



January 1, 2018

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
Saratoga Springs City Center
1:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

1. Appointments
2. Remarks

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

1. Appointments
2. Remarks

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Appointments
2. Remarks

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Appointments
2. Remarks

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. Appointments
2. Remarks

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

1. Remarks

Tara Gaston

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PRESENT: Meg Kelly, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Peter Martin, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
Mike Sharp, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Joe O'Neill, Deputy Commissioner, DPW
Pat Daly, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vincent DeLeonardis

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Mayor Kelly congratulated the Council and thanked her family for being here today and for all their support. She asked all City staff to stand and be recognized and thanked all the volunteers of the various boards for their time and work.

Mayor Kelly appointed Lisa Shields as her deputy mayor; Rita Debnam as the executive assistant; Vince DeLeonardis as city attorney; and Tony Izzo as assistant city attorney. She will be appointing more people to land use boards over the next month.

Mayor Kelly advised she plans to work on parking issues, the downtown connector, and the greenbelt trail. The mayor's door will always be open to serve those in City Hall and the community.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Franck re-appointed Maire Masterson as his deputy. He thanked his family for their support and congratulated and welcomed all the new members of the Council as well as Supervisor Gaston.

Commissioner Franck thanked everyone for coming today and wished all a Happy New Year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Madigan re-appointed Mike Sharp as her deputy. She thanked everyone for coming out today and her family for being here. She thanked her husband for his continued support, which made it possible for her to be in this position.

Commissioner Madigan also thanked Charlie Brown, the former chair of the Democratic Committee for all his work there and wished Courtney DeLeonardis well as she takes over the position as chair of the Democratic Committee.

Commissioner Madigan congratulated her colleagues and Francine Vero on being the first female City Court Judge.

Commissioner Madigan advised her goals for 2018/2019 include a review of the health care options, parking challenges, and continuing efforts of the Smart City Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Scirocco re-appointed Joe O'Neill III as his deputy.

Commissioner Scirocco thanked his wife, Corrine, for her support and announced their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary.

Commissioner Scirocco congratulated the entire Council, Supervisors, and newly elected City Court Judge Vero. He feels they are starting with a renewed sense of optimism. He is looking forward to working with his colleagues. Teamwork, technology, and infrastructure will be the main focus of the Department of Public Works. They have been working on a new fleet management system that will be implemented this year as well as a new work order system.

Commissioner Scirocco wished everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Martin appointed John Daley as his deputy.

Commissioner Martin thanked his wife, Christine for her support as spouses take on a lot of the burden during an election. He also thanked Chris Mathiesen, Eileen Finneran, Ron Kim, and Lou Benton for their time given to him to help him with his new position.

Commissioner Martin stated the City is facing many challenges that have to be addressed such as the opioid epidemic. Some challenges are unique to this town and some are shared by cities throughout the state. He plans to bring forward proposals for Complete Streets, traffic mitigation, and shared services that will improve our safety and well being.

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Supervisor Veitch thanked his wife and entire family for being there and for their support. He stated it has been a great honor to serve the residents of this community. He thanked the voters for their continued support and congratulated the Council and his colleague Tara Gaston.

Supervisor Veitch advised the new County public safety and public health building construction will begin this year. The County will be facing many challenges in 2018. There are 2 economic development agencies in the county that work to attract businesses to the county. His goal is to work to find a way to get SEDC and the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership to work together for the purpose of growth for our county.

Tara Gaston

Supervisor Gaston thanked all the voters for their support and all who have helped bring her "up to speed". She thanked her family for their support as she worked to transfer from a full time stay at home mom/wife to a full time attorney and County Supervisor. The heart of this community has been warm and honest and they can expect transparency, accountability, and accessibility in return.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 1/16/18
Vote: 5 - 0