbor Week.
5 Whereas for more than a century Arbor
6 Day and Arbor Week celebrations have
7 been held in communities across the
8 United States principles of forestry
9 conservation and environmental
10 responsibility are an important part of
11 our nation's heritage. And whereas the
12 preservation of trees and forests is an
13 issue of great concern to all of us. We
14 in Saratoga Springs can be especially
15 proud of the majestic Elm trees that
16 graced our city streets and great
17 numbers during the 19th and early 20th
18 centuries today, the city's department
19 of public works, maintains a partnership
20 with Sustainable Saratoga's Tree Toga
21 planting program. We are proud to
22 confirm a new or commitment to conserve,
23 maintain repair, and restore our trees
24 and to recognize them as part of what
25 makes our city a unique and special

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place. Now, therefore, The Public Works
2 Department with The City of Saratoga
3 Springs are pleased to join with our
4 city colleagues and with all Saratogians
5 in proclaiming the week of April 24th to
6 April 30, 2022, Arbor Day. Thank you.
7 The second item is a discussion in boat
8 to accept note -- donation from
9 Sustainable Saratoga for trees, the city
10 of Saratoga Springs will be accepting a
11 donation of trees to be planted on city
12 property from Sustainable Saratoga. The
13 value of their total gift may be up to
14 \$5,000. The trees that will be donated
15 will be planted in prominent locations
16 within the city of Saratoga Springs at
17 different dates during the year, the
18 first date will be April 30th for Tree
19 Toga 11. We expect that Sustainable
20 Saratoga tree donations will be an
21 ongoing program for years to come.
22 Therefore, I move to authorize the
23 council to accept a donation of trees
24 from Sustainable Saratoga in the valued
25 amount, up to \$5,000. That's a motion.

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Do I have a second?

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COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
favor, aye.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
carries. The fourth item on the public
works agenda is announcement regarding
milling and paving throughout the City.
The 2022 department of public works
chips, milling and paving season will
begin in May. Monday, May 9th mill --
milling will begin at Vanderbilt Avenue
from Lincoln Avenue to Finland street.
Monday, May 9th milling will be from
Green Ridge place from Lincoln Avenue to
the cemetery entrance. Tuesday May 10th
milling will be at Nelson Avenue from
Gridley Street to Crescent Avenue.
Wednesday, May 11th paving will be done
from Vanderbilt Avenue, from Lincoln
Avenue to Finland Street. Wednesday May

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11th paving will be done from Greenwich
2 place from Lincoln Avenue to Cemetery
3 Entrance. And then Thursday, May 12th
4 paving from Nelson Avenue to Gridley
5 Street from -- I'm sorry, paving from
6 Nelson Avenue from Gridley Street to
7 Crescent Avenue. The Department
8 recommends that further information can
9 be found on the -- the city's website on
10 this -- this milling and paving
11 schedule. The final fifth item is a
12 discussion in vote on the 2021, 2022,
13 MS4 Annual Report. The draft 2021, 2022
14 annual report on the city's municipal
15 separate storm sewer system. Otherwise
16 known as MS4 will be available on the
17 city website for a 30-day public review
18 and comment period beginning May 1,
19 2022. The MS4 program is administered
20 statewide by The New York State
21 Department of Environmental Conservation
22 and requires annual updates on specific
23 requirements designed to prevent storm
24 water pollution in order to protect
25 water bodies and ecosystems, which

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1 receive rain and snow melt discharge

2 from the city's storm sewer system.

3 Anyone wishing to comment on the draft

4 report should contact the MS4 program

5 coordinator in the city's engineer's

6 office by telephone at 5185877098,

7 Extension 2573, or using e-mail address

8 to al.flick@saratoga-springs.org.

9 Written comments are encouraged and

10 that's -- I'm -- I'm sorry that --

11 that's an announcement. I -- I

12 misstated it -- it's not a discussion

13 and vote. And that is concludes the

14 public works agenda, and I will turn it

15 over to Commissioner Montagnino for The

16 Public Safety Department.

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank you

18 very much, Mr. Mayor. I'd like to begin

19 with an announcement that doesn't appear

20 on the agenda. I am very proud to

21 announce the promotion of Deputy

22 Commissioner Jason Tetu, from the rank

23 of major to the rank of Lieutenant

24 Colonel in the United States army

25 reserve.

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: All right,
2 Colonel Potter. There you go, buddy.

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Deputy
4 Commissioner Tetu, has served his
5 Country for more than 30 years as a
6 reserve officer. He served The City of
7 Saratoga Springs for more than 25 years
8 as a police officer and a patrol
9 Sergeant. And he now serves as Deputy
10 Commissioner of Public Safety. In
11 addition, Jason Tetu has served as
12 Michelle's husband for almost a month
13 now.

14 MAYOR KIM: Commissioner, I do
15 think that your deputy needs to find a
16 better date than City Council chambers -
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18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Our
19 country and our city both benefit from
20 Jason's dedication to service and
21 excellence. Congratulations, Lieutenant
22 Colonel Tetu on your promotion. Next
23 item on the agenda's announcement
24 regarding the draft ordinance on the
25 civilian review board. We've had the

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public hearing today which remains open
2 for the next council meeting. I'm
3 pleased to see that the responses have
4 been in the break majority very
5 positive. There have been some
6 suggestions for some minor changes. I
7 do wanna note that the ordinance
8 creating a civilian review board for the
9 city of Geneva was recently struck down
10 by a decision of the Supreme Court in
11 the fourth judicial district at The
12 Trial Court level. I've reviewed that
13 decision briefly, I'll be going over it
14 more carefully just to see if there are
15 any changes that might need to be made
16 to our board to avoid some of the
17 pitfalls that were experienced in the
18 City of Geneva. In addition, by the
19 time of the next City Council meeting, I
20 do plan to have changes in the form of
21 paragraph section and subsection numbers
22 added, but without any substantive
23 changes to the language unless the
24 review of the decision regarding Geneva
25 should mandate it. Item number 2 --

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Can I ask a
2 question?

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Oh, I'm
4 Sorry. Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes, of
7 course.

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Just, I wanted
9 to make it clear 'cause you and I were
10 discussing this earlier and I think it's
11 important to note the draft that you've
12 brought forward uses as its baseline,
13 the -- the ordinance or the -- let's
14 just say the framework that was
15 suggested by the -- the -- the task
16 force on police reform. But you have
17 been listening to input over the last
18 several meetings and you've incorporated
19 those thoughts into this document,
20 correct. There are a couple instances
21 that might be worthwhile noting just to
22 reflect that again, public hearings do
23 matter. We are listening and we are
24 bringing those ideas forward, correct?

25 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: That --

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that's absolutely correct Commissioner.

2 The -- the bulk of the proposal mirrors
3 the language of the recommendations of
4 the police reform task force, at the
5 public hearing, certain items were
6 discussed. I'll -- I'll give a few
7 examples, the task force recommendation
8 considered or proposed mandatory
9 mediation. And we discussed at the
10 public hearings that there are certain
11 circumstances in which a complainant
12 would be deterred from bringing a
13 complaint if mandatory mediation were an
14 essential element of the process, in the
15 proposed ordinance, mediation is
16 optional at the option of the
17 complainant. Also there was discussion
18 at the public hearing about the fact
19 that the recommendations of the task
20 force had the standard rules of evidence
21 apply that would apply in a civil
22 lawsuit. And that was found to be
23 overly burdensome to a person who is not
24 an attorney and does not afford or could
25 not afford to be represented by Council.

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1 And so the proposal suggests using the
2 looser standard that appears in the
3 administrative procedure act and also
4 allows for certain circumstances where
5 justice requires that the membership of
6 the CRB themselves could elicit
7 testimony from a witness should the need
8 arise. That's some of the changes that
9 were the result of the discussions that
10 were held in this room over the course
11 of several days of public hearings.

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: No. That's
13 great Commissioner. I commend you for
14 that. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank you,
16 sir.

17 MAYOR KIM: Commissioner, do we
18 need to -- if we were to adopt the CRB
19 the way it is, I assume those other
20 issues don't pop up -- do we need to
21 bend the charter?

22 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: The -- the
23 way the task force did their job is they
24 recognize that the charter vests in the
25 commissioner of public safety the final

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word on discipline of the uniform

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2 services. And because of that, the end
3 result of the proceedings of the CRB is
4 an advisory recommendation only. And so
5 the commissioner preserves the powers
6 that the charter grants to the
7 commissioner, the proposal that I put
8 forth has a list of the duties of the
9 commissioner upon the receipt of the
10 advisory recommendation, but doesn't in
11 any way curtail the authority that the
12 charter grants.

13 MAYOR KIM: So -- so we don't have
14 to amend the charter. Other question,
15 collective bargaining agreements. Are
16 they inconsistent with any of the
17 collective bargaining agreements?

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I added in
19 my proposal, a specific proviso that
20 says that, when the commissioner adopts
21 or modifies a recommendation of the CRB,
22 it must be with due consideration given
23 to the terms of a collective bargaining
24 agreement. So --so that's --

25 MAYOR KIM: So you wouldn't have to

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1 go to the -- we would have to negotiate
2 those contracts to -- to -- to pass
3 this. They wouldn't -- they're not
4 inconsistent.

5 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: They --
6 they're right. The -- the language --
7 the language specifically requires that
8 the collective bargaining agreements
9 terms be respected.

10 MAYOR KIM: Because just for the
11 record prior the administration said,
12 those two things would keep us from
13 doing a CRB, but neither of them block
14 us from doing it neither the charter nor
15 the collective bargain agreements.
16 Correct?

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: That --
18 that is correct.

19 MAYOR KIM: Thanks.

20 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank you.
21 Second item discussion in vote and
22 authorization for The Mayor to sign a
23 contract with Empire Ambulance. For a
24 number of years, Empire Ambulance has
25 leased space at Fire Station 2, the

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proposal would be that they would
2 continue to lease space. They have been
3 paying \$3,000 a month in rent. The
4 discussions envision that the rent be
5 increased to \$3,500 and the least term
6 would be for calendar year 2022 would
7 end December 31, 2022. Put this in the
8 form of a motion.

9 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

11 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
12 favor, aye.

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

16 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
17 carries.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Number
19 three on the agenda discussion and vote
20 for the Caroline Street traffic safety
21 ordinance. This was discussed earlier
22 today at the public hearing. The
23 proposed traffic safety ordinance that's
24 in the agenda is harmonious with the
25 suggestions that were made both tonight

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and at prior meetings. I will note that
2 there was some discussion about the
3 extension of the 15 mile an hour speed
4 limit zone when this is -- assuming that
5 this is passed, I'll see to it that the
6 signage is such that it is coterminous
7 with the state requirement for the
8 maximum extension of the 15 mile an hour
9 zone. That -- that was something
10 specifically raised. In addition, there
11 was a question about the eastbound
12 traffic on Caroline Street that isn't in
13 the proposed ordinance, but will be
14 handled ad hoc by the crossing guard at
15 the time of dismissals. With that
16 understanding, I put this in the form of
17 a motion.

18 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

20 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Can we see
22 the petitions that they submitted, I
23 have not seen them?

24 MAYOR KIM: I'm sorry. I didn't --
25 I didn't hear.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I believe
2 somebody submitted petitions, right.
3 Olivia O'Malley submitted petitions.
4 Thank you. And -- and so we are
5 following their -- their petition
6 guidelines.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes. Yes.
8 Under the emergency authority, there was
9 an extension of the -- do not enter to
10 the east -- the -- the subsequent
11 eastbound intersection and that's being
12 removed.

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. Okay.

14 MAYOR KIM: Any other discussion?
15 All in favor?

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

19 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
20 carries.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Item 4,
22 discussion and vote and authorization
23 for the Mayor to sign an affiliation
24 agreement with SUNY Cobleskill. This is
25 so that Cobleskill paramedic students

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can ride as part of their training with
2 The Saratoga Springs Fire Department.
3 We currently have employee of The
4 Saratoga Springs Fire Department who is
5 a student at SUNY Cobleskill. There
6 would be no cost to the city for this
7 service and this affiliation agreement.
8 I put this in the form of a motion.

9 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

11 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in
12 favor, aye.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

16 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
17 carries.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Item
19 number 5, discussion and vote
20 authorization for The Mayor to sign a
21 contract with DeNooyer Chevrolet. This
22 is for a Chevy Tahoe for the Fire
23 Department. The intent of the vehicle
24 is as a command car that would allow a
25 captain or higher ranking officer to

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1 travel between multiple scenes when
2 necessary. The money's in the budget
3 line as item A314341252400, under the
4 title of vehicles. The total cost is
5 \$62,816.79. It was bid out through a
6 state program. I do wanna bring to the
7 attention of the public. The cost is
8 significantly higher than what we paid
9 recently for some new police cars, and
10 the reason for that is that this number
11 includes all of the accoutrements the
12 lights, the sirens et cetera, that are
13 necessary to -- to equip this fully.
14 Whereas the police cars were the base
15 models, which are intended to be sent
16 out to a different corporation for
17 equipping with the light sirens and --
18 and other equipment. So that's part of
19 the reason for the -- for the difference
20 in the prices here. So I put that in
21 the form of a motion.

22 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

24 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Commissioner

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1 Montagnino, one of the things that I'd
2 like to work with you over in the coming
3 months is looking at hybrid cars when we
4 move, you know, as -- as we change our
5 fleet over the next few years you know,
6 with the depreciation and all of that to
7 -- to consider hybrid cars and then
8 eventually at some point have a -- a
9 plan to move to electric vehicles. I
10 believe that's sort of the direction The
11 New York State is moving in. And you
12 know, it -- it sort of would be great if
13 Saratoga Springs was taking also steps
14 in the right direction with that in
15 mind.

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Oh I -- I
17 agree completely. I am though -- I --
18 I've been following various trends. I
19 know that at present with fuel prices
20 being where they are, there is a lot of
21 weight put on the grids in certain
22 communities that do have a lot of
23 electric vehicles. And so we do need to
24 be sensitive to those needs.

25 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Absolutely.

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: There can
2 be a lot of infrastructure changes that
3 would be needed. But --

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right. I
5 mean, so we don't wanna move into
6 electric vehicles, like, you know, cold
7 turkey. I think that's the phrase. We
8 -- we can, you know, move with like
9 hybrid and then eventually to electric
10 once the sort of setup is done. But I
11 think that is something we can and
12 should consider. And -- and I'm happy
13 to, you know, work with you and -- and
14 your office to -- to think about sort of
15 the financial implications of that.

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Oh yeah, now the --
17 the -- the thought process is already underway. In
18 fact, Assistant Chief Dyer is himself pretty
19 knowledgeable on some of the state of the art with
20 regard to fire equipment that's hybrid or electric.
21 We still have those discussions.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you so
23 much.

24 MAYOR KIM: Any other discussion? All in
25 favor?

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHHVI: Aye.

4 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

5 carries.

6 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Final item
7 on the agenda's discussion and vote for
8 an authorization for The Mayor to sign
9 New York state Department of Health
10 Applications for the approval of plans
11 for public water, supply improvement and
12 an application for a backflow prevention
13 device. These two permit applications
14 involve Fire Station 3, and they are
15 based on the fact that the water main
16 and sewer line exists only to the end of
17 5th Avenue and needs to be extended onto
18 Henning Road as part of the construction
19 of station three which as an aside, the
20 RFPs are out and we have April 28th, as
21 the deadline for the submission of bids.
22 So we are well on the way to getting
23 getting ground broken in the very near
24 future. So these two applications are
25 necessary in order to begin the process

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of extending the water and the sewer
2 lines. And I put this in the form of a
3 motion.

4 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'll second,

6 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Nope. You
8 actually answered all the questions,
9 Jim. Thank you. Obviously any time I
10 see water supply or backflow preventers,
11 it peaks my interest. So you answered
12 exactly why, so thank you for that. And
13 very much looking forward to the results
14 of those bids.

15 MAYOR KIM: Any other discussion?

16 All in favor?

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye

20 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion
21 carries. Any other matters before the
22 City Council?

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Mr. Mayor, I
24 make a motion to adjourn.

25 MAYOR KIM: Is there second?

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

2 MAYOR KIM: All in favor, aye.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Aye.

6 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

7 carries.

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