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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA

June 1, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Lisa Ribis, Secretary
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner
- Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
- John P. Franck, Commissioner
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
- Tara N. Gaston, Supervisor
- Vincent DeLeonardis, City Attorney

1 MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome
2 to our City Council Meeting. Today is
3 June 1st, 2021. We have two public
4 hearings this evening. The first public
5 hearing is capital budget amendment for
6 the city buildings. And I'll turn it
7 over to Commissioner Scirocco.

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
9 Mayor. This is a public hearing. This
10 is to amend the capital budget for city
11 buildings. This public hearing is to
12 amend the capital budget for City Hall --
13 for the City Hall project because there
14 are remaining insurance funds that can be
15 allocated to the building.

16 The city buildings capital account
17 and the City Hall project were utilized
18 for the renovation and the restoration
19 project. However, as the council is
20 aware, these accounts are used to
21 maintain capital projects in both City
22 Hall and -- and city buildings. This
23 capital budget amendment adds the
24 remaining insurance funds and funds that
25 were not encumbered into city buildings

1 capital account for Project Number 1141
2 City Hall, and will be transferred into
3 budget line H3031492-52000-1141.

4 The total amount of the budget
5 amendment is \$135,329.30. It includes an
6 insurance reimbursement -- reimbursement
7 of \$132,326.36; 1,500 dollars that was
8 not encumbered from the 2018 to 2019;
9 \$1,346.30 that was not encumbered from
10 2020 to 2021; and \$156.64 that had not
11 been -- that had not been voided and was
12 available for transfer.

13 These amounts do not require bonding
14 or any additional funds from the
15 taxpayers but all -- but are amounts
16 already determined that the bulk of the
17 amend -- amendment being a leftover from
18 the larger insurance reimbursement total.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that's
21 it.

22 MAYOR KELLY: If anybody is here to
23 comment on capital budget amendment for
24 city buildings, please raise your hand at
25 this time.

1 Can -- nope, okay. So you're
2 standing, (indiscernible)?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So
5 Commissioner, we're closing this this
6 evening.

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, great. Then
9 we'll move on to our second public
10 hearing, and that is on the CDBG CARES
11 Act funding. Following a consultation
12 with the New York State Office of Homes
13 and Community Renewal, the Community
14 Development Department has been
15 encouraged to submit a full application
16 to HCR for Community Development block
17 grants CARES Act funding to support an
18 additional round of City's COVID-19 Small
19 Business Grant Program. If anybody would
20 like to comment on this, please raise
21 your hand.

22 Okay. We will be closing this
23 public hearing and voting on this this
24 evening also. So at this time we have
25 about two minutes to wait to start our

1 meeting, so we'll be back in two minutes.

2 Thank you.

3 (Off the record)

4 MAYOR KELLY: We are back. At this
5 time I'd like to ask for roll call,
6 please.

7 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
8 Franck.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Present.

10 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
11 Madigan.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

13 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
14 Scirocco?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.

16 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
17 Dalton?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

19 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Veitch?

22 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

23 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Gaston?

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the

1 Pledge of Allegiance.

2 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

3 MAYOR KELLY: Next on the agenda is
4 our public comment period. I'd like to
5 ask you to keep your comments brief, up
6 to two minutes. We will have a timer.
7 Public comment period will be up -- for
8 fifteen minutes.

9 As a reminder, public comment is not
10 a dialogue or discussion with the
11 council; however, at the end of public
12 comment, any council member may respond
13 to a comment.

14 Please raise your hand on Zoom if
15 you'd like to address the council, and
16 look for this button in the reactions
17 area of the tool bar on your Zoom window.
18 We will call your name and ask you to
19 unmute and start your video. Before you
20 begin, please state your name and the
21 city or town where you reside.

22 If you'd like to speak, please raise
23 your hand. Is anybody looking for public
24 comment this -- this evening?

25 Darlene McGraw, please unmute and

1 put your video on.

2 MS. MCGRAW: Hi. My name is Darlene
3 McGraw.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Do you have a video,
5 Darlene?

6 MS. MCGRAW: City of Saratoga
7 Springs. I am -- I do. What -- what do
8 you mean? I'm -- I have a video. Can
9 you --

10 MAYOR KELLY: You're cutting in and
11 out. Can you -- can you just speak
12 without your video maybe?

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think she's
14 frozen.

15 MAYOR KELLY: She's coming back in,
16 I believe.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Darlene, you need to
19 sign off and sign back in. Thank you.

20 We'll give Darlene a minute here to
21 try it again.

22 Anybody else that wants to speak for
23 public comment tonight, please raise your
24 hand.

25 Oh, she's trying again. Hold on,

1 please. Be patient.

2 Can you hear me, Darlene? Darlene,
3 can you hear me? Hi, Darlene, can you
4 hear me?

5 MS. MCGRAW: I can hear you. Can
6 you hear me?

7 MAYOR KELLY: I can hear you. Yes,
8 go ahead.

9 MS. MCGRAW: Okay. My name is
10 Darlene McGraw. I live here in the City
11 of Saratoga Springs. I am appreciative
12 that DPW has started with the potholes
13 but our streets need to be flat and even
14 surface. One street that is -- had
15 significant impact is Wright Street, and
16 that's close enough to the track. And
17 obviously, you know, we don't -- we only
18 care about the people that come here for
19 the summer racetrack season. So that's
20 why the City probably doesn't really care
21 about that section.

22 I am -- I -- I don't -- I don't even
23 know how to begin to say anything else
24 except the water problem. Our water is
25 disgusting. I'd rather drink out of a

1 damn toilet or eat out of the -- the
2 Hudson River and drink out of the Hudson
3 River that's got a ton of feces in it
4 than drink our water. And obviously, I
5 saw that you guys have water containers
6 inside your offices. So obviously, you
7 guys don't like drinking our water either
8 because you guys like to pay for other
9 water. So thanks for wasting our
10 taxpaying dollars.

11 And the City is expecting clean
12 water. So please give us clean water and
13 better streets. Thank you.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

15 MS. MCGRAW: Bye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Anyone else for public
17 comment?

18 Okay. Then we're closing public
19 comment period. And we're going to move
20 right on to our presentations. We have
21 two presentations tonight. The first one
22 is Complete Streets. And I'll turn it
23 over to Tina Carton.

24 MS. CARTON: Hi, my name is Tina
25 Carton, and I'm the Administrator of

1 Parks, Open Land, Historic Preservation
2 and Sustainability for the City of
3 Saratoga Springs.

4 Tonight I'd like to introduce Ken
5 Grey and Ted Orosz. Both are cochairs of
6 the Complete Street Advisory Board. And
7 they are going to be giving a
8 presentation on Complete Streets in
9 Saratoga Springs.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

11 MR. GREY: All right. Thank you,
12 Mayor Kelly, and thank you, Council
13 People, for allowing us this opportunity
14 tonight. Ted's manning the screens and
15 I'll be yapping so -- but again, we -- we
16 appreciate the opportunity to let you
17 know what we've been up to this past year
18 and -- and what we're thinking about in
19 the near future and in the distant
20 future.

21 First of all, moving to what
22 Complete Streets is. I know the council
23 and the mayor know that we have the New
24 York State DOT definition --

25 Ted, if we can move up to the

1 definition. There we go all right.

2 -- of what a complete street is.

3 And if you can look at -- if you're
4 looking at it, basically it talks about
5 accessibility to everyone. Safe
6 accessibility, connecting yourself from
7 point A to point B for all types of
8 transportation.

9 And what we've seen over the last
10 year going through COVID, certain things
11 have just really stuck out as things that
12 are important to our community. And what
13 we've learned is that streets are not
14 just for drivers. And we've also learned
15 about the importance of open space, so
16 that's part of our focus tonight.

17 If we didn't have proper planning in
18 all the Complete Streets plans that have
19 been updated over the years, we wouldn't
20 be ready, as you'll hear some of the
21 projects that have happened or planning
22 to be happened. You -- you'll see that
23 some of the investment, how it's coming
24 to benefit the City of Saratoga Springs.
25 How collaboration is going to help us by

1 working with the county and the
2 neighboring communities. The importance
3 of moving our plans to something that is,
4 quote/unquote, shuffle ready. And
5 looking at equitable type of projects to
6 make our projects more feasible for the
7 future in terms of opportunities for
8 grants and everything else.

9 What we're hearing is that Congress
10 very potentially will have some great
11 grant opportunities at the end of the
12 year. And if we're ready for them, the
13 City of Saratoga for the short and the
14 long term can really benefit.

15 So 2020, some of the progress. The
16 mayor, the -- many of the council, and if
17 you'll notice -- let's see, where --
18 where are the -- the police in this
19 picture. I guess our picture changed.
20 But a lot of our police came on a cold
21 later winter day -- or early spring day
22 on their bicycles to celebrate the
23 completion of the Geysers Road Trail.

24 We'll hear more about the Missing
25 Links Project, which is a 1.9 million

1 investment in our Community Sidewalk
2 Program.

3 Significant progress has been made
4 for the Downtown Connector Trail in terms
5 of rights-of-way. So we're getting near
6 completion and ready to bring that out to
7 bid for construction in 2022.

8 And we'll talk about the piloting of
9 Henry Street and Phila Street.

10 So the Missing Links Project, this
11 is one that had -- had city council and
12 the mayor not had the foresight to do
13 this investment in our community, and
14 I'll underline the word investment, we
15 wouldn't be able to expand our sidewalks
16 to many of the areas that were identified
17 in Complete Streets. Neighborhoods that
18 were looking for sidewalks to get people
19 safely from point A to point B and also
20 to Downtown.

21 Tina -- our Tina Carton, she'll be
22 conducting at least four community
23 meetings this summer on site, question
24 and answers, to people in each of the
25 communities to let them know about, you

1 know, how it's going to happen, how it's
2 going to benefit, and all those kind of
3 good things. But again, by identifying
4 these things in Complete Streets, it's a
5 real benefit.

6 The Greenbelt Trail we're all
7 familiar with. And some of these
8 projects are all linked to that Greenbelt
9 Trail. Geysers Road, the Downtown
10 Connector, Crescent Avenue Extension,
11 which we're getting ready; it's been pre-
12 engineered. And we think there's some
13 great opportunities there.

14 Tina, Planning Board, and all, we
15 went out to Loudon Road to take a look at
16 that to connect to the Downtown Connector
17 eventually to get us out to Wilton and
18 possibly even Saratoga Lake.

19 The Henry Street Project. And the
20 whole point here is looking at the plans
21 that we have in place, and then moving
22 them to the next step so that we can take
23 advantage of these grant opportunities.

24 Okay. There's the pictures of the
25 police on bikes, the mayor, some of the

1 council people, and some of the kids from
2 the elementary school.

3 But the big celebration for Geysers
4 Road is that it's a, I believe, 2.8 mile
5 corridor that gets people from -- where
6 over twenty percent of our city's
7 population can get safely to the
8 elementary school and safely to the
9 Saratoga State Park. Our goal, again,
10 with the Greenbelt Trail is to get now
11 people safely through Railroad Run and
12 down to Downtown and connect people
13 throughout the city.

14 This is a visual of what we see the
15 Downtown Connector to look like next
16 year. So this is over by High Rock Park,
17 taking us out to Exit 15.

18 So goals for 2021. We talked late
19 summer, early fall last year about
20 reducing speed limits with some of the
21 commissioners and the county supervisors.
22 And there was genuine agreement that
23 people drive too fast. That there's
24 opportunities for safety and better
25 living environment if we look at slowing

1 our speeds down.

2 So we're looking at updating the
3 Complete Streets plan again.
4 Coordination with the Planning Board has
5 been happening. Allen Drive and Louden
6 Road and some other projects, we're going
7 to continue that.

8 Tina Carton's been working with the
9 ADA Transition Plan.

10 Again, a lot of these things
11 advancing the Greenbelt Trail, and more
12 and more it'll start making sense to the
13 community in terms of the benefit.

14 We'll be looking at education
15 programs, bike safety programs. The
16 importance of Flat Rock Park and other --
17 other pop-up parks throughout the
18 community that we can take advantage of.
19 And also discussion about the entrance to
20 Congress Park.

21 And there's a visual of the Pride
22 crosswalk, which I believe DPW just
23 installed. It looks beautiful. And
24 thank you.

25 So reducing speed limits. I thought

1 about it the other day. A lot of our
2 speed limits were created when cars
3 had -- had clutches and we couldn't get
4 to zero to 40 in less than four -- four
5 seconds. I think we really need to look
6 at it again. I know there's a lot of
7 challenges and obstacles to how we get
8 this done, but I think there's general
9 agreement that people need to slow down;
10 they need to stop at stop signs. So
11 that's something I think that -- that's
12 the kind of culture that I hope that the
13 City leaders are -- are looking and will
14 try to find ways to help us achieve that.

15 And then looking at maybe reducing
16 speeds in the arterials.

17 Updating the Complete Streets Plan.
18 We're looking at -- Tina is looking at
19 trying to get a number of interns to help
20 update the Complete Streets map on -- on
21 the City website. And by doing so, it'll
22 identify Complete Street completed
23 projects, projects that are underway,
24 projects that are being proposed, and let
25 people that are just generously --

1 genuinely curious to look at the maps and
2 say, all right, this is an opportunity;
3 we really should be looking at those kind
4 of things.

5 And we also want to kind of narrow
6 down our plan. It's kind of voluminous,
7 I guess the best way to describe it.
8 We've identified thirteen priority
9 streets, and I could bet nobody could
10 recite these things. So we want to look
11 at that. Adopt some new best practices.

12 Certainly look at how do we maintain
13 things, and we have to tie budgeting to
14 that. So again, we want to make this
15 report accessible to all. And we've
16 been, again, setting -- we've been
17 working with the Planning Board. And
18 that's been very effective in some of the
19 work that we've been doing.

20 Moving to the Allen Street slide.
21 And this is a picture of Ted Orosz on the
22 left. And I believe that's our Susan
23 Barden. I thought it was Tina but I
24 think it's Susan.

25 This was when we were going over the

1 Church Street Bridge. And we had -- we
2 were looking at the Allen Drive
3 development area. And it's an area where
4 there's going to be affordable housing
5 projects, and there's a lot of people
6 right now that are crossing either the
7 Church Street Bridge or Washington Avenue
8 Bridge. It was a lot more dangerous.
9 It's now a little bit more safe. But
10 ways -- how can we make it more safe for
11 people to get in through bicycle,
12 through -- well, bicycle, through
13 pedestrian walking.

14 The other area that we need to start
15 taking a look at is there's going to be
16 the advent, which is already happening,
17 with electric bikes and all those kind of
18 motorized elements. So again, looking at
19 the next five or ten years,
20 transportation is going to be a lot
21 different. And a lot of people that
22 can't afford to live in Downtown
23 Saratoga, how do we get them safely into
24 Saratoga is going to be part of our goal.

25 Again, Tina's working on an ADA

1 Transition Plan with the Capital District
2 Transportation Committee to look at
3 making our bus stops more ADA compliant,
4 and also looking at our streets and
5 having them more ADA compliant.

6 So coordination and collaboration
7 with communities outside of ourselves.
8 So namely, the county, Greenbelt Trail,
9 open spaces.

10 On an informal basis, we've been
11 working the Matt Veitch, and Tara Gaston
12 has joined us on this. And COVID kind of
13 got in the way. But we identified a bike
14 trail system throughout the county.

15 I know I -- I reached out to -- to
16 the -- the folks that handle the
17 insurance for the County. It happens to
18 be Travelers Insurance, who also I
19 believe still insures the City. And
20 Travelers was very, very interested and
21 very positive towards setting up bike
22 routes that were safe throughout the
23 whole county. And again, with the advent
24 of the Empire State Trail, there's going
25 to be more activity of people trying to

1 come into our community from all
2 different areas. Obviously, we want to
3 try to connect the Zim Smith Trail, and
4 get ourselves out to the Palmertown
5 Ridge, the Adirondacks.

6 So again, we're trying to work
7 together. If we work together, we can
8 get larger grants. We can get greater
9 opportunity for being selected for
10 grants. And we think we'll be smarter in
11 what we're trying to accomplish if we
12 work together with different communities.

13 The design of the trail connection
14 from Crescent Avenue from the State Park
15 to Nelson Avenue and the Northway, that's
16 been engineered. And we think that's
17 ready. And we have some possibilities
18 for grant money in the near future, so
19 stay in tune.

20 And working with Public Safety.
21 Bikeatoga, the YMCA, the school
22 districts, years ago we had actually met
23 with the Geysers Road Elementary School
24 and we were going to start doing some
25 bike safety training. Well, now we can

1 start doing those kind of things. And
2 the thing that I'll throw out is that
3 when we work with our kids and we educate
4 them, they educate us. And I think
5 they'll help us when we go to projects
6 such as lowering our speed limits, why
7 should we do these kind of things. So
8 it's going to be good for all.

9 The Flat Rock Park, we want to make
10 sure that it's secure and that it -- it
11 gets beautified for what -- lack of
12 better words. But you know, some of the
13 possibilities now with the -- the track
14 opening up in Downtown, if we attract
15 people from out of the area, from inside
16 the area to come down to Downtown.
17 Hopefully we can get a trolly system
18 that's reliable that gets us to the track
19 on a regular basis and back to Downtown.

20 If people are bringing their
21 families to lunch, they want to have an
22 area that they can sit and have their ice
23 cream after -- after lunch or after
24 dinner, that type of thing. Kick a
25 soccer ball, read a book, stay in the

1 shade.

2 But I think pocket parks have to be
3 something that the City really starts
4 taking a serious look at, and I think we
5 found for COVID how important the outside
6 and the outdoors is to us, to our
7 restaurants, just to our general health
8 and our mindset. And also, I encourage
9 City leaders to be looking at even the
10 possibility, rather than developing some
11 of these open space, parking lots that we
12 have that maybe not be utilized in the
13 future or just areas on a park -- or land
14 tracts on our tax roll, that maybe we can
15 make these into pocket parks so that
16 people can utilize them in all areas of
17 the city. So that's our goal.

18 Let's see. And Congress Park.
19 We've been talking to several of the
20 businesses in the area, to Saratoga Arts.
21 And we're looking at opportunities
22 that --

23 And if you move to the next slide.
24 -- of how we can kind of beautify,
25 maybe slow down traffic. If you've

1 driven from the south, you'll know that
2 it's a little bit dangerous coming into
3 that -- that area right there. You know,
4 it's not the most attractive entrance to
5 an entrance that is really beautiful --
6 or to an area of Congress Park which is
7 really outstanding, really beautiful.

8 And maybe many of you don't know
9 that this area is also part of the
10 Greenbelt Trail connecting areas. You'll
11 see a concept design here of what a pilot
12 project might look like if we narrowed
13 the roadways and had some -- a little bit
14 of activity there. If streetways on
15 Broadway are slowed down, the gentleman
16 that's riding his bicycle illegally on
17 the sidewalk, maybe they'll be feeling a
18 little bit more safe and they'll go on
19 the streets. That's my sense of humor.
20 Okay, pretty bad.

21 In conclusion, we're here to help.
22 We've got a lot of talent. We think
23 there's been a lot of good things that
24 have been happening, but I'd like to
25 start seeing us -- a lot of the things,

1 like the priority streets, that we can
2 start maybe escalating so that we have a
3 vision that it's -- instead of twenty-
4 five years from now, that we really try
5 to get the priority streets in place
6 within the next five years. And you can
7 only do that through planning and you can
8 only do that through cooperation and
9 identifying the government grants.

10 I give my compliments to the mayor's
11 team and Tina Carton, and really all of
12 city council for looking at these grant
13 opportunities. But again, collaborating
14 between departments and between
15 neighboring communities I think's going
16 to help.

17 So we hope that you take this
18 vision, and we seriously take a look at
19 how can we implement Complete Streets so
20 that we make a great community even
21 better of Saratoga Springs.

22 Thank you again for the opportunity
23 to speak tonight.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Thank you,
25 Ken and Ted.

1 Any comments from the council? I
2 just want to say that it looks like a lot
3 of things going on, and even with COVID,
4 you kept moving forward a little bit. So
5 that's pretty good. So congrats to you
6 all.

7 But I do believe that, you know, we
8 need to continue along these lines. And
9 I like that you did mention the -- the
10 maintenance piece of all of this, because
11 that's always been a little bone of
12 contention, you know, when they --
13 everybody talks about doing a project,
14 that we -- we really need to have funding
15 somewhere in our budget for how to
16 maintain all these things that we're
17 creating. So --

18 MR. GREY: Yeah.

19 MAYOR KELLY: -- that was good.
20 Thank you.

21 Any other comments from the council?

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, I have a
23 comment. I thought that was fantastic.
24 And a long -- it feels like a long time
25 coming. It's been a long time since

1 Complete Streets has been on the agenda.
2 And it was just a terrific, you know --
3 you know, very high level, you're doing a
4 lot, but you know, you hit all the major
5 topics. I thought it was very good.

6 I do look forward to hearing more
7 about the -- the partnership or the
8 potential project down there with the Art
9 Center, maybe the Visitor's Center. I
10 thought -- I thought you showed a great
11 photo of, you know, that -- all that
12 concrete and blacktop that you see as you
13 come in off Route 9 into the City of
14 Saratoga Springs. I think we could make
15 that more inviting.

16 And I know with talking to the Art
17 Center and Louise Kerr, like, she's got
18 these ideas. I think she already sort of
19 does this now, but if she had a little
20 more room, kind of rolls out a piano,
21 rolls out a giant bass, you know, and --
22 I -- I can envision music. You know, our
23 own little Paris down there in that
24 little corner. That's -- that's what I
25 sort of see down there. But the --

1 MR. GREY: Does --

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- Missing

3 Link's --

4 MR. GREY: -- Skip have guitars?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- project --

6 well, does Paris have guitars?

7 MR. GREY: No, does Skip?

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Skip does
9 have guitars. Sometimes he shows them
10 when he's at city council meetings on
11 Zoom. So he's got lots of very nice
12 guitars.

13 So I did enjoy seeing that vision
14 and hearing about all the great work
15 you've been doing. And it's good to know
16 that you're updating the plan as well.
17 It is a really dense plan. It's
18 difficult for people to get through.
19 It's an important plan. So you know,
20 it's probably time for a much needed
21 update.

22 And I just wanted to thank you. And
23 I hope you'll stick around because we
24 have a presentation coming up on public
25 space recycling.

1 As you mentioned children, these
2 are -- these are young adults. But we
3 have our young adults, high school
4 children that are going to do a
5 presentation on recycling coming up --

6 MR. GREY: Excellent.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- so.

8 MR. GREY: Excellent. We will.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any -- any other
10 comments from the council?

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks and
12 appreciation. You did a great one.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Right. Okay. Then,
14 thank you, guys. I appreciate it.

15 And we'll move on to our second
16 presentation --

17 MR. GREY: Thank you.

18 MAYOR KELLY: -- which -- thank
19 you. -- which is -- which is recycling.

20 Commissioner Madigan.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

22 So this evening we are going to have, I
23 believe, four students from Saratoga
24 Springs High School joining us to make a
25 brief presentation on public space

1 recycling. They have formed their own
2 group called Fridays for the Future New
3 York Capital Region. Presenting tonight
4 with Ciara Meyers is Mira Diggery, am I
5 saying your name right? I hope.

6 MS. DEGREGORY: It's DeGregory.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Jade Helal --

8 MS. DEGREGORY: DeGregory.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What was it?

10 MAYOR KELLY: It's DeGregory.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: DeGregory.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: DeGregory.

14 DeGregory, thank you. I've got two
15 different spellings here. Jade Helal and
16 Maddie Cook. And they're going to give
17 us a little bit of a -- what?

18 MAYOR KELLY: Can we have them
19 unmute themselves and turn their videos
20 on?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, I hope
22 that they were doing that with -- yes.
23 I -- so first I want to say, these
24 students have final exams. They have
25 been working diligently since they last

1 visited with us. Basically that was just
2 during public comment, and they sort of
3 went one after another and made a very
4 good presentation to us on public space
5 recycling. It felt like a presentation
6 to me. So they're here tonight actually
7 on the agenda as -- as a presentation,
8 and they're going to show us a few
9 different ideas of what the garbage bins
10 could look like in Downtown Saratoga
11 Springs, as well as give us an idea of
12 what it might cost to do something like
13 that.

14 So with that, I will turn it over to
15 the group to start how -- however you see
16 fit. Thank you.

17 MS. MEYER: Hi, so --

18 MAYOR KELLY: Can I -- can I ask, do
19 you have a presentation or are you just
20 going to speak?

21 MS. MEYER: We have a presentation.
22 So I can --

23 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

24 MS. MEYER: -- Screen Share that in
25 a second.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Who -- who has it?

2 MS. MEYER: I --

3 MAYOR KELLY: -- who has it?

4 MS. MEYER: -- have that.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Ciara has it.

6 Yep. We're just making you a cohost
7 right now so you can -- you can put it
8 up.

9 Are you all set, Lis? Okay. There
10 you go.

11 MS. MEYER: Okay. Thank you so much
12 for having us. We've been able to talk
13 with Commissioner Madigan and
14 Commissioner Scirocco a bit previously
15 about the importance of Downtown
16 recycling, and with Commissioner Madigan
17 a bit about specific bin design ideas.

18 So we're going to give a little bit
19 of background on the importance of public
20 space recycling, and then we'll get into
21 some specific ideas of what bins in the
22 Downtown area could actually look like.

23 MS. DEGREGORY: Okay. So there has
24 been an increase in single serve plastic
25 use coming from restaurants and local

1 businesses, and without public space
2 recycling, we are contributing to more
3 waste and more damage to our environment.
4 In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, sixty public
5 space recycling bins were installed and
6 have since collected approximately
7 twenty-three tons of waste per year.
8 That's twenty-three tons of waste that
9 would likely would have ended up in the
10 trash if not for Tuscaloosa's public
11 space recycling programs.

12 Keep America Beautiful reported that
13 in a study of eight communities, seventy-
14 five percent of materials brought into
15 downtown spaces and parks are recyclable
16 or compostable. And so without public
17 space recycling bins, more of these
18 materials enter landfills than in cities
19 that provide accessible public space
20 recycling.

21 The same Keep America Beautiful
22 report showed that communities that
23 provided recycling in public spaces had
24 less litter than those that had no public
25 recycling bins. So if we were to

1 implement recycling bins Downtown, there
2 would be less litter, reduced waste, and
3 a cleaner, greener community that
4 promotes sustainable decisions.

5 MS. COOK: Okay. So Saratoga cares
6 about recycling. In a Skidmore survey
7 conducted in 2018, half of the
8 participants said that they threw out
9 recyclable waste downtown but over eighty
10 percent said they would recycle it if
11 bins were available.

12 In the same survey, over sixty
13 percent of respondents said that the
14 responsibility for recycling downtown
15 lies in the hands of our local
16 government.

17 And lastly, nearly ninety percent of
18 respondents said they were supportive of
19 downtown recycling initiatives. This
20 overwhelming majority cited the economic
21 and environmental benefits of recycling
22 as their reasons for support.

23 MS. HELAL: Our recent change.org
24 petition got over 150 signatures. We had
25 many individuals leaving comments in

1 support for the twenty-eight bins. For
2 example, Zoe, who believes recycling bins
3 can make a big difference in the amount
4 of waste our community produces every
5 year, or Eli, who thinks that we need to
6 save this earth, and that this is a small
7 step towards that.

8 MS. MEYER: So the benefits of
9 public space recycling really extend
10 beyond the obviously important
11 environmental impact and into the impact
12 on, you know, tourism and the perception
13 that local residents have of our
14 community.

15 It can reinforce our values as an
16 inviting, clean and environmentally
17 conscious place to visit. And given
18 that, again, more and more cities like
19 Tuscaloosa and New York City and even
20 Albany, so very diverse places, have been
21 implementing public space recycling
22 programs. Our tourists are used to
23 having recycling in their hometowns, and
24 you know, it's in a nice accommodation
25 that we could have to make their

1 experience in Saratoga even more
2 enjoyable.

3 In addition, people, especially
4 young people, are overwhelmingly
5 supportive of recycling. Ninety-two
6 percent of eighteen to thirty-four year
7 olds say that they recycle. And the
8 climate concern and concern for pollution
9 are major issues amongst young people.
10 So young people in the community and
11 young tourists are really, you know,
12 aware of what our city is doing to be
13 green or is not doing that we could be
14 doing to be greener.

15 It's not only young tourists,
16 though. In a Keep America Beautiful
17 study, eighty percent of respondents of
18 all ages said that public space recycling
19 was an issue that mattered to them and
20 that they thought was important.

21 In addition, seventy-nine percent of
22 people surveyed at a Texas park said that
23 they expected recycling in public parks.
24 So in places like Congress Park,
25 recycling has become an expectation.

1 So really, investing in public space
2 recycling would make a difference for our
3 tourists and for our residents.

4 MS. COOK: So there's this popular
5 theory called twin the bin, and basically
6 what it is, is you place a recycling bin
7 right next to a garbage bin so it forces
8 everyone who goes up to it to make a
9 decision between recycling and just
10 throwing something in the trash. For
11 example, if I walk up to it with a
12 recycling -- or a plastic bottle, and I
13 would be more likely to recycle it than
14 to just throw it in the trash because the
15 recycling bin's right there.

16 A study by the University of
17 Michigan found that switching from
18 identically colored bins to different
19 colored bins increased the recycling rate
20 from fifty-five percent to eighty-eighty
21 percent. So by making the trash bins
22 green or the recycling bins blue, it
23 makes it easier for your brain to
24 differentiate between the two as you walk
25 up to it.

1 The key to ensuring the success of
2 public space recycling is to keep the
3 message brief and clear. So labeling
4 what goes in the bins, like, cans or
5 bottles or just even the recycling
6 symbol. Most people are willing and
7 inclined to recycle as long as it's made
8 as easy and simple as possible.

9 MS. MEYER: So now that we've seen,
10 you know, the importance of public space
11 recycling as a whole, and also ways to
12 make public space recycling more
13 effective, we've put together a list of
14 different bin design options to look at
15 to possibly implement in our Downtown
16 area.

17 Obviously, all of the following bins
18 are pretty effective when it comes to,
19 you know, being easy to differentiate,
20 what's recycling, what's trash, et
21 cetera, but the aesthetic and the visual
22 component of our Downtown area is
23 obviously important to you. So after
24 we've gone through these bins, we'd love
25 to hear your input on what you think best

1 fits the vision for the Downtown Saratoga
2 area.

3 MS. DEGREGORY: Okay. So this is
4 the first bin. This is called the Split-
5 Two Stream Recycling and Waste Barrel
6 with a Lift-Off Lid. And you can see
7 that it has a bunch of different
8 customizable covers on the bottom. So
9 you see the, like, blue and black. You
10 could also switch those up with the ones
11 on the bottom that you can see.

12 What are the -- a couple of pros of
13 this bin is that it's made of recycled
14 plastic. It comes with heavy dual
15 aligners. It has fading prevention. And
16 it's made for outdoors. It meets LEED
17 requirements and is ADA compliant. And
18 it won't absorb moisture. It has limited
19 maintenance needed, and there's clear
20 labeling on it. And it's the similar
21 size to our current bins.

22 Some of the cons is just that
23 there's no room for signage. So if we
24 wanted to instruct people how to use the
25 bins or what to put where, we wouldn't

1 really be able to do that with these
2 bins.

3 MS. HELAL: So this bin is very
4 similar to the previous one with the same
5 pros and cons. It is a little more
6 expensive due to its hinged doors instead
7 of the lift-off lid, and it's also a
8 little taller. So it really depends on
9 what's more convenient for the DPW
10 workers.

11 MS. COOK: This is the doubled --
12 Double Recycled Plastic Trash Can, and
13 it's sixty-four gallons. So pros are
14 with this that it comes with connecting
15 brackets and labeled lids. It can
16 withstand harsh weather. It's natural
17 looking, and there's no need for sealant.

18 But some cons are that the recycling
19 trash look very similar. So with that
20 twin the bin theory, there's not
21 different colors so it might be difficult
22 for people to figure out which is the
23 recycling and which is the trash. And it
24 comes unassembled.

25 MS. DEGREGORY: Okay. So this is

1 the Manchester Sideload Double Recycling
2 Station. This also has a bunch of
3 different color options. It's
4 maintenance free. It has heavy duty
5 liners. It's used -- it's made of
6 stainless steel. And it has hinged doors
7 for access. It has rust resistant
8 hinges. And it can come with restrictive
9 openings; nobody can get into it. And
10 it's rot resistant.

11 But some of the cons are that
12 they're very expensive, and they're
13 larger than the usual bins.

14 MS. HELAL: This is the Dorset
15 Sideload Double Recycling Station. This
16 is similar to the last bin and this bins
17 pros and cons vary based on the
18 customizations made.

19 It has multiple color options, as
20 shown in the picture. It's more
21 expensive as it's taller and wider than
22 the previous bin. These bins are the
23 ones that closest resemble the bins that
24 are in currently in Albany.

25 MS. COOK: This is the ArchTec

1 Parkview Trash & Recycling Receptacle
2 Combo. Some pros about this one is that
3 it won't rust and it won't dent or chip.
4 There are decals available that we can
5 get. It has a built-in divider. It's
6 weather proof and has a fire safe finish.
7 And there's built-in stability.

8 Some cons about it are is that it's
9 not as aesthetically pleasing as we'd
10 like it to be with our Downtown and our
11 vintage aesthetic and it's less
12 modifiable.

13 MS. MEYER: So this is the
14 Transition TXZ from Clean River. This is
15 another bin that really is truly
16 customizable to meet whatever needs we
17 have. So obviously size varies, color
18 varies, all of that stuff. The color
19 options are right here to the right of
20 the pictures. So depending on if we
21 wanted a more natural look, we can go
22 with browns and greens. If we wanted
23 something more bright and colorful, we
24 could go with blues and greens, all of
25 that good stuff.

1 There's also, obviously, room for
2 signage and really clear labeling. One
3 thing that's particularly helpful about
4 these bins is a lot of their labels come
5 with images, which is useful because some
6 people who won't necessarily take the
7 time to like read a list of what can go
8 in the bins will, like, see a picture and
9 know, oh yeah, I have that in my mind,
10 now I know where to put that in the bin.

11 Because of the customizations, the
12 price does vary, and so we would need to
13 get a quote if we wanted to go with this
14 bin for the exact, you know, version
15 you're looking for. However, Sustainable
16 Saratoga a couple years ago got a quote
17 for a similar model that's no longer
18 sold. But as you can see, pretty similar
19 color, pretty similar size, pretty
20 similar signage. So I can't imagine the
21 pricing would be that different.

22 And this one is for thirty bins, so
23 not twenty-eight like the others, costs
24 just over 37,000 dollars, and that
25 includes shipping, handling and tax. So

1 this is definitely a pretty good option
2 to look into.

3 And then these are the Albany's bins
4 that we referred to previously. The
5 really good thing about this is it just
6 gives you a sense for what these bins
7 would look like in a actual, you know,
8 street setting. We're not exactly sure
9 where these bins are from but they're
10 obviously very similar looking to the
11 Dorset Sideload Bins that we looked at
12 earlier.

13 Overall, regardless of what bin you
14 decide to go with, obviously, the price
15 varies a lot. The lower end bins are
16 about 20,000 dollars total for all
17 twenty-eight. Higher end is more like
18 55,000 dollars total for all twenty-
19 eight. But either way, regardless of
20 what price point we land at, exactly what
21 customizations we go with, really
22 Downtown recycling is just such an
23 important part of being a sustainable
24 city.

25 So we'd love to hear your input on

1 the different bin designs and clarify any
2 questions you may have. We're planning
3 on meeting with the Special Assessments
4 District soon and discussing different
5 bin designs with them per Commissioner
6 Scirocco's suggestion. So hear their
7 input as well. But again, we'd just love
8 to hear your thoughts and answer any
9 questions you may have.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any comments from the
11 council?

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I want to
13 thank you guys again. I mean, you know,
14 for -- for being the (indiscernible) of
15 the -- especially a downtown, and you
16 know, with this presentation again, it's
17 a good presentation. I'd be curious to
18 see what -- what Albany, what their
19 recycling program is like and -- and how
20 much use that it actually gets and how
21 they -- you know, how they actually do
22 it.

23 Again, we -- you know, going into
24 it, we really don't have a plan going
25 into it. By putting together, you know,

1 the -- the bins out there and -- and that
2 sort of thing, I think we need a plan
3 like -- like we discussed in the past to
4 actually make it happen.

5 But again, you know, I think it's
6 going to be something that we're going to
7 have to put in the 2022 budget, the
8 capital budget. They're -- they're
9 pretty expensive items. I think it's a
10 great idea. I -- I introduced something
11 similar to this back in, I think it was,
12 2013. As a matter of fact, I still have
13 the barrel, and it's similar to -- you
14 know, to one of those -- one of those
15 barrels. And I was thinking about just
16 for the heck of it sticking it out there
17 to see who would use it and who wouldn't
18 use it.

19 Again -- but -- thanks for doing it.
20 And I look forward to, you know, working
21 with you in the future.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, I think it was a
23 great presentation. Thank you for
24 coming. And you know, I would defer to
25 Commissioner Scirocco on this. I support

1 recycling but it's -- you know, it's his
2 department. And I appreciate
3 Commissioner Madigan working with you
4 also.

5 So Commissioner Franck or Dalton, do
6 you have any other comments?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I -- I think
8 the -- I know they're more expensive, but
9 the models that have tops to them would
10 probably be better because of the
11 weather. You know, we have -- we have
12 these, especially in the summer, tons of
13 rain, storms, and things of that nature.
14 So the ones that tend to have an angle
15 top to them, whether it be the Manchester
16 or a few ones that you showed later, I
17 think would be -- one, I think they --
18 they're more visually pleasing, but I
19 think also they would be more functional.
20 They seem to be a little bit larger.
21 That's just from -- you know, ones I have
22 seen when I'm in, like, Maine and -- and
23 different places up north, that that's
24 what I tend to see is the ones with the
25 top on an angle versus the ones in Albany

1 that were flat with the top. Because
2 what I've seen with the ones with the
3 flat on the top is sometimes when they
4 got full, then they start putting stuff
5 on the top flat area, like, for the ones
6 in Albany. But I think it's a great
7 idea.

8 And I -- and I think going to the
9 Downtown Assessment District was a good
10 idea from Commissioner Scirocco because
11 I -- I think you'll get some -- some play
12 there too.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I thought you
14 guys did an excellent job. That was a
15 super thorough presentation, detailed.
16 The compare and contrast of all the
17 different designs was awesome. And I'm
18 just so happy to know that there is a
19 group of people out there and residents,
20 especially younger ones, who are
21 passionate about recycling and are
22 pursuing this project. So I think it is
23 like incredibly, incredibly needed
24 Downtown. So I just applaud your
25 efforts, and I'm here to support whatever

1 decision you all land on. So thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I'll
3 finish up by thanking you all very much.
4 It was a great presentation. None of
5 those garbage cans are cost prohibitive.
6 I don't think we would make this a
7 capital project because it's not a very
8 significant amount of money. We usually
9 capitalize really expensive -- much more
10 expensive machinery or you know,
11 infrastructure type projects.

12 So if we could get a determination
13 on a bin that we liked, we could make
14 sure that we were including those funds
15 in the budget, and potentially sooner
16 than later because I think it is time to
17 move forward on public space recycling.

18 I'm not sure what kind of plan we
19 need. I don't know if it should be up to
20 high school students necessarily to come
21 up with the plan. And so I don't know
22 what it takes to get the garbage out of
23 the bins and get it over to the Transfer
24 Station.

25 I know we had talked about

1 potentially using two different colored
2 bags; one for -- like, if we did one of
3 those dual bins -- and you know which one
4 I like, right. I like the top -- the
5 tall one that's on an angle that we can,
6 you know -- I think we all like that one,
7 right. I know when I met with you
8 guys -- I don't know what the rest of the
9 council like. I think Commissioner
10 Franck is leaning toward that one too,
11 trying to give you some feedback on the
12 bin that he likes. Because we can use
13 some cool signage there. We can even
14 swap out the signage at times.

15 It could even be a revenue
16 generator. Like the flags, you know.
17 Maybe when we do the flags, we could put
18 something, you know, that coordinates
19 with the flags for different events and
20 whatnot in that front part of the
21 signage. I don't know. And then it
22 still leaves room up at the top for, you
23 know, what we want to recycle and where
24 we want other waste to go.

25 So you know, if we can come to a

1 decision, meet with the Special
2 Assessment District, I think that is a
3 good idea. Get some input from them.
4 They seem to care about the garbage cans
5 and the look and the feel of the
6 Downtown, and maybe we can come up with a
7 plan and a cost.

8 And I don't -- you know, I -- I'll
9 leave it to Commissioner Scirocco to tell
10 us what -- what it takes to bring two
11 different colored garbage bags to the --
12 I'm thinking the Transfer Station. I
13 know County Waste stops at the Transfer
14 Station. I've had many conversations
15 with them about this. And one goes into
16 the typical waste, and then maybe the
17 other one goes to them to go to the
18 single street -- single stream plant.

19 So I thought it was terrific. We're
20 moving forward. And I look forward to
21 hearing, you know, how -- how it goes. I
22 would actually like to attend your
23 presentation to the Special Assessment
24 District.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I will say

1 from a fairly visual perspective,
2 actually I think it was the second option
3 would be the best if just from what
4 people are used to seeing now. Just from
5 a visual perspective, that would be my
6 feedback on the design.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Any other
8 comments?

9 Well, thank you, girls, for coming
10 this evening, and I'm sure we'll be
11 seeing you again soon. Thank you.

12 MS. MEYER: Thank you for having us.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

14 MS. COOK: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you
16 very much. It was great.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Moving on to
18 our agenda -- consent agenda. I -- I
19 move that the city council approve the
20 consent agenda as included with this
21 agenda. This a motion. Is there a
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
25 those in favor say aye?

1 IN UNISON: Aye.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
3 matter passes.

4 On to the mayor's department. My
5 first item is an Announcement:
6 Implementation of Independent Advisory
7 Committee, New York State Police Reform
8 and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.
9 Tonight I will be announcing the
10 Independent Advisory Committee which will
11 assist us with the implementation of the
12 New York State Police Reform and
13 Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

14 On March 31st, 2021, the council
15 adopted a resolution in compliance with
16 Executive Order 203. The work of this
17 advisory committee is the next step. The
18 committee has a dual role. Members will
19 research and analyze how a citizens
20 review board will be implemented in
21 Saratoga Springs, and then provide the
22 council with their findings for
23 deliberation and decision this year.

24 The second item is members will
25 advise the police chiefs and the

1 Commissioner of Public Safety in
2 implementing the recommendations adopted
3 in the resolution.

4 The Advisory Committee will report
5 the progress of their work to the council
6 and the public at the first regular
7 council meeting each month. The members
8 of the advisory committee are: Charles
9 "Chuck" Caputo. Chuck has -- has worked
10 most of his career in human service field
11 in senior management for a large complex
12 organization, and also worked with U.S.
13 and Canadian public and private
14 organizations to establish and be best
15 practice operating standards in their
16 organizations.

17 Chuck spent two years working with
18 the military in a similar training and
19 consulting role.

20 He helped redesign the health care
21 delivery in Nassau and Eastern Queens to
22 create a new health and wellness
23 opportunity for Medicaid beneficiaries.
24 In addition, he was the executive
25 director of a children's day treatment

1 program in Queens, New York for several
2 years at Lifeline Center for Child
3 Development.

4 Chuck has volunteered with several
5 community groups and has lent a hand to
6 help plan fundraisers, implement new
7 programs, establish systems, write
8 policies, and complete strategic plans.
9 He has been on the board of Saratoga
10 Pride for the last two years. Most
11 recently he has served on the Saratoga
12 Police Reform and Reinvention Task Force
13 to help the city comply with Executive
14 Order 203.

15 My second choice of -- my second
16 appointment to this committee is Kimberly
17 A. Galvin. Kim is a lifelong resident of
18 Saratoga Springs. She graduated from
19 Saratoga High School and from Union
20 College and Vermont Law School. As a
21 lawyer, all but one of the thirty years
22 has been in public service.

23 She has been the assistant public
24 defender in Albany County, the chief
25 assistant district attorney in Rensselaer

1 County, the assistant attorney general in
2 the criminal division, and the chief of
3 staff in the legislature to the Assembly
4 Minority. Kim currently serves as
5 counsel to the New York State Board of
6 Elections.

7 She has served as Commissioner of
8 Public Financing Statewide Task Force in
9 2019, and on the Civil Service Commission
10 and the Police Reform Task Force in
11 Saratoga Springs.

12 My third appointment and my final
13 appointment is Jason Golub. Jason is VP
14 and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
15 Officer for Walker & Dunlop. Prior to
16 joining Walker & Dunlop, Jason was a
17 senior leader at GE where he was chief
18 compliant officer and ran global and
19 legal corruption investigations for the
20 power business.

21 He was a security enforcement lawyer
22 for a number of years before that,
23 focusing on security fraud and insider
24 trading investigations.

25 Jason served as a cochair of the

1 Police Reform and Reimagination Task
2 Force for Saratoga Springs. He holds a
3 bachelor of arts from Connecticut College
4 and a JD from the -- from Columbia
5 University School of Law.

6 The work of this committee is
7 important to the community. And the city
8 council appreciates the dedication and
9 generous commitment of time from each of
10 these members of the advisory committee.

11 My second item is Discussion and
12 Vote: Authorization to Submit New York
13 State CDBG-CV Application to Support the
14 Second Round of the COVID-19 Small
15 Business Grants.

16 In the winter of 2020 to 2021, the
17 Community Development Department utilized
18 a portion of the City CDBG-CV entitlement
19 allocation to the fund -- Small Business
20 Grant Program. Though the program proved
21 successful, it -- the evident needed
22 to -- it was evident it needed additional
23 grant based assistance amongst small
24 business owners persisted.

25 The Community Development Department

1 proposes to seek additional funding
2 through New York State CDBG-CV funding to
3 support an additional round of this
4 program to preserve jobs held by persons
5 of low income which would otherwise be
6 lost to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

7 Relief to small businesses through
8 the provision of fourteen grants of
9 15,000 dollars in working capital will
10 facilitate this job retention. The total
11 grant request is 250,000 and no match is
12 required.

13 I move that the city council
14 authorize the submission of the New York
15 State CDBG-CV application to support a
16 second round of COVID-19 small business
17 grants. This is a motion. Is there a
18 second?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
21 those in favor say aye?

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 My third item is a Proclamation:

1 Saratoga Pride Month 2021.

2 With that, I hereby proclaim whereas
3 the City of Saratoga Springs is well
4 known and enjoyed for many reasons, in
5 recent times, our citizens have added to
6 our good representation by providing a
7 supportive and understanding community
8 for many diverse groups. Although it is
9 not part of our -- our city's motto,
10 health, history, and horses, a fourth H,
11 human rights, is extremely important to
12 us.

13 Whereas Saratoga Pride is a local
14 group of LGBTQ-plus citizens, there are
15 families, allies, and supporters who work
16 to increase their visibility and safety
17 as members of our community. They
18 conduct events, provide resources,
19 information, education, and advocacy, and
20 maintain a positive image and a positive
21 outlook.

22 Now, therefore, I, Mayor Meg Kelly,
23 Saratoga Springs, am pleased to recognize
24 the work of Saratoga Pride and extend
25 them my very best wishes for a happy and

1 successful Saratoga Pride month.

2 I hereby proclaim the month of June
3 as Saratoga Pride Month.

4 My next item is an Announcement:
5 Mayor's Food Drive.

6 My office will be conducting a food
7 drive in partnership with the SPA Program
8 to benefit the SNACpack Program. SPA is
9 a Saratoga Pathways Academy of Saratoga
10 Springs High School. Students enrolled
11 in this program have worked with local
12 businesses on authentic real world --
13 real world problems and continue to
14 expand these community relationships.

15 The SNACpack Program provides
16 backpacks full of food directly to
17 children at the school.

18 The snack -- the -- the SNACpack
19 Food Drive will be held at the Rec Center
20 on Monday, June 7th from 3 to 6:30 p.m.,
21 and on Tuesday, June 8th, from 9 to noon.
22 Food drop off boxes have been placed at
23 various locations at different schools in
24 the city. And that concludes my agenda.

25 On to Accounts. Commissioner

1 Franck.

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
3 Mayor. The first item is an Award of
4 Bid: Bid Extension of Polyaluminum
5 Chloride to Holland Company, Inc.

6 Upon the recommendation of the
7 Department of Public Works, I move to
8 extend the award of bid for polyaluminum
9 chloride to Holland Company, Inc. for an
10 additional year under the same terms,
11 conditions, and prices as set in Bid
12 2019-24. And that's a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye?

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
21 Mayor. The second Award of Bid -- item
22 is Award of Bid: Copper Sulfate to Amrex
23 Chemical Company, Inc.

24 Upon the request of the Department
25 of Public Works, I move to award the bid

1 for copper sulphate to Amrex Chemical
2 Company, Inc. for a total not to exceed
3 6,900 dollars. And that's a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
7 those in favor say aye.

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
10 matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
12 Mayor. The third item is Award of Bid:
13 Emergency Medical Supplies to Bound Tree
14 Medical, Henry Schein, Inc., McKesson
15 Medical Surgical Government Solutions,
16 LLC, and Life-Assist, Inc.

17 Upon the recommendation of the
18 Department of Public Safety, I move to
19 award the bid for emergency medical
20 supplies to Bound Tree Medical, Henry
21 Schein, Inc., McKesson Medical Surgical
22 Government Solutions, LLC, and Life-
23 Assist, Inc. for various products and
24 prices as quoted in Bid 2021-04. And
25 that's a motion.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
4 those in favor say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
7 matter passes.

8 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
9 Mayor. The fourth item is Discussion and
10 Vote: Rescind the Health and Safety
11 Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

12 Employees and visitors who are fully
13 vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer
14 required to wear a facial covering or
15 socially distance. Anyone who is not
16 fully vaccinated must continue to adhere
17 to previous mask and distance
18 requirements.

19 Additionally, city departments are
20 no longer required to manually check
21 temperatures. It is the responsibility
22 of the employees and the visitors of city
23 buildings to follow this new guidance.
24 Anyone who does not wear a face covering
25 affirms they have been fully vaccinated.

1 Employees and visitors may choose to
2 continue wearing a mask regardless of
3 vaccination status, including those who
4 are public facing, who are immune
5 compromised, or those who are
6 uncomfortable around unmasked
7 individuals.

8 The City of Saratoga Springs reminds
9 anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of
10 COVID-19 or is feeling unwell should stay
11 home, get tested, and seek appropriate
12 medical treatment.

13 The City's efforts to combat COVID-
14 19 have been done in conjunction with the
15 cooperation of our city staff and unions.
16 We ask that you continue to do your part
17 to mitigate the spread of this virus.

18 Therefore, pursuant to the changing
19 mandates of New York State Department of
20 Health, the CDC, and the recommendation
21 of the Safety Committee, I move to
22 rescind the City September 10th, 2020
23 Health and Safety Policy during the
24 COVID-19 pandemic and mask mandate. And
25 that's a motion.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
4 those in favor say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
7 matter passes.

8 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
9 Mayor. The fifth item is Award of Bid:
10 Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades
11 to -- for Electrical Construction to
12 Stilsing Electric, Inc.

13 Upon the recommendation of the
14 Department of Public Works, I move to
15 award the bid for sanitary wastewater
16 pump station upgrades for electrical
17 construction to Stilsing Electric, Inc.
18 in the amount not to exceed 80,300
19 dollars. And that's a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
23 those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The

1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
3 Mayor. Item Number 6 is Award of Bid:
4 Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades
5 - General Construction to GF -- I'm
6 sorry, CFI Contracting, Inc.

7 Upon the recommendation of the
8 Department of Public Works, I move to
9 award the bid for sanitary wastewater
10 pump station upgrades to general
11 construction to CFI Contracting, Inc. in
12 an amount not to exceed 956,200 dollars.
13 And that's a motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
17 those in favor say aye.

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
20 matter passes.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
22 Mayor. 7, and the last item for this
23 evening on my agenda, would be Award of
24 Bid: Tree Inventory and Forest Management
25 Plan to PlanIT Geo, LLC.

1 Upon the recommendation of the
2 Department of Public Works, I move to
3 award the bid for tree inventory and
4 forest management plan to PlanIT Geo,
5 LLC, not to exceed the amount stated in
6 Bid 2021-06. And that's a motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
10 those in favor say aye.

11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
13 matter passes.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
15 Mayor. That concludes my agenda.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
17 Commissioner.

18 We're on to finance. Commissioner
19 Madigan.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
21 Mayor. The first item on my agenda is an
22 update on city finances.

23 This is our ongoing report on city
24 revenues, expenses, cash flow, as well as
25 the status of federal and state funding.

1 And based on involving information as
2 well as our carefully considered and
3 well-coordinated budget actions, the
4 future is looking more financially stable
5 and healthy.

6 The 2021 budget was designed to be
7 amended as the pandemic economy evolved
8 when and if the City's revenue and cash
9 flow is able to support the changes. So
10 I have been meeting and have met with
11 most departments to discuss those
12 amendments. And each department --
13 actually, I guess, I -- we've met with
14 everybody, you know, whether it was at
15 Zoom or one on one. And so we have been
16 discussing with each department, you
17 know, what they would like us to try to
18 be able to do as we're going forward with
19 the rest of the year.

20 Priorities were stated, you know,
21 somewhat from the beginning. First and
22 foremost, I wanted to be able to address
23 employee wages. And we had a meeting to
24 discuss that this morning. And it is my
25 intention to make our employees whole in

1 terms of 2021 wages effective -- it's all
2 our intention based on our meeting,
3 effective August 1 of 2021. And to let
4 City employees and the public know that
5 we -- we will be effectively coming out
6 of our hiring pause a little bit early.

7 I had asked for the pause through
8 June 15th, but we have timing issues,
9 especially with police and fire in terms
10 of getting candidates ready for their
11 various police and fire academies. So
12 coming out of this, you know, a little
13 bit early, but I had enough time to do
14 some level of analysis, so that was very
15 helpful.

16 And we've also received some other
17 good news, which I'll discuss as I, you
18 know, move forward on this agenda item.

19 So next -- so that -- that basically
20 means rehiring. This isn't about new
21 hires, but you know, we've been putting
22 off replacements for people who have
23 retired or maybe we had the census for
24 certain employees but we haven't -- we
25 don't have full funding for certain

1 employees to replace them. And we're not
2 going to be able to do all of them but
3 we're going to try to do what we can do
4 to get through the rest of the year.

5 The next priority that I wanted to
6 address was essential services that may
7 be suffering due to reduced pandemic
8 budget. To date we have compiled about
9 2.3 to 2.5 million dollars in expense
10 budget increases. About half of this
11 would be the reinstatement of the 2021
12 employee contracts. Some of these
13 requests, again, may -- may move to
14 consideration in the 2022 budget.

15 Regardless, we're doing our best to
16 meet employee department and city needs
17 all in compliance with the Office of the
18 State Comptroller, state and federal
19 advice regarding how to best manage the
20 budget, and how to best expend the
21 federal funds, and how to best come out
22 of this pandemic economy in a financially
23 healthy and strong way.

24 We have had several revenue updates
25 based on recent disbursement, as well as

1 year to date amounts received. These
2 actually total about 2.4 million dollars,
3 and I'm not going to go into the details
4 on every one of them that it -- it
5 includes. But sales tax will be revised
6 by about 2 million dollars. You know, we
7 budgeted 1.16 NVLT. We're getting 2.3
8 million.

9 Mortgage tax is very strong.
10 Planning Board fees will be going up.
11 Building depart -- building permit fees
12 are going up. You know, the one -- the
13 one that we sort of had a real decrease
14 on really was federal aid. We budgeted 5
15 million and we're going to get 3.9
16 million. But looking at other revenues,
17 you know, the budget's looking healthy,
18 as is our cash flow outlook in the here
19 and now.

20 So on May 27th, the City did receive
21 a reimbursement of 1 million -- 1.67
22 million in a long awaited cash
23 disbursement for the Geyser Road Trail.
24 We put the money out, and then we wait to
25 get reimbursed. And so that

1 reimbursement has come, and that
2 absolutely helps with cash flow.

3 This added to the recent
4 disbursements of VLT aid, the fair -- the
5 American Rescue Act Fund, made it much
6 more likely that we may be able to clear
7 the books on at least one of the two
8 short-term loans that we took last year
9 to cover payroll and other expenses when
10 annual revenue stalled. And since June
11 is a month in which the City makes a much
12 greater than usual number of
13 disbursements, including remittance to
14 the county and school tax amounts that
15 the City's collected, it's good timing.
16 And this is also when we make a big
17 payment on debt service.

18 So thanks to good cooperation from
19 each of the departments, working with the
20 Finance Department, our improved
21 financial situation allows us some
22 options and a positive outlook as we
23 consider the rest of 2021 and consider
24 these budget amendments and prepare for
25 the 2022 budget season. Thank you.

1 My remaining items are Budget
2 Transfers and Amendments. The second
3 one, my item is Discussion and Vote:
4 Budget Transfers - Payroll.

5 Lines 1 through 4, transfer to 207A
6 and 207C budgets for active but disabled
7 firefighters and police officer wages
8 from firefighter and police officer
9 regular wages in the amount of \$6,640.12
10 for firefighters, and \$9,501.72 for
11 police officers. I move that the city
12 council approve the budget transfers -
13 payroll as included with the agenda.
14 This is a motion.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
19 those in favor say aye.

20 IN UNISON: Aye.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
22 matter passes.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

24 Item number 3 is a Discussion and Vote:
25 Budget Amendments - Payroll.

1 Lines 1 through 3 amend the budget
2 to include reimbursements received from
3 the Capital District Drug Enforcement
4 Task Force covering overtime and Social
5 Security. I move that the City Council
6 approve budget amendments - payroll as
7 included with the agenda. This is a
8 motion.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
12 those in favor say aye.

13 IN UNISON: Aye.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
15 matter passes.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 4
17 is a Discussion and Vote: Budget
18 Amendments - Capital for Project 1141.

19 This will also be on Commissioner
20 Scirocco's agenda and was the subject of
21 a public hearing this evening. Lines 1
22 through 4 amend the budget to include
23 reimbursements received for repairs to
24 City Hall. These will be used to
25 complete various City Hall building

1 projects associated with the post-fire
2 renovation of City Hall. I move that the
3 city council approve the budget
4 amendments - Capital Project 1141 as
5 included with the agenda. This is a
6 motion and it does require a four-fifths
7 approval and a roll call vote. But we do
8 need a second. So this is a motion.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please.

12 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
13 Franck.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

15 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
16 Madigan.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

18 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
19 Scirocco.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
22 Dalton.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

24 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter

1 passes.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

3 Item number 5 is a Discussion and Vote:
4 Budget Transfers - Contingency.

5 Lines 1 through 4, transfer to the
6 IT Department to cover an encoder that
7 will enhance City Hall's security, and
8 transfer to risk and safety for security
9 improvements to the 5 Lake Avenue
10 entrance. Each in the amounts of 16,414
11 dollars and \$11,980.13 respectively. The
12 total transfer is \$28,394.13.

13 Prior to the transfer, this
14 expenditure appropriation for contingency
15 held \$220,045.83. Subsequent to these
16 transfers, there will remain \$191,651.70.
17 I move that the city council approve the
18 budget transfers contingency as included
19 with the agenda. This is a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
24 those in favor say aye.

25 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
2 matter passes.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
4 And that concludes my agenda.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
6 Commissioner.

7 On to Public Works, Commissioner
8 Scirocco.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
10 Mayor. First item on my agenda is
11 Discussion and Vote. This is Approval
12 for the Capital Budget Amendment for City
13 Buildings.

14 On this capital budget amendment, as
15 remaining insurance funds and funds that
16 were not encumbered into city buildings
17 capital account for Project number 1141,
18 City Hall, and will be transferred into
19 budget line H3031492-5200-1141. The
20 total amount of the budget amendment is
21 \$135,329.30.

22 Therefore, I move for approval -- or
23 I move to approve the capital budget
24 amendment for city buildings in the
25 amount of \$135,329.30. And I put that in

1 the form of a motion.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
5 those in favor say aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
8 matter passes.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The next
10 item is Discussion and Vote:
11 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
12 Contract with Amrex Chemical Company for
13 Water Treatment Plant Chemicals. That's
14 for Copper Sulfate.

15 Again, the next four items on my
16 agenda are for the Water Treatment Plant
17 chemicals. The original bid proposal was
18 April 28th, 2021 is extended to June 1st,
19 2022.

20 Amrex will be supplying the City
21 with copper sulfate in the amount of -- I
22 don't have the amount. It's not on here.
23 Unit bid price for proposal.

24 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
25 sign an agreement with Amrex Chemical

1 Company for copper sulfate chemicals for
2 the Water Treatment Plant. And I put
3 that in the form of a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: We had 6,900
8 on our -- on the award of bid.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Is it 60 --
10 yes. I think you're right. Yes.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
12 Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 6,900,
14 that's correct.

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yep.

16 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
17 aye.

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
20 matter passes.

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second item
22 on my agenda is the Authorization for the
23 Mayor to Sign a Contract with Amrex
24 Chemical Company for Water Treatment
25 Plant Chemicals - Hydrofluorosilicic and

1 Sodium Silico. The original bid proposal
2 was May 18th, 2019. Has been extended to
3 June 1st, 2022. Amrex will supply the
4 City with hydrofluorosilicic acid and
5 fluoride power in the amount not to
6 exceed the bid price for proposal.

7 Therefore I move for the mayor to
8 sign an agreement with Amrex Chemical
9 Company for hydrofluorosilicic acid and
10 sodium silicofluoride chemicals for Water
11 Treatment Plant. And I put that in the
12 form of a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
21 my agenda, Discussion and Vote:
22 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
23 Contract with Surpass Chemical Company,
24 Incorporated, for Water Treatment Plant
25 Chemicals.

1 And again, the original bid proposal
2 was May 17th, 2019, as it extended to
3 June 1st, 2022.

4 Surpass Chemicals will supply the
5 City with sodium hypochlorite for the
6 Water Treatment Plant in the amount of
7 the unit bid price per proposal.

8 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
9 sign a contract with Surpass Chemical
10 Company, Inc. for the sodium hypochlorite
11 chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant.
12 Put that in the form of a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
21 my agenda, Discussion and Vote:
22 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
23 Contract with Holland Company,
24 Incorporated, for Water Treatment Plant
25 Chemicals.

1 The original bid proposal was May
2 19th, 2019, and it extended to June 1st,
3 2022. Holland Company supplies us with
4 our polyaluminum chloride in the amount
5 of the unit bid price per proposal.

6 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
7 sign an agreement with Holland Company
8 for polyaluminum chloride chemicals for
9 the Water Treatment Plant. Put that in
10 the form of a motion.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
14 those in favor say aye.

15 IN UNISON: Aye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
17 matter passes.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
19 my agenda, Discussion and Vote:
20 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
21 Contract with Kubricky Construction
22 Corporation of Equipment Rental for
23 CHIPS.

24 This contract is to cover payment
25 services -- payment services for work

1 being performed with funds received from
2 CHIPS.

3 Kubricky has equipment for paving
4 that does -- that the City does not own,
5 and this is an item historically bid out
6 by Saratoga County. We are able to
7 piggyback off of their bid but are
8 required to bring forward a contract
9 specifically between the City of Saratoga
10 Springs and Kubricky.

11 Totally -- total spent in 2020 was
12 approximately 87,000 dollars, and all
13 expenses were paid for using the CHIPS
14 funding.

15 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
16 sign to a contract with Kubricky
17 Construction Corporation for equipment
18 rental for CHIPS. And I put that in the
19 form of a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
23 those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The

1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
3 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
4 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
5 contract with PlanIT Geo for Phase I
6 Street Inventory and Management Plan.

7 The City of Saratoga Springs
8 received a grant as a part of the DEC's
9 Urban and Community Forest Program, which
10 works to increase public awareness of the
11 importance of trees amongst communities
12 developed, and implement comprehensive
13 tree management plans to create healthy
14 forests while enhancing the quality of
15 life for residents.

16 The City of Saratoga Springs has
17 selected PlanIT Geo to complete Phase I
18 of the street inventory and forest
19 management plan in the City of Saratoga
20 Springs, New York. The certified
21 arborist chosen for the project is
22 required to have an internal --
23 International society of Arboriculture
24 (ISA) confection certification.

25 Task 1 is a GIS based street

1 inventory will be performed to collect
2 tree data and various sites attributes.
3 The certified arborist will complete a
4 tree inventory that will include all
5 street trees on public property within
6 the Phase I project and within the city
7 right -- city right-of-way, approximately
8 ninety miles of city right-of-way.

9 Task 2 is create and complete a
10 forestry management plan for the City of
11 Saratoga Springs, New York for approval
12 and adoption by the City of Saratoga
13 Springs City Council.

14 The certified arborist will work in
15 partnership with the City of Saratoga
16 Springs to collect, analyze, and use data
17 to adopt a completed forest management
18 plan after fully understanding the
19 findings of the tree inventory.

20 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
21 sign a contract with PlanIT Geo for Phase
22 I Street Tree Inventory Management Plan.
23 And I put that in the form of a motion.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
25 Second. Any discussion? All those in

1 favor say aye.

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
4 matter passes.

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
6 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
7 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an
8 Agreement with CFI Contracting,
9 Incorporated, for Sanitary Wastewater
10 Pump Station Upgrades - General
11 Construction Contract in the amount of
12 956,200 dollars.

13 In 2014, CT Mill Engineering
14 evaluated seven pump stations for
15 upgrades to their aging infrastructure.
16 The current upgrades include Excelsior
17 Springs Pump Station, Quad 2 Pump
18 Station, and a Hathorn North Pump
19 Station.

20 Excelsior Springs Pump Station at
21 the intersection of Excelsior Springs
22 Avenue and Victoria Lane. Access to the
23 pump station was in the middle of the
24 roadway, and the valve pit is only
25 accessible from the pump station wet

1 well. Vehicles must drive over the wet
2 well hatch, and it is very noisy and not
3 designed for traffic loading.

4 Additionally, electric and control
5 systems are located in a below grade
6 structure with insufficient access and
7 ventilation. The proposed upgrade will
8 consist of a newly constructed precast
9 concrete pump station and valve pit to be
10 located outside of the roadway while
11 reusing the existing pump station as a
12 manhole to collect wastewater. The
13 existing pump control, kiosk, and control
14 panel will be demolished and removed
15 while a new kiosk with -- with a concrete
16 slab and pump control panel will be
17 constructed.

18 Quad 2 is located at the
19 intersection of Duplainville Road and
20 Cady Hill Boulevard within the Saratoga
21 County right-of-way. The existing pump
22 rails have been damaged, and control
23 valves can only be accessed from within
24 the pump station wet well.

25 The upgrade will need a newly

1 constructed precast concrete pump station
2 and valve pit while removing and -- and
3 demolishing the existing pump station.
4 The existing pump control kiosk and
5 control panel will be demolished and --
6 and removed while a new kiosk with a
7 concrete slab and pump control panel will
8 be constructed. We are also adding a new
9 emergency generator to this station.

10 Hathorn North is located at the
11 intersection of Hathorn Boulevard and
12 Tamarack Trail. The upgrade will need a
13 new pump package assembly with pumps,
14 rails, hatch, and controls off the road,
15 while reusing the existing pump station
16 structure. The existing pump control
17 kiosk and control panel will be
18 demolished and removed while a new kiosk
19 with a concrete slab and pump control
20 panel will be constructed.

21 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
22 sign an agreement with CFI Contracting,
23 Inc., for sanitary wastewater pump
24 station upgrades - general construction
25 contract in the amount of 956,200

1 dollars. And I put that in the form of a
2 motion.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
6 those in favor say aye.

7 IN UNISON: Aye.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
9 matter passes.

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
11 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
12 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an
13 Agreement with Stilsing Electric, Inc.
14 for the Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station
15 Upgrades - Electrical Contract in the
16 amount of 80,300 dollars.

17 Stilsing Electric is a low bidder
18 for the electrical contract work. All
19 three pump stations will now have new
20 electrical supplies and new energy
21 efficient high performance equipment.
22 The controls will now be accessible
23 outside the wet wells to meet the
24 requirements of the National Electrical
25 Code and 10 State Standard.

1 All equipment enclosures will have
2 NEMA 3R weatherproof ratings. Alarms
3 will be used to notify DPW personnel via
4 telephone dialers twenty-four hours a
5 day.

6 Stilsing will also provide the
7 electrical hookup for the new emergency
8 generator at Quad -- at the Quad 2
9 Station.

10 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
11 sign an agreement with Stilsing Electric,
12 Inc. for sanitary wastewater pump station
13 upgrades, an electrical contract in the
14 amount of 80,300 dollars. And I put that
15 in the form of a motion.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
19 those in favor say aye.

20 IN UNISON: Aye.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
22 matter passes.

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
24 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
25 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an

1 Application for the High Hazard
2 Mitigation Rehabilitation Grant. DPW is
3 requesting the mayor's signature to apply
4 to the High Hazard Mitigation
5 Rehabilitation Grant for the Loughberry
6 Lake Dam embankment stabilization and
7 spillway project.

8 The New York State Department of
9 Environmental Conservation High Hazard
10 Dam Rehabilitation Grant program
11 provides assistance for technical,
12 planning, design, and other
13 preconstruction activities associated
14 with rehabilitation of an ineligible high
15 hazard potential dam.

16 The City's engineering department is
17 requesting 100,000 in state funding, and
18 will be showing a 245,000 dollar match.
19 The City match has already been extended
20 through in kind services. And with this
21 grant application is not incurring any
22 new expenses.

23 Therefore, I move for the mayor to
24 sign an application for High Hazard
25 Mitigation Rehabilitation Grant, and I

1 put that in the form of a motion.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
5 those in favor say aye.

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
8 matter passes.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The last
10 item on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
11 Authorization for the Mayor to Accept a
12 Donation from Colonel George L. Willard
13 Camp Number 154, Sons of the Union
14 Veterans of the Civil War in the Amount
15 of \$9,823.46.

16 The City of Saratoga Springs will be
17 accepting a donation of \$9,823.46 from
18 the Colonel George Willard Camp Number
19 154, Sons of the Union Veterans of the
20 Civil War. On Thursday, July 16th, 2020,
21 vandals destroyed the historic 77
22 Infantry Regiment monument that resides
23 in Congress Park. This donation will be
24 used for assistance with landscaping, a
25 plaque and other upgrades of the Civil

1 War monument in Congress Park.

2 The Sons of the Union Veterans of
3 Civil War was established by the Grand
4 Army of Republic to perpetuate in memory
5 of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines,
6 and Revenue Cutter Service Veterans of
7 the Civil War. It is a national
8 organization composed of direct male
9 descendants of those who served.
10 Although males who are not descendants
11 may also join as associate members. We
12 work closely with our allied orders that
13 include the Daughters of Union Veterans
14 of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand
15 Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief
16 Corporation, and the Auxiliary to the
17 Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil
18 War.

19 The Sons of the Union Veterans of
20 the Civil War is dedicated to preserving
21 the history and legacy of veterans heroes
22 who fought and worked to save the Union
23 in the American Civil War. Part of that
24 mission involves protecting, recording,
25 and saving our nation's endangered

1 memorials raise in monuments. Memorial
2 Day with its origins rooted in the Civil
3 War. It is the principle day for the
4 SUVCW to honor fallen Union veterans and
5 veterans of all U.S. conflicts.

6 And again, I want to -- I want to
7 personally thank the Colonel George
8 Willard Camp Number 154, Sons of the
9 Union Veterans of the Civil War for their
10 generous donation and their continued
11 efforts on helping preserve our history.

12 Therefore, I'd move for the mayor to
13 accept the donation from the Colonel
14 George L. Willard Camp Number 154, Sons
15 of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in
16 the amount of \$9,823.46. And I put that
17 in the form of a motion.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
22 those in favor --

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's very
24 generous.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah, that is

1 incredibly generous.

2 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
3 aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
6 matter passes.

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I
8 believe that concludes my agenda.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
10 Commissioner.

11 On to Public Safety. Commissioner
12 Dalton.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,
14 Mayor. The first item on my agenda is to
15 Set a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter
16 225, Sections 225-87 of the City Code
17 entitled Vehicle & Traffic, Schedule XXII
18 Time Limit Parking.

19 This is to make the west side of
20 High Rock Avenue two hour parking, which
21 is what is on the east side of High Rock
22 Avenue and keep them both consistent.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Is that a next
24 meeting, five minutes?

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That would be

1 great.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.

3 Lisa Ribis, do you have that?

4 SECRETARY RIBIS: We've got it.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

7 The second item on my agenda is
8 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for
9 the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with MVP
10 Health Plan.

11 This agreement allows MVP to pay our
12 fire department for the telemedicine
13 services that they provide. If there are
14 any additional insurance companies that
15 want our department to provide these
16 services, we will have an agreement with
17 each one.

18 I make a motion for the -- for
19 the -- I make a motion to authorize the
20 mayor to sign an agreement with MVP
21 Health Plan. This is a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All

1 those in favor say aye.

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
4 matter passes.

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.
6 The third item on my agenda is Discussion
7 and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to
8 Sign a Contract with Bound Tree. This is
9 a contract for medical supplies for the
10 fire department.

11 I make a motion to authorize the
12 mayor to sign a contract with Bound Tree
13 Medical. This is a motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
17 those in favor say aye.

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
20 matter passes.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The fourth
22 item on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
23 Authorization for the Mayor to sign a
24 Contract with Henry Schein.

25 This is a contract for emergency

1 medical supplies for the fire department.

2 I make a motion for the mayor -- to
3 authorize the mayor to sign a contract
4 with Henry Schein. This is a motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
9 those in favor say aye.

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The la --
13 sorry.

14 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The last item
16 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:
17 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a
18 Contract with Life-Assist.

19 This is also a contract for
20 emergency medical supplies for the fire
21 department.

22 I make a motion to authorize the
23 mayor to sign a contract with Life-
24 Assist.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
4 those in favor say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
7 matter passes.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.
9 That concludes my agenda.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
11 Commissioner.

12 On to Supervisors. Supervisor
13 Veitch, do you have anything tonight?

14 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Mayor, I have
15 nothing at this time. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.
17 Supervisor Gaston, do you have
18 anything this evening?

19 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes.

20 MR. DELEONARDIS: There you go.

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: We're good now,
22 okay.

23 Do you mind if I add a quick
24 announcement to my agenda?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Go ahead. Go ahead.

1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay. Sorry, I
2 can't hear you. I just wanted to let
3 everyone know that Saratoga Springs is
4 going to be hosting a vaccination pod.
5 The County Health Department, we had
6 hoped to do it in Congress Park and work
7 with the City on that, but that is not an
8 option. However, we are going to be
9 holding one in Downtown Broadway either
10 the 15th or the 17th. We're waiting for
11 the final dates on that. And that will
12 be a walk-in vaccination clinic.

13 And I just want to thank all of our
14 local businesses, the City Center, Ben &
15 Jerry's, Fingerpaint. All of them are
16 donating supplies and assistance to this.
17 So I just wanted to thank them.

18 As soon as we have the date final, I
19 will make sure to let you know so that it
20 can be posted hopefully on the City
21 website, as it will also be on the County
22 website as well.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Great.

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: And that's all I
25 had. Thank you.

1 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Any other business from the Council?

3 Thank you all. We are adjourned.

4 (Meeting adjourned.)

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