



January 1, 2020

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
1863 Club - Saratoga Race Course
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
Robin Dalton, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
Deidre Ladd, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Eileen Finneran, 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 1:25 p.m.

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Mayor Kelly stated it is her privilege to welcome everyone to the first City Council meeting of the new year. She thanked the citizens for allowing her to be here and she is grateful to the many volunteers who serve on the City's many boards and committees. She specifically thanked Mike Veitch for his endless hours working to get us back into City Hall. She thanked NYRA for helping the City realize the thirteenth fire station. The Geyser Road trail is ready for groundbreaking and Code Blue has found a temporary home. After 30 years, the City Center garage is being built. The zoning map has been brought into compliance by law.

Mayor Kelly appointed the following people into the respective positions: Lisa Shields as Deputy Mayor, M. Lynn Bachner as Executive Assistant, Vince DeLeonardis as City Attorney, and Tony Izzo as Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Kelly stated a new journey together begins today and together we will move Saratoga Springs forward.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Franck stated he is re-appointing Maire Masterson as his deputy. Maire joined the department in 2015 and opened up the lines of communication with local businesses.

Commissioner Franck thanked his family for being here. He is starting his 15th year as Commissioner of Accounts. He complemented the mayor, commissioners, and supervisors on their accomplishments. He also thanked each of his staff members for their dedication and hard work and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Madigan appointed Deidre O'Dwyer-Ladd as her deputy. She thanked her mom, aunt, husband, and kids for being there and their support. She also thanked Charlie Brown, her campaign manager and Courtney DeLeonardis for all their support and work on her campaign.

Commissioner Madigan congratulated all her colleagues and stated she is proud to be part of the first women majority City Council. Work will continue on installing fiber on all City streets; street lighting program; advocating for complete streets; and to work with DPW and high school students on single stream recycling in downtown. She will continue on budgeting for the present while planning for the future.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Scirocco stated in February he will be re-appointing Joe O'Neill as his deputy. He is not able to appoint him at this time due to Civil Service rules. He re-appointed Rachael Fragomeni as his executive assistant.

Commissioner Scirocco thanked Mike Veitch for the countless hours he puts in. He stated he has a great team and his employees are second to none. The next two years will be filled with grand openings and challenges. The renovation to City Hall is respective of history and modernization to better serve the public. Challenges include the flooding in areas of the City such as Gilbert Road and Geyser Crest that need to be resolved.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Dalton appointed Eileen Finneran as her deputy. Her primary focus is the police and fire having what they need to do their jobs. She thanked the citizens and her family for their support.

SUPERVISORS

Matthew Veitch

Supervisor Veitch stated has been a great honor serving for the past 12 years. He thanked his family and the citizens for their support. He congratulated the entire City Council and Supervisor Gaston.

The County is in a strong position at the start of 2020. The public safety building is on budget and schedule for completion. Challenges on the County for 2020 include bail reform and the issuance of drivers' licenses to the undocumented.

His goal for 2020 is simple – to effectively work with the City Council and to do his best to represent all Saratogians as their supervisor.

Tara Gaston

Supervisor Gaston thanked the City Council for their hard work and Matt Veitch for his patience and guidance with the County. The County dealt with many controversial issues such as early voting, school resource officers, and Code Blue. She has been proud to represent her City. During this term, she will continue her focus on transparency and accountability in government. Her two priorities are the resiliency of the community and to develop a permanent and streamlined plan to help those experiencing homelessness.

Mayor Kelly acknowledged the arrival of Congressman Paul Tonko.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 1/21/20
Vote: 5 - 0