



September 6, 2016

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

**6:50 PM – P.H. – 2017 – 2022 Capital
Budget and Program**

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2017 Capital Budget and Program
2. Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

CONSENT AGENDA

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5. Discussion: Former Mayor Ray Watkin’s Editorial in the September 6, 2016 Times Union Newspaper
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Matthew Veitch

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2. Saratoga County 20176 Budget

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ADJOURN



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

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

Vincent DeLeonardis

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Peter Martin, Supervisor

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

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

PUBLIC HEARING

2017 Capital Budget

Mayor Yepsen opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Yepsen advised there will be a presentation a little later on.

No one spoke.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mayor Yepsen opened the public comment period at 6:56 p.m.

Assemblywoman Woerner of Round Lake stated she is here to support the resolution regarding the parking garage at Congress Centre for Ayco. There are currently 200 employees and the potential to add another 1,000. They generate a lot of economic activity.

Todd Shimkus of Saratoga Springs stated he is here regarding the resolution and to keep Ayco here and expand them within this community. They are a driver of the economic engine.

David Morris of Saratoga Springs stated he is opposed to the IZOD proposal. It doesn't do anything to solve the problem of affordable housing in the City and it is unfair to target the builders and developers to bear the brunt of the blame for the long standing problems. Also, asking kids to cross a busy road – Geyser Road – to use a sidewalk is not what Safe Routes to School is about. (a copy of statement attached)

Darlene McGraw of Saratoga Springs stated she is insulted by what Marilyn Rivers said to her the other day when she took a walk with her. Marilyn told her she should worry less about sidewalks and volunteer her time.

Mayor Yepsen closed the public comment period at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

2017 Capital Budget and Program

Mayor Yepsen thanked the Capital Budget Committee for their time and efforts. The proposed budget contains 25 projects at a cost of \$9,017,167 of which \$7,347,140 would be bonded. The projects in order of priority are:

1. Public Safety Department Emergency Services Dispatch Renovation - # \$1,056,432
2. Water Treatment Plant Security Systems Project - \$77,000
3. Pedestrian Safety Improvement Proposal - \$523,800
4. Security System Infrastructure - \$39,566
5. Aerial Bucket Truck Replacement for Public Safety - \$150,000
6. City Buildings, Facilities Repairs & Upgrades for Finance - \$749,103.86
7. Canfield Casino Final Plaster Repairs Ballroom/Parlor - \$600,000
8. City Buildings, Facilities Repairs and Upgrades by DPW - \$200,000
9. East Side Storm Water Project Phase III - \$250,000
10. Katrina Trask Stairway in Congress Park - \$90,000
11. International Dump Truck with Lift for DPW - \$110,000
12. International Dump Truck for DPW - \$89,000
13. International Dump Truck with Plow Equipment for DPW - \$174,000
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15. Spider Slope Lawn Mower - \$33,000
16. Ice Rink Rehabilitation - \$24,000
17. Court Resurfacing - \$55,000
18. East Side and West Side Recreation Improvements - \$35,000
19. Field Rehabilitation - \$95,100
20. Saratoga Greenbelt Trail Downtown Connector - \$2,273,990
21. Bicycle-Pedestrian Crossing on the South Side of Crescent Ave./Rt. 9 Intersection from the Spa State Park - \$49,500

A copy of the presentation is attached.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Assistant Chief Catone presented the final draft of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to the Council. This plan is required by the City Charter. While creating the plan, he identified issues in the Charter with how it is written and will address with the current Charter Review Commission.

Each department has responsibility to do their own part. The CEMP needs to be reviewed annually; it is a fluid document. It was recommended that the review of this plan occur each October and can be updated throughout the year if necessary.

New York State is a home rule state meaning we own the incident and are responsible. In the event this plan is implemented, we are following NIMS (National Incident Management System) and ICS (Incident Command System) protocols. We need to put the public in touch with ways they can better protect their property. We must have an emergency operation center – currently the Music Hall. This may need to change depending upon the rehabilitation of the 3rd floor for the court system.

Council agreed to move item #6 from the Public Safety Agenda to be voted on now.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (16-321)

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the Comprehensive Emergency Plan along with all the attachments that have been distributed.

Ayes - All

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: 2017 – 2022 Capital Budget and Program (16-322)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded for the City Council to adopt the 2017 – 2022 Capital Budget and Program as filed with the City Clerk's Office on August 10, 2016.

Commissioner Madigan suggested the following revisions to the Capital Budget and Program:

- #2, #3, and #8 are small amount to bond; it may be better to find a different revenue source.
- #4 could be broken into doing 5 in 2017 and doing 6 in 2018.
- #7 can be removed from the 2017 Capital Budget as it is dependent upon a grant and do an amendment to the Capital Budget if we get the grant.

Commissioner Madigan stated she will be voting 'no' on the Capital Budget because as commissioner of finance she believes she needs to be able to make necessary changes to put together the Comprehensive Budget. She addressed this issue with the Charter Commission. A friendly amendment can be made now for the suggestions.

Mayor Yepsen stated she would like to keep the Capital Budget as proposed and continue to work with finance.

Commissioner Franck stated even if the Capital Budget is voted on; the dollars don't have to be bonded.

Commissioner Madigan stated she will not roll the \$800,000 amount for the trails into the tax levy and putting it with the Comprehensive Budget. We have \$33 million left in bonding capacity.

Commissioner Scirocco moved to make a friendly amendment to the Mayor's motion to remove project #2, #3, and #8 from the Capital Budget and Program.

No second to amendment received.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 2 (Commissioner Madigan and Commissioner Scirocco)

Announcement: Appointment to the Recreation Commission

Mayor Yepsen announced the re-appointment of Fonzi Lambert to the Recreation Commission.

Announcement: Re-appointment to the Complete Streets Advisory Board by Accounts, Finance, Public Safety and Public Works

Mayor Yepsen announced the re-appointment of Ken Gray by Accounts, Rob Wright by Finance, Doug Haller by Public Safety, and Colin Klepetar by Public Works to the Complete Streets Advisory Board.

Discussion and Vote: Approval of 2016 – 2017 Housing Authority Salaries (16-323)

Paul Feldman of the Housing Authority presented the salaries for his staff for 2016 – 2017 to the Council. He also reminded the Council they received an e-mail from the board chair regarding his salary.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the 2016 - 2017 Housing Authority salaries as described.

Commissioner Mathiesen asked Paul to describe the merit approach to the salary increases.

Mr. Feldman advised he created performance evaluations for each member of the staff based upon their specific job description and duties assigned to them. This addresses the work they were hired to do.

Ayes - All

***Council took a break at 8:44 p.m.

***Council returned at 8:48 p.m.

Announcement: Update Unified Development Ordinance

Mayor Yepsen announced the diagnostic report has been completed. This is the first step in the process.

Mike of Behan Planning advised they are in the process of working on the Unified Development Ordinance. The purpose is to combine the existing subdivision, zoning, and development codes into one user friendly document. The first major step was to complete the diagnostic report. They identified what they think needs to be addressed and how to do that. The report is available on the project website – www.saratogaspringsudo.com. Tina Carton will be introducing this report to the land use boards in the next couple of weeks. There will be a public meeting September 27th.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement with Saratoga County Youth Bureau (16-324)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Youth Bureau.

Ayes - All

Announcement: Recreation Programs

John Hirliman of the Recreation Department announced the programs that are open for registration. All information can be found on the Recreation Department webpage.

Announcement: North Side Park Playground Meeting

John Hirliman of the Recreation Department announced there is a meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Recreation Center regarding the north side park playground.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Saratoga Hospital Invoice – Required Immunizations for Police and Firefighters (16-325)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an invoice to pay Saratoga Hospital for the required immunizations for police and firefighters.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Grant Application for Funding Through the 2016 Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley Trail Grant Program (16-326)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a grant application for funding through the 2016 Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley Trail Grant Program.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Execute Change Order with Ortwein Sign for Wayfinding Program (16-327)

Mayor Yepsen stated the change order is necessary due to the prevailing wage now being accounted for. The scope of the project has been slightly reduced and below the authorized project amount.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to execute an order with Ortwein Sign for the wayfinding program.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Approve the MOA between the City and PBA – Tuition Reimbursement (16-328)

Vince DeLeonardis, city attorney, stated a copy of the MOA was provided to each Council member. The issue relates to a grievance filed for a specific employee's entitlement to tuition reimbursement and resolving the grievance. The PBA and the City agreed to amend the language in the MOA relating to tuition reimbursement to clarify the provisions.

Commissioner Madigan stated the amount was for \$8,805.

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to approve the MOA between the City and the PBA for tuition reimbursement.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Honeywell Law for Invoices – Labor Negotiations (16-329)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to authorize the mayor to pay Honeywell Law for invoices.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Invoices to Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker and Firth, P.C. for Invoice – Eminent Domain (16-330)

Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to pay invoices to Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, and Firth, P.C. for the eminent domain proceeding at 100 Geyser Road.

Ayes - All

Announcement: 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. High Rock Park

Mayor Yepsen announced there will be a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at High Rock Park.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Update to Purchasing Policy (16-331)

Commissioner Franck advised the change to the Purchasing Policy is a result of a request made by the Finance Commissioner following the training sessions that were held. Professional services and legal services have been separated for the purpose of the Purchasing Policy. Legal services now have their own requirements. Prior to this change, legal services of \$5,000 and above were a contract with Council approval and \$4,999 and below were the vendor service agreement. Now, all legal services obtained by the City must have a City Council approved contract. Legal services \$24,999 and under require three quotes, contract, and a purchase order. Legal services \$25,000 and above require an RFP, contract, and purchase order.

Commissioner Franck moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to accept the update to the Purchasing Policy as described and attached to the agenda.

Ayes – All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Discussion: 2017 Budgets

Commissioner Madigan advised all budgets have been received and entered into the financial management system. The summary and budget materials will be on the web the night of the first meeting in October, when the comprehensive budget is presented. The 2017 budget is \$48.4 million; a 10% increase over 2016.

Discussion and Vote: Resolution RE: Partnership for a Downtown Parking Structure at Congress Park Centre (16-332)

Commissioner Madigan read the following resolution into the record:

A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, as follows: WHEREAS, the need for additional parking facilities in and around Congress Park Centre has been identified. Recent construction in the area, as well as new and innovative uses for existing properties, has amplified the demand for public parking; and

WHEREAS, Ayco Company L.P., a business currently employing more than 200 people in our city, has recently announced its plans to expand its business and thereby bring up to an additional 1000 jobs to Saratoga Springs. The expansion would result in additional office space and buildings at Ayco's location in Congress Park Centre, and would create an immediate, real and pressing need to address both the availability of parking in the area and the desirability of retaining a significant employer in the city; and

WHEREAS, the city's experience with parking structures has shown them to be a convenience used by many people in Saratoga Springs. Parking structures are an acceptable means of maximizing available parking space in a specific location. They can have a positive effect on business activity, sales tax, occupancy tax, mortgage tax, and other revenue. The thoughtful development and construction of a parking structure at Congress Park Centre at this time could result in a significant benefit shared by the public, the business tenant, and the property owner,

NOW, THEREFORE, this Council finds that discussing and investigating the options of constructing and maintaining a shared parking structure at Congress Park Centre, as well as considering the opportunity to partner with the business community, the county, the state, and other interested parties, is reasonable, practical, and consistent with the city's goals. The Council hereby declares its intention to discuss such options thoroughly and thoughtfully with city staff, the property owner, the business community, the county, the state, and others, and to begin those discussions as soon as practicable.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to approve the resolution regarding partnership for a downtown parking structure at Congress Park Centre as distributed with the agenda.

Commissioner Scirocco stated he has reservations but will support the resolution.

Commissioner Franck also stated he has reservations but will support the resolution as it does not commit the Council to anything.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated it would be best for Ayco to consolidate here. This would have to be paid parking.

Mayor Yepsen stated this could be a win/win. The design has been approved and we would be able to use the parking on nights and weekends.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donations for the Downtown Special Assessment District for "Drop Boxes" (16-333)

Commissioner Madigan advised Impressions of Saratoga has made a donation of \$1,000 to the Special Assessment District.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to accept the donation to the Special Assessment District from Impressions of Saratoga in the amount of \$1,000 for the purpose of building drop boxes.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Invoice from Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Payroll Checks (16-334)

Commissioner Madigan stated the amount of the invoice was \$1,678.10 for payroll checks.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to pay invoice from Tyler Technologies as distributed with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (16-335)

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

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (16-336)

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

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – City Center Contingency (16-337)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to approve the 2016 budget transfers contingency – City Center – that were made available with the agenda material. The City Center is asking to use \$240 for advertising; \$6,300 for client expenses; and \$500 in legal costs from its contingency line. These have been approved by the City Center Authority. The current budget amount in the City Center contingency line is \$7,716; there will remain \$676 after these transfers.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Benefits (16-338)

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

Ayes - All

Update: Smart City Commission

Commissioner Madigan advised the Smart City Commission has completed their meetings. They will present a road map at the October 18th City Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Saratoga Youth Hockey (16-339)

Commissioner Scirocco stated this is an annual agreement for the use of the concession stand at \$450 for the months of July and August 2016 and for \$600 for September 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Saratoga Youth Hockey for the amounts and dates and stated.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Agreement Addendum Two with Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, Firth, P.C. for the Weibel Avenue Landfill (16-340)

Commissioner Scirocco advised the original agreement with Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, and Firth was in the amount of \$19,999. The first addendum was approved to extend the timeframe to December 31, 2015 and increased the amount to not to exceed \$34,999. This addendum extends the agreement until December 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$19,999 for legal services related to the landfill and includes services already provided.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement addendum two with Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker, and Firth for the provisions of legal services as related to the landfill in the amount not to exceed \$19,999. Funding is in line A3638184 / 54719.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donation from NYRA (16-341)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this is an annual donation to offset the cost of crossing guards at the race track.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Franck seconded to accept, with our thanks, a donation from New York Racing Association in the amount of \$16,000.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX Schedules Sub-Section 225-81, Schedule XVI Parking Prohibited All Times (16-342)

Commissioner Franck recused himself and left the room for the vote.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to amend Chapter 225, Article IX, Schedules Sub-Section 225-81, Schedule XVI – Parking Prohibited At All Times and add Union Street – side: both – location: dead end 40' south.

Ayes – 4

Commissioner Franck re-joined the meeting.

Set Public Hearing: Amend Chapter 225, Article IX Schedules Sub-Section 225-87, Schedule XXII Time Limit Parking

Commissioner Mathiesen set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:55 p.m.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization to Pay Invoice to New York Dent (16-343)

Commissioner Mathiesen stated this relates to the removal of dents from 2 of their police vehicles. The work was authorized not realizing New York Dent and Window was not a current vendor.

Commissioner Mathiesen moved and Commissioner Madigan second to authorize a payment to New York Dent and Windshield in the amount of \$345.

Ayes - All

Discussion: Former Mayor Ray Watkin's Editorial in the September 6, 2016 Times Union Newspaper

Commissioner Mathiesen read the article by former Mayor Watkin regarding the race track into the record (copy attached). He feels strongly that good points were made in the article and that antagonizing Governor Cuomo doesn't make sense. The best we can hope for is improvement in the relationships between NYRA and Governor Cuomo and the City and Governor Cuomo.

Commissioner Madigan agreed there is a better method than antagonizing the governor that would serve the City and the region best.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

This was addressed previously – see above – presentation of Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Saratoga County Local Law Requiring Registration of Pawn Shops

Supervisor Veitch reported the local law is posted on the County's website for review. The County law makes provision that a city license counts as a County license; therefore 2 licenses are not required.

Commissioner Madigan stated she is under the impression there are cases in New York City that have to do with pawn shops and searching where this is considered unconstitutional.

Supervisor Veitch advised he is not aware of that. The goal of this local law is to try to slow down a pawn dealer or metal broker from taken stolen jewelry and sending it out immediately to be melted down.

Saratoga County 2017 Budget

Supervisor Veitch reported the 2017 budget process is just getting started. One issue high on the list is the discussion of the cap and how low it is this year. The chair is looking at proposing to override the tax cap.

Supervisor Veitch announced he will not be here for the next Council meeting on September 20th as he will be at the NYSAC meeting.

Peter Martin

NYSAC Committee on Native American Affairs and Gaming

Supervisor Martin reported he is on the Native American Affairs and Gaming Committee. One of the resolutions they will consider as a committee is in regards to sharing of revenues from the casinos in New York State.

Framework for Success

Supervisor Martin reported this is a taskforce started about 3 years ago that deals with eliminating economic barriers to growth at Global Foundaries and the Luther Forest area. A lot has been accomplished over the past 3 years.

Seniors' Committee

Supervisor Martin reported they are holding a forum at the Senior Center on September 30, 2016 at 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

County Land Auction

Supervisor Martin announced the semi-annual county land auction will be held for foreclosed properties on Tuesday, September 27th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 9/20/16
Vote: 5 - 0