



January 17, 2017

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**  
**City Council Pre-Agenda Meeting**  
**9:30 AM**

**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  
  
Vince DeLeonardis, City Attorney  
  
Matthew Veitch, Supervisor  
Peter Martin, Supervisor

**EXCUSED:** Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Yepsen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Eminent Domain – Geyser Road

No comments.

**PRESENTATION**

Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau

Mayor Yepsen advised she has asked Todd Garafano from the Convention and Tourism Bureau to give the Council an update on how they are doing since they took over the Visitor Center.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Yepsen advised there will be an executive session after this meeting to discuss the acquisition of real property; pending litigation regarding hotel tax; and collective bargaining agreement with CSEA City Hall Unit.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 1/3/17 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of 12/14/16 Special City Council Meeting Minutes – Affordable Housing
3. Approval of 12/29/16 City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 1 (2017)
5. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 23 (2016)
6. Approve Resolution for the Use of the Insurance Reserve – 24 (2016)
7. Approve Budget Amendments – Insurance Reserve – 1
8. Approve Budget Amendments – Insurance Reserves – 23, 24
9. Approve Budget Amendments (Increases-16)
10. Approve Budget Amendments (Increases-17)
11. Approve Budget Transfers – Regular
12. Approve Payroll: 1/6/17 \$442,816.69
13. Approve Payroll: 1/13/17 \$554,448.99
14. Approve Warrant: 2016 Mid – 16MWDEC3: \$124,261.58
15. Approve Warrant: 2016 REG – 16DEC5: \$385,715.73
16. Approve Warrant: 2017 Mid - 17MWJAN1: \$424.14
17. Approve Warrant: 2017 REG – 17JAN2: \$938,440.22

No comments.

### MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

#### Appointment: Alternate to Planning Board

No comments.

#### Appointment: Alternate to Zoning Board of Appeals

No comments.

#### Downtown Special Assessment District Board

No comments.

#### Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Execute Property Acquisition Steps for Geyser Road Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail

Brad Birge of the Planning Department advised there are several little properties that we will need to acquire in order for the trail work to continue. We are following a strict eminent domain procedure law. Up to \$80,000 has been set asset for right-of-way acquisition.

#### Discussion and Vote: Resolution in Support to Bring Ride-Sharing to Upstate NY

Mayor Yepsen stated the Governor addressed this in his state of the state.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he has questions and concerns. He wonders what affect this will have on the cab industry in Saratoga Springs. He doesn't get complaints about cabs.

Commissioner Franck stated the only complaints his department gets now is unlicensed cabs during track season.

Commissioner Mathiesen stated he has questions regarding insurance and hasn't heard much about particulars of ride sharing versus regular cab service. There are questions about background checks on the people provide the ride sharing service.

Commissioner Madigan stated she agrees. She has used Uber a number of times and twice had drivers pick her up that weren't from the area and didn't know where they were going.

Marilyn Rivers, director of risk and safety, advised the City is working with the CDTA Taxi Commission. They will be the governing body for the 4 county region. There is question about fingerprinting for Uber drivers. They will be using our LENS and taxi databases.

Commissioner Mathiesen state he attended one of the meetings with CDTA and it does seem we run a better system than anyone else.

Mayor Yepsen stated since there are so many questions and concerns, she has no problem delaying this to the next meeting.

Announcement: Update from the Governor's State of the State

No comments.

Announcement: New Date for State of the City Address: January 30, 2017 at 6 p.m., Saratoga Springs City Center

No comments.

Mayor Yepsen added an item to her agenda: Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Approve a Stipend for Lisa Shields.

## **ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**

Appointment: Board of Assessment Review Member

No comments.

Announcement: Meeting Regarding Special Events

Maire Masterson advised this will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Bond Resolution

Commissioner Madigan stated the amount is for \$6,117,000 and covers all items approved in the 2017 capital budget which require bonding and includes the City's cost for the Greenbelt Trail connector. This will authorize the Commissioner of Finance to do the financing as needed.

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Commissioner of Finance to Sign Letter of Authority for Onyx to Act as Agent on Behalf of Saratoga Springs Regarding National Grid Interconnection for the Spa Solar Park

Commissioner Madigan stated Onyx has been working towards the start date of this spring. National Grid is requiring a letter on letterhead from the City giving authority to Onyx to act as the City's agent.

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll

No comments.

Commissioner Madigan advised she is adding one item to her agenda: Discussion: Budget Policies and Procedures.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order with Trinity Construction, Inc. for the Adams Street Pump Station Mechanical Upgrade Project

Tim Wales, city engineer, advised this change order is for an adjustment to the project to get the new equipment to fit in the well.

Discussion and Vote: Approve to Pay Invoice – Kubricky Construction Corp.

Commissioner Scirocco advised milling and paving was required on Bolster Lane. The amount of the invoice is \$3,792.50.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Wellness Farms

No comments.

Discussion and Vote: Accept Donations

No comments.

Commissioner Mathiesen advised he is adding one item to his agenda: Announcement: Sponsoring SPA Housing Ordinance.

## **SUPERVISORS**

### **MATTHEW VEITCH**

1. Saratoga County Organizational Meeting and Committee Assignments
2. NYS Indigent Legal Defense Bill
3. Governor's 2017 Proposal for Counties to Develop Consolidation Plans
4. Racing & Gaming Committee
5. Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership Small Business Development Workshop Series

### **PETER MARTIN**

1. County Organizational Meeting
2. Equalization and Assessment
3. Social Programs
4. Senior Advisory Committee
5. County response to Momentive Strike

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor Yepsen moved and Commissioner Mathiesen seconded to adjourn to executive session to talk about 3 issues – proposed acquisition of real property, pending litigation on the hotel tax litigation; and contract negotiations with CSEA City Hall at 10:25 a.m.**

**Ayes – All**

Council returned at 11:09 a.m.

Mayor Yepsen announced 2 items will appear on her agenda at the next City Council meeting as a result of this executive session.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Yepsen adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis  
Clerk

Approved:  
Vote:

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