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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR AGENDA

April 6, 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 the city council meeting for Tuesday,  
3 April 6, 2021. It is 6:55. We have  
4 three public hearings tonight.

5           The first public hearing is on the  
6 capital budget amendment for Geyser Road  
7 Trail.

8           On 7/7/2020, the city council  
9 unanimously voted to sign a memorandum of  
10 understanding with Capital District  
11 Transportation Authority to install new  
12 infrastructure for bus stations at the  
13 intersection of Route 50 and Geyser Road  
14 intended to serve Saratoga Spa State  
15 Parks, SPAC, and associated facilities.

16           If anybody would like to speak on  
17 that right now, please raise your hand.

18           And at this time, we will close that  
19 public hearing.

20           And we'll move on to our second  
21 public hearing which is hearing -- New  
22 York State Power Authority Energy Service  
23 Program. And I'll turn it over to  
24 Commissioner Madigan.

25           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,



1 Mayor.

2 This is from in the capital budget  
3 to reflect the cost of the \$2.87 million  
4 bond for energy efficient and upgraded  
5 street lights which'll save the city over  
6 the course of the bond approximately  
7 \$33,000 a year. And once the bond is  
8 paid off, we anticipate a \$300,000 per  
9 year savings thereafter.

10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. If anybody  
12 would like to speak on that, please raise  
13 their hand at this time.

14 Is there anybody in there, Lisa?

15 SECRETARY RIBIS: No.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Then we will be  
17 closing this also this evening,  
18 Commissioner?

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

23 The third public hearing is on the  
24 Saratoga Springs Community Development  
25 Citizens Advisory Committee for 2021



1 Annual block Grant Action Plan.

2 On 3/29/21, the council listened to  
3 Rich Ferguson of the CDCAC present their  
4 recommendations for the annual block  
5 grant action plan. At the city council  
6 meeting, we will vote at -- at  
7 tonight's -- at the next city council  
8 meeting, we will vote on these  
9 recommendations.

10 If anybody has any comments on these  
11 recommendations, please raise your hand  
12 if you would like to speak.

13 Okay. So we have no one to speak on  
14 that public hearing also. So at this  
15 time, we will wait until 7 o'clock to  
16 start our meeting. It's a little over a  
17 minute to go and we'll get going. So at  
18 that time, we'll start our regular  
19 scheduled meeting.

20 Thank you.

21 (Pause)

22 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. At this time,  
23 I'd like to ask our secretary for roll  
24 call, please.

25 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner



1 Franck?

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.

3 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner

4 Madigan?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

6 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner

7 Scirocco?

8 MAYOR KELLY: He -- he's muted,

9 Lisa.

10 SECRETARY RIBIS: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I can't -- I

12 can't -- oh, there it is.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

14 SECRETARY RIBIS: There you go.

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yep, okay.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

17 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner

18 Dalton?

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: (Indicated in

20 the affirmative).

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly?

22 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

23 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Veitch?

24 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: (Indicated in

25 the affirmative).



1 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Gaston?

2 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Please  
4 rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 I pledge allegiance to the Flag of  
6 the United States of America, and to the  
7 Republic for which it stands, one Nation  
8 under God, indivisible, with liberty and  
9 justice for all.

10 Next on the agenda is our public  
11 comment period. I ask that you try to  
12 keep your comments brief, up to two  
13 minutes. There will be a bell to signify  
14 the end of your time. I ask that your  
15 comments be brief and there is no  
16 yielding to another person.

17 Please be respectful and re --  
18 address the council as a whole. As a  
19 reminder, public comment is not a  
20 dialogue or discussion with the council  
21 members. However, at the end of the  
22 public comment period, any council member  
23 may comment or respond back.

24 If you would like to comment, please  
25 raise your hand by Zoom. And you can



1 find that button in the participants or  
2 reactions area of the toolbar on the  
3 bottom of your Zoom window.

4 We will call your name and ask for  
5 the -- your name and city.

6 If you would like to speak, please  
7 raise your hand.

8 Okay. At this time, we don't have  
9 anybody raising their hand, so we will  
10 close the public comment period.

11 We're going to turn it over to Tina  
12 Carton, the Administrator of Parks, Open  
13 Lands, Historic Preservation,  
14 Sustainability for the City of Saratoga  
15 Springs to make a brief presentation on  
16 the open space plan.

17 Tina?

18 MS. CARTON: Hi. Hi, this is Tina  
19 Carton. I am actually trying to share my  
20 screen --

21 MAYOR KELLY: Your screen is up  
22 there.

23 MS. CARTON: Oh, you see it? Okay.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yep, um-hum.

25 MS. CARTON: All right. So I will



1 get out of that.

2 So I wanted to introduce everyone.  
3 We're extremely excited. The open space  
4 plan launch is updated. The last time  
5 the open space plan was updated was in  
6 2002.

7 Let me progress to the next slide.  
8 I'm having a hard time here.

9 So the roadmap for updating the open  
10 space plan is to engage residents and  
11 property owners. We're utilizing data  
12 that was put together from the Natural  
13 Resource Inventory to develop criteria  
14 for prioritizing potential acquisitions  
15 and lands to preserve in the future in  
16 Saratoga Springs.

17 We have hired a consultant, M.J.  
18 Engineering to be the one who is helping  
19 us create the plan. They're going to be  
20 developing a conservation analyst tool  
21 and mapping showing us these priority  
22 areas.

23 The areas are going to identify  
24 priority open spaces, environmental  
25 sensitive areas, scenic or recreational





1 areas for protection, preservation, or  
2 enhancement.

3 The plan will identify strategies  
4 and tools, as well as funding mechanisms  
5 moving forward.

6 To put the plan together, the city  
7 created a steering committee. And the  
8 steering committee is made up of  
9 representation from the open space  
10 advisory committee, the New York State  
11 Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic  
12 Preservation, from the Spa State Park,  
13 the City Center Board, Saratoga Plan, the  
14 Saratoga Springs City School District,  
15 and the Recreation Committee.

16 City staff is also assisting, as  
17 well as the team from M.J. Engineering,  
18 who is preparing the materials, providing  
19 the technical expertise, and coordinating  
20 with the city and the committee  
21 strategically to put this plan together.

22 The first step in updating the open  
23 space plan is to gather community  
24 feedback, and that's the step where we  
25 are right now. We're trying to create



1 inclusive partnerships with stakeholders  
2 throughout the region, collaborating and  
3 informing strategic plan decision making,  
4 and building a long term capacity for  
5 civic engagement around open space.

6 The cornerstone currently for  
7 updating the open space plan, and what  
8 we're really excited today to talk about,  
9 is the launch of a dedicated website. So  
10 M.J. Engineering assisted the city and  
11 the open space steering committee to put  
12 together saratogaspringsopenspaces.com  
13 Saratogaspringsopenspaces.com has all of  
14 the background information that  
15 residents, businesses, and visitors from  
16 Saratoga Springs would want to know about  
17 the history of open space in Saratoga  
18 Springs, the history of all of the  
19 planning activities, and the most -- the  
20 thing I wanted to point out most with  
21 this website right now, is the survey.  
22 And the survey for the open space plan is  
23 embedded right within the website.

24 So if you were to go to the website,  
25 you can find out exactly who was in the



1 steering committee, as well as  
2 participate in the survey by simply  
3 clicking on the community survey link.  
4 And it'll take you straight to the  
5 survey. I've already taken the survey,  
6 so it's -- it's not here.

7 But the survey is extremely  
8 important for everyone to respond to  
9 because the city has changed a lot since  
10 2002, the last time the open space plan  
11 was updated. The first plan was in 1994.  
12 Since then, the city has done the  
13 conservation easement on the Pitney Farm,  
14 purchased property around Loughberry Lake  
15 to protect the watershed. We've  
16 purchased the Blodgett property to be  
17 able to utilize the Kaydeross Creek, and  
18 people launch kayaks there, and also the  
19 Corcoran property which is down next to  
20 Milton.

21 So there are -- what opportunities  
22 lying forward and also one of the reasons  
23 that it's so important to have the rec  
24 commission and the Spa State Park, as  
25 well as Saratoga Plan, involved in this



1 moving forward is we really want to hear  
2 from the community, what are your  
3 priorities for open space going to be  
4 moving forward.

5 And I think the survey really helps  
6 capture that. We're trying to get over a  
7 thousand respondents. We've launched the  
8 survey and the survey responses are due  
9 by April 16th. The survey does not  
10 collect any personal data, so feel free  
11 to respond. We're just looking for, you  
12 know, your age group, if you live in the  
13 city, do you work in the city, just a few  
14 data points about you, but we're not  
15 keeping your email address or any other  
16 personal data on you.

17 We also are very interested in  
18 getting children -- it's mostly going to  
19 be high schoolers, the survey is written  
20 to the point where I don't think grade  
21 school children could -- could easily  
22 read through this. But we really are  
23 trying to get all age groups to respond  
24 to the survey.

25 And if you have any questions about



1 the update of the open space plan, you  
2 have any questions about the survey, you  
3 would like to get involved in spreading  
4 the word, you can get in touch with me.  
5 I'm the Administrator of Parks, Open  
6 Lands, Historic Preservation, and  
7 Sustainability. I am on the city's  
8 website. Also information about the open  
9 space plan and open space plan update are  
10 available on the city's website, as well.

11 But I really look forward to  
12 citizens and businesses responding to our  
13 survey and hearing what residents want  
14 moving forward with open space in  
15 Saratoga Springs. We wouldn't have the  
16 Spa State Park, Congress Park, High Rock,  
17 and all of the other wonderful amenities  
18 if it wasn't for planning in the past.  
19 And we'd like to plan for our community  
20 as it builds into the future.

21 So thank you very much, Mayor Kelly,  
22 for allowing me to speak. And I will  
23 stop sharing my screen.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Tina. That  
25 was great. And I just want to say that,



1           you know, today I had -- I was out and  
2           about doing my mayoral thing, and I was  
3           at Pitney Farm, I was in the state park,  
4           and I was on Geyser Trail. So that was  
5           my day today. So it's all these great  
6           things that you are working on day in and  
7           day out, and I so appreciate you and your  
8           committees and all the work that you do  
9           for Saratoga Springs. It will go on  
10          forever because of -- of the great staff  
11          and the volunteers that we have in this  
12          city.

13                    Any other comments from the council?

14                    COMMISSIONER DALTON: Also just  
15                    wanted to say I appreciate your note  
16                    about the survey and not collecting  
17                    people's personal information. Because  
18                    actually I think that's been a concern  
19                    over the last couple of months, there's  
20                    been a lot of surveys going out. So I  
21                    just appreciate you adding that one  
22                    little bit in there. It gives people a  
23                    nice degree of comfort.

24                    MAYOR KELLY: Yes, it does.

25                    MS. CARTON: Yeah, we actually have



1 the confidentiality right in the  
2 beginning of the survey because I did  
3 hear that feedback lately about some of  
4 the surveys that were going on. And I  
5 wanted to make sure that everybody felt  
6 comfortable, and they were really allowed  
7 to freely give their opinion without, you  
8 know, worrying about, you know, people  
9 identifying them.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Well thank you  
11 so much for all your hard work. Really  
12 appreciate it.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Tina.

14 MS. CARTON: Sure. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

16 Thanks, Tina, for everything that you do.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

19 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Thank you,  
20 Tina. Have a good night.

21 The -- moving right on to our  
22 consent agenda, are there any edits as  
23 described?

24 I move that the city council approve  
25 the consent agenda as included with this



1 agenda.

2 This is a motion; is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

6 All those in favor, say aye.

7 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

10 On to the Mayor's Department. My  
11 first item is Discussion and Vote: Accept  
12 \$200 donation from Athena M. Dilorenzo-  
13 Ryan proceeds from her Athena's  
14 Basketball Camps. Athena M. Dilorenzo-  
15 Ryan wishes to donate \$200 proceeds from  
16 her Athena's basketball camps.

17 I move that the city council accept  
18 the donation of \$200 from Athena M.  
19 Dilorenzo-Ryan.

20 This is a motion; is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

23 All those in favor, say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?





1           The matter passes.

2           My next item is Discussion and Vote:  
3           Accept George and Martha Parker donation  
4           of \$2,000. This is a donation from  
5           George and Martha Parks -- Parker for  
6           scholarships for children in need.

7           And I can tell you that since I have  
8           been here, they have done donations like  
9           this every year and I -- I so appreciate  
10          Martha and George.

11          I move that the city council accept  
12          the donation of \$2,000 from George and  
13          Martha Parker.

14          This is a motion; is there a second?

15          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

16          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

17          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

18          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

19          All those in favor, say aye.

20          IN UNISON: Aye.

21          MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

22          The matter passes.

23          My third item is Discussion and  
24          Vote: Accept \$10,000 donation from  
25          Saratoga County Children's Committee for



1 Camp Scholarships. The Saratoga County  
2 Children's Committee has donated \$10,000  
3 towards camp scholarships.

4 I move that the city council accept  
5 the donation of \$10,000 from Saratoga  
6 County Children's Committee for camp  
7 scholarships.

8 This is a motion; is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

14 The matter passes.

15 My fourth item is Discussion and  
16 Vote: Accept Stewarts Holiday Match  
17 donation of \$5,500. This donation from  
18 Stewarts Holiday Match is for volleyball  
19 system, game room, camp, and program  
20 equipment, and camp program scholarships  
21 for children in need.

22 I move that the city council accept  
23 the donation of \$5,500 from Stewarts  
24 Holiday Match donation.

25 This is a motion; is there a second?



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

3 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,  
4 Stewarts.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Stewarts.

6 All those in favor, say aye.

7 IN UNISON: Aye.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

9 The matter passes.

10 My next item is Discussion and Vote:  
11 Authorization for the Mayor to sign Youth  
12 Service Project Amendment to the  
13 Agreement with the County of Saratoga.

14 This is -- the Saratoga Springs  
15 recreation department is requesting  
16 authorization for the Mayor to sign Youth  
17 Service Project Amendment to the  
18 Agreement with the Saratoga -- with the  
19 County of Saratoga. The County will  
20 sponsor the city's Youth Service Project  
21 and pay the city a sum not to exceed  
22 \$7,821 from the Office of Children and  
23 Family Services funds requested.

24 This is an increase in funding from  
25 the 12/15/2020 city council approval.



1           I move that the city council approve  
2           the Youth Service Project Amendment to  
3           the Agreement with the County of  
4           Saratoga.

5           This is a motion; is there a second?

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

7           MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

8           All those in favor, say aye?

9           IN UNISON: Aye.

10          MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

11          The matter passes.

12          My sixth item is Discussion and  
13          Vote: Recreation Center Ice Rink Program  
14          Templates from the rec -- from the  
15          recreation commission.

16          This -- the recreation department is  
17          requesting approval of its annual  
18          templates, revocable license for the use  
19          of the City of Saratoga Springs ice rinks  
20          and rec center. With up -- and -- with  
21          updates including the revised pandemic  
22          operations plans. The fees are updated  
23          based on the city council approval rates,  
24          payment terms updated. The department is  
25          looking to have a 50/50 revenue split of



1 the summer tennis clinic revenue less  
2 city expenses with the Saratoga regional  
3 YMCA.

4 The templates are revised from the  
5 previous agreements to include the  
6 revised pandemic plans.

7 I move that the city council approve  
8 the recreation center ice rink program  
9 templates from the recreation commission.

10 This is a motion; is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

13 All those in favor, say aye.

14 IN UNISON: Aye.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

16 The matter passes.

17 My seventh item is Discussion and  
18 Vote: Capital Budget Amendment for Geyser  
19 Road Trail.

20 The city has a memorandum of  
21 understanding with the Capital District  
22 Transportation Authority for  
23 reimbursement for costs of these  
24 improvements, not to exceed \$100,000.  
25 This increase for the new infrastructure,



1 bus stations at the intersection of Route  
2 50 and Geyser Road, attempt to serve  
3 Saratoga Spa State Parks, SPAC, and  
4 associated facilities.

5 I move that the city council approve  
6 the Capital Budget Amendment for Geyser  
7 Road Trail.

8 This is a motion; is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any -- any opposed?

14 The matter passes.

15 My next item is approval to pay  
16 invoice to GPI for Geyser Road Trail  
17 Project. Work on the Geyser Road Trail  
18 in the amount of \$98,946.81 has been  
19 completed and invoiced. However, there  
20 was no purchase order established. Funds  
21 are available in the budget line  
22 H3517142-52000-1200.

23 I move that the city council approve  
24 the payment of invoices to GPI for Geyser  
25 Road Trail Project.



1 This is a motion; is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

4 All those in favor, say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

7 The matter passes.

8 My ninth item is Discussion and

9 Vote: Mayor to Sign Change Order #3 with  
10 William Keller for Geysers Road Trail.

11 William Keller Change Order #3 is to  
12 cover overages and introduce new items at  
13 no cost to the contract.

14 I move that the city council approve  
15 William Keller Change Order #3 for the  
16 Geysers Road Trail.

17 This is a motion; is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

21 All those in favor, say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

24 The matter passes.

25 My next time is an Announcement: the



1 UDO Final Draft. I wanted to let the  
2 council and the public know that we are  
3 expecting the final draft of -- of the  
4 UDO to be released April 19th with a  
5 presentation at the April 20th city  
6 council meeting.

7 Additional presentations to the  
8 public and a joint meeting of the land  
9 use boards will be scheduled on April 21  
10 and 22.

11 Presentations will be live streamed  
12 and available for later viewing on the  
13 city website.

14 At this time, we expect the council  
15 will consider merit for review of the  
16 final UD -- UDO draft at the first  
17 meeting in May, requesting advisory  
18 opinions from the city and county  
19 planning boards and the DRC. Details  
20 will be posted on the UDO page on our  
21 website as they become available.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So --

23 MAYOR KELLY: My next item is --

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Mayor?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yes?





1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So that's --  
2           it's very interesting that -- the  
3           timeliness now of the UDO. And of course  
4           we know the Governor has now legalized  
5           marijuana. And --

6           MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

7           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- I know --  
8           and cannabis distribution. And I know  
9           that that was something that the UDO was  
10          taking up. I'm not quite sure where we  
11          landed on that. And maybe I can get more  
12          information as we go through the review  
13          process. But as I recall, I think we are  
14          restricting, but I don't know if we can  
15          answer this right now --

16          MAYOR KELLY: Well --

17          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: --  
18          dispensaries on Broadway?

19          MAYOR KELLY: -- I -- I am not at --  
20          at liberty to answer that question  
21          because I -- I'm -- I'm not going to put  
22          myself on the spot. But I will get that  
23          answer out after I talk to my team.

24          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, it's  
25          prob -- at some point, we probably want



1 to visit this discussion because we've  
2 all seen pictures of dispensaries that  
3 aren't set up quite right and they get  
4 overrun with traffic and small roads get  
5 overrun with traffic. So --

6 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, I -- I agree.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- you know,  
8 it's all timely.

9 MAYOR KELLY: We have had --

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Well --

11 MAYOR KELLY: -- we have had -- we  
12 have had conversations about it.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Um-hum.

14 MAYOR KELLY: I just don't know -- I  
15 don't know if it really landed yet.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And public  
17 safety is planning on talking to the  
18 group about, you know, what the  
19 implications are for public safety in  
20 general, not just where the locations of  
21 dispensaries are, but certainly something  
22 we're going to be addressing very soon,  
23 you know, together.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Excellent.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. So -- so that --



1 I do believe that the county has to put  
2 in -- has to say that we're -- they have  
3 to approve us as a county --

4 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: They don't  
5 now.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: No, they do  
7 not.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, well --

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So the  
10 legislation has changed. It's all very  
11 new, it's changing rapidly. And I  
12 believe -- and -- and so the council is  
13 probably going to want to discuss this --

14 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- as a -- as  
16 a planning piece.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, definitely.

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But I believe  
19 our UDO is taking into account  
20 dispensaries.

21 MAYOR KELLY: It is.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I don't know  
23 if we've yet to discuss things such as  
24 cafes that may also be -- like, coffee  
25 shops, tea shops, that may also be able



1 to sell on site or use cannabis. And --

2 MAYOR KELLY: Let me -- let me --

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- I just see  
4 your face there, Vince --

5 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- because if  
7 there's anything you could add --

8 MAYOR KELLY: Let me bring in Vince.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- that would  
10 be perfect.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Vince might have a  
12 little bit more. He sits on the UDO  
13 board, so --

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Exactly.

15 MAYOR KELLY: -- let's see what --

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And I have  
17 been asked by the media to comment so,  
18 you know, it was very -- it's very  
19 timely, the legalization, the UDO  
20 process, and I do think the public is  
21 going to be interested in this topic as  
22 it pertains to Saratoga Springs and being  
23 a resort community and how we're going to  
24 handle this issue going forward.

25 MR. DELEONARDIS: It -- it is



1           timely. And you'll recall during prior  
2           presentations, the subject came up and we  
3           indicated that we anticipated this would  
4           be coming and -- and now it's here.

5                        So unlike our current zoning  
6           ordinance, the UDO does define marijuana  
7           dispensaries and provides for its zoning.  
8           I believe in the UDO we call it out in  
9           the T5 zoning district, as well as in  
10          the -- the Gateway Commercial District,  
11          so it's addressed there. It's defined.  
12          And so that's something that Kameris  
13          (ph.) will go into much greater detail.

14                       But, you know, it is something that  
15          was addressed as an anticipated item  
16          coming down the road.

17                       COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great, thank  
18          you. That was --

19                       MAYOR KELLY: You're welcome.

20                       COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- helpful.

21                       MAYOR KELLY: And -- and -- and  
22          we'll have more on that as we get the  
23          final draft in.

24                       COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yep.

25                       MAYOR KELLY: Yep. All right.



1 Thanks, Vince.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That sounds  
3 good.

4 MAYOR KELLY: The -- my next item is  
5 an Announcement: Land Use Board seeks  
6 Interested People to Serve.

7 These are mayoral appointments.  
8 There are three land use boards in the  
9 city. It's members comprise of local  
10 citizens who make recommendations  
11 regarding land use, designs, and  
12 developments in Saratoga Springs.

13 As 2021 gets underway, I'm looking  
14 for some new members throughout the year.  
15 So please go to our website and fill out  
16 the application that is online.

17 My next item is a Proclamation for  
18 Celebration of National Community  
19 Development Week.

20 Let's see. Whereas in 1974, the  
21 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
22 Development implemented the Community  
23 Development Block Grant program for the  
24 purpose of providing local governments  
25 with resources to assist low and moderate



1 income persons.

2 And whereas since the City of  
3 Saratoga Springs has administered the  
4 CDBG program to identify, prioritize, and  
5 resolve many pressing local problems, the  
6 program has made a great impact in our  
7 city creating jobs, funding and --  
8 funding housing and -- and public  
9 building rehabilitation, building  
10 affordable housing, establishing  
11 homeless -- homelessness prevention  
12 initiatives, supporting services and  
13 infrastructure improvements.

14 Whereas this year's CDBG program  
15 celebrates its forty-seventh anniversary.  
16 Our city has been a participant for  
17 twenty-seven of those years, and we've  
18 received more than 11.5 million in -- in  
19 CDBG funds.

20 Now therefore I, Meg Kelly, Mayor of  
21 Saratoga Springs, am pleased to join with  
22 my fellow Saratogians in express --  
23 expressing our appreciation to our own  
24 community development department, and to  
25 all the agencies and individuals who work



1 hard every day to bring the information  
2 and resources of the CDBG program to our  
3 citizens.

4 And I hereby recognize and proclaim  
5 the week of April 5th through the 9th,  
6 2021 as National Community Development  
7 Week.

8 My next item is another  
9 Proclamation: Bringing Awareness to Fair  
10 Housing Month.

11 Whereas this April marks the 53rd  
12 anniversary of the passage of the Fair  
13 Housing Act of 1968, which sought to  
14 eliminate discrimination in housing  
15 opportunities and to affirmatively  
16 further housing choices for all Americans  
17 regardless of race, color, national  
18 origin, religion, sex, or disability.

19 Since then the New York State law  
20 has further added protections based on  
21 religion, marital status, sexual  
22 orientation, age, and military status,  
23 and Violence Against Women  
24 Reauthorization Act of 2013, added  
25 protections for victim -- victims of





1 domestic violence, dating violence,  
2 sexual assault, and stalking.

3 Whereas the ongoing struggle for  
4 dignity and housing opportunity is not  
5 an -- not the exclusive province of the  
6 federal government. Vigorous local  
7 efforts to combat discrimination can be  
8 effective or even more effective than  
9 federal efforts.

10 Whereas illegal barriers to equal  
11 opportunities in housing diminish the  
12 rights of -- and freedoms of every  
13 American.

14 It is our obligation as free  
15 citizens to do our part in providing  
16 equal housing opportunities to all men  
17 and women, and to support both the letter  
18 and the spirit of state and federal fair  
19 housing laws.

20 Now there -- therefore, I, Meg  
21 Kelly, Mayor of Saratoga Springs, hereby  
22 recognize and proclaim the month of April  
23 2021 as Fair Housing Month.

24 I have -- I would like to add one  
25 item, a discussion and vote to add an



1 item. I move that the council approve  
2 an -- an addition to my agenda for the --  
3 an alternate appointment to the Design  
4 Review Commission.

5 This is a motion; is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

9 All those in favor, say aye.

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

12 The matter passes.

13 My fourteenth item is an appointment  
14 to the Design Review Commission alternate  
15 position. Tonight I'm appointing Ted  
16 Romer (ph.) as an alternate to the DRC.  
17 He brings his expertise as a registered  
18 architect with over thirty years'  
19 experience.

20 Ted had a broad background in  
21 historic and contemporary design. A  
22 world traveler, Ted is a capital region  
23 native who moved back to the area with  
24 his family in 2019.

25 And that at -- concludes my agenda.



1 I'll turn it over to Commissioner  
2 Franck.

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,  
4 Mayor. We just have one item this  
5 evening. It's Appointment: for Barbara  
6 Brindisi as a Commissioner of Deeds.

7 Barbara Brindisi is the new  
8 assistant city clerk, therefore I am  
9 appointing her as a Commissioner of  
10 Deeds.

11 And that concludes my agenda.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
13 Commissioner.

14 On to finance. Commissioner  
15 Madigan?

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,  
17 Mayor.

18 The first item on my agenda is an  
19 update on city finances. Though the New  
20 York State budget has yet to be passed,  
21 we're several days late, WNYT is  
22 reporting that lawmakers have reach an  
23 agreement on the state budget.

24 And at this point in time, I am of  
25 the belief that VLT will be fully



1 restored for Saratoga Springs. But you  
2 know, we'll wait to see that absolutely  
3 in writing when the budget passes.

4 But that is good news because we  
5 budgeted 50 percent or 1.16 million. And  
6 so this will be about 1.16 million more  
7 than we budgeted and that's good news --

8 MAYOR KELLY: Great news.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- instead of  
10 some of our other news.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Great news.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So very  
13 pleased about that. So thank you. And  
14 thank you to the Mayor for all your work  
15 also --

16 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- helping to  
18 get this funding, this needed funding  
19 restored.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So as you all  
22 know by now, the federal government has  
23 delivered the American Rescue Plan in the  
24 amount of \$1.9 trillion, 350 billion of  
25 which is for state and local governments.



1           The formula used to distribute funds  
2           among jurisdiction results in our city  
3           receiving 7.7 million -- a \$7.7 million  
4           allocation based on a modified CDBG type  
5           formula, as well as now putting the city  
6           in a classification known as a metro  
7           city.

8           The distribution plan is less  
9           promising and less clear. The 7.7  
10          million will be, at the very least,  
11          release -- released in two installments.  
12          Which means hopefully we'll get one this  
13          year and hopefully we'll get one next  
14          year. But there is talk that this could  
15          be, at the most, four installments over  
16          four years. And I am still trying to get  
17          more clarification on that, and as I have  
18          it, I will give it to you. I will -- I  
19          will make sure that the council has it.

20          The city's 2021 budget included \$5  
21          million this year in federal aid. So if  
22          we receive a full half installment  
23          payment this year, that'll be about 1.15  
24          million less than budgeted this year. So  
25          there's our VLT money. I mean, they're



1 almost, you know, one for one.

2 So -- but still, you know,  
3 promising, right? We are getting some  
4 federal fiscal aid, and we do see VLT --  
5 looks like it's -- it will be fully  
6 restored.

7 In terms of cash flow, we are  
8 awaiting several large reimbursements  
9 from the state. One is the Geyser Road  
10 Trail. I've been in constant contact  
11 with the Mayor's office about this.  
12 We're doing everything we can. That's  
13 a -- a large sum of money. That will  
14 help with our cash flow.

15 VLT distribution, we usually receive  
16 that in late June. So -- and it's around  
17 the June time period that we're looking  
18 at our next potential cash flow crunch.

19 I have asked for meetings with each  
20 department to discuss 2021 adjustments  
21 and your 2022 plans. If you haven't  
22 scheduled a meeting yet, please do so.

23 I would like to meet with the -- the  
24 public works department and the accounts  
25 department if you feel the need to have



1           one. I -- I think it's a good idea  
2           because at -- at least -- it's not too  
3           early to really start thinking about the  
4           2022 budget.

5           The 2021 budget was set and voted on  
6           under the assumption that it was -- would  
7           be an -- an amenable document --  
8           amendable document, yeah. While we do  
9           not yet have evidence of revenues over  
10          amounts budgeted, except for now VLT, I  
11          do want to hear from the departments.  
12          You know, how are you working with this  
13          budget right now? We know that we got to  
14          look at amendments, first and foremost,  
15          which I expressed in this memo that I  
16          sent to everyone.

17          The first matter that we have to  
18          address is the employee wages. We have  
19          to make sure we've got the funds for  
20          employee wages that will be due on  
21          December 31st, and then again on January  
22          1.

23          Then we want to address essential  
24          services that may be suffering due to the  
25          reduced pandemic budget.



1           So we will do what we're able, but  
2           these meetings are also helpful for  
3           planning for 2022.

4           There are a lot of grant  
5           opportunities out there right now. I've  
6           been receiving emails, grant  
7           opportunities, and forwarding them as  
8           appropriate. The United States Senate  
9           has both member grants and community  
10          development grants.

11          Departments should be reaching out  
12          to our senators, public safety, public  
13          works, community development, you know,  
14          for work-related type projects. See what  
15          you're able to do.

16          Yeah -- yes?

17          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sorry, I just  
18          wanted to ask a quick question.

19          I -- maybe this is a conversation we  
20          can have another time, but there are a  
21          ton of grants out there, specifically,  
22          for public safety that we're aware of.  
23          We are just -- everyone is so already  
24          working above their means, and we don't  
25          have anyone in our department who can do





1 grant writing.

2 I think it would really benefit the  
3 entire city for us to consider bringing  
4 on someone who could be a permanent grant  
5 writer. I think that person would pay  
6 for themselves in terms of how many  
7 grants are out there that -- I know --  
8 and I know this problem's not just  
9 exclusive to my department, but it's just  
10 something that I think we should  
11 consider.

12 MAYOR KELLY: So I -- I -- I agree  
13 with that. But it's not so much writing  
14 the grant, it's managing the grant.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's managing  
16 of the grant.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Right, right.

18 MAYOR KELLY: So you know, that's --  
19 that's the -- that's where the time is  
20 just enormous. So -- but no --

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But I -- but  
22 I think you're right, you know -- the  
23 other problem is sometimes we go after  
24 grants and then we don't always have the  
25 resources that we need to work on the



1 grant. So you know, we do need a team of  
2 people looking at grants. And you know,  
3 it is -- it is a conversation that we'll  
4 have to take off line --

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yep.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- and -- and  
7 have a further discussion about. But  
8 there are a lot of grants out there right  
9 now. There just are. And there's --  
10 there's -- some communities just have so  
11 much money they don't even know what to  
12 do with it. And then the government is  
13 issuing lots of grant opportunities right  
14 now.

15 Unfortunately for us, we weren't one  
16 of those communities that had so much  
17 money that, you know, we can hold --  
18 yeah, have committees and figure out how  
19 to spend it, right? We -- we know what  
20 we're doing with our money. We're going  
21 to make salaries whole.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That was kind  
23 of my other quick question for you is  
24 that I know that there are a lot of  
25 people that have been coming to me



1           saying, like, well I'm looking at how  
2           much money this city got, or this city  
3           got around us, why did we not get as much  
4           as other people. And I didn't know what  
5           the simplest way to kind of describe that  
6           was. You know, they look at Glens Falls,  
7           for example, and see how much Glens Falls  
8           is getting, which I think is 12  
9           million --

10           MAYOR KELLY: It -- it was on the --  
11           the block grant formula.

12           COMMISSIONER DALTON: The block  
13           grant formula, okay.

14           MAYOR KELLY: And they have -- you  
15           know, it's -- it's really the poverty  
16           line. And you know, so for instance,  
17           Glens Falls has five shelters --

18           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Um-hum.

19           MAYOR KELLY: -- so they service a  
20           lot of people under that line. And we  
21           don't have that. We don't -- we have one  
22           shelter that's not even open all the time  
23           to everybody.

24           So it's -- it's quite different.  
25           Our poverty level is not at that level of



1 Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Glens Falls,  
2 Hudson, all these other communities.  
3 It's much higher.

4 And that's -- that's how they did  
5 it. It's very unfair when you're in a  
6 situation like us.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

8 MAYOR KELLY: And that's what  
9 we're -- that's why we didn't get the  
10 number that we really needed, but you  
11 know, that was probably the easiest  
12 formula for them to go on --

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Gotcha --

14 MAYOR KELLY: -- at that time.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. And  
17 that's why I say all the time it is based  
18 on a modified community development block  
19 grant formula. Which is based on our  
20 population, which is also based on  
21 poverty. And it's just not a formula  
22 that works in our favor at all.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Oh, sure.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: And you know,  
25 it doesn't take into account our sheer



1 size in terms of square miles, being one  
2 of the larger cities in the entire state,  
3 right, like fourth largest.

4 It doesn't take into account, you  
5 know, all we have to do to support a very  
6 business tourist season, especially  
7 during our summer months. Because it's  
8 strictly looking at population and  
9 poverty. And --

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Sure.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- we -- I  
12 don't even think our -- our poverty and  
13 homelessness because of our lack of,  
14 like, a real shelter is tracked  
15 accordingly.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So it --  
18 it -- it does not work in our favor --

19 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- this  
21 formula.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you. I  
23 appreciate that because it's, you know,  
24 you say new block development grants --  
25 and the average spread in it and



1           they're -- you know, they're lost  
2           already. So this is a really helpful way  
3           for me to explain it. So thank you.

4           MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

5           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Commissioner  
6           Madigan, also, if there's like these  
7           grants because I -- I call them almost  
8           like pop-up grants because of what's  
9           happening with COVID and everything --

10          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Right.

11          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- the group  
12          that -- I forgot -- I think its Caminos  
13          (ph.) or whatever the group you used out  
14          of Malta a couple of years back to do  
15          some work --

16          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: The  
17          readiness study? Camaros (ph.), maybe?

18          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Right.

19          MAYOR KELLY: No --

20          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: They -- they  
21          do --

22          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Camoin?

23          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- yeah, I  
24          forgot how it's -- Camoin, yes, I think  
25          that's it.



1           MAYOR KELLY: Camoin.

2           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: They do --  
3 they do grant writing --

4           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

5           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- and have  
6 worked with a lot of the municipalities  
7 in the -- in Saratoga, Albany County.

8           So that's something you may want to  
9 look at too because I don't know how  
10 sustainable it would be over a long  
11 period of time of hiring somebody to do  
12 it. But they have a very track record of  
13 doing grants.

14          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That's a  
15 great idea.

16          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, I  
17 think when they -- don't -- when they  
18 write the grants, don't they just take a  
19 percentage of the grant?

20          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Right.

21          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think  
22 that's --

23          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

24          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- so it  
25 really doesn't cost us anything. And



1           it -- it -- it kind of makes sense to --  
2           to move forward in that direction.

3           COMMISSIONER FRANCK:  Yeah, they  
4           write it into the grant, their fee.

5           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:  Yeah.

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Yeah.

7           MAYOR KELLY:  And so -- I guess  
8           then, you know, that would be who -- what  
9           department would that fall under and do  
10          we put -- do we put out a RFP for that,  
11          you know what I mean, that -- that's what  
12          we would do.  But is that -- are you --  
13          would that -- who would that fall under?

14          COMMISSIONER FRANCK:  Probably --  
15          probably my suggestion would be through  
16          finance if they're willing to do that  
17          because they've worked with that group --  
18          and I guess we could put it to bid to  
19          others.  Or -- or we can do it.  I mean,  
20          Nancy's basically moved over, she does a  
21          lot of our internal state grants.

22          But I -- it's just one idea.  There  
23          could be other ideas out there.

24          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Well, it --  
25          it's -- it's an idea.  I don't think





1 we're going to solve exactly who's going  
2 to be responsible for it right now. But  
3 we can figure that out, and that's a  
4 conversation that I'm -- I'm willing to  
5 have, you know, so -- but we'll take that  
6 off line and maybe an -- an outsource  
7 type of function for grant writing might  
8 be the way to go.

9 The big things coming up right now  
10 that I'm seeing are water, dams, you  
11 know, so -- and we know our dam's going  
12 to cost a lot of money. So if we can use  
13 a service like Camoin or some service  
14 that might help us write a grant so that  
15 we can get some funds in to help us with  
16 a big, massive, multimillion project like  
17 that, that we know we have to work on,  
18 that would be terrific right there,  
19 right?

20 And then we can start to keep our  
21 eye on a few other things.

22 Commissioner Dalton, you're saying  
23 there's a lot of public safety grants  
24 right there.

25 So it may be the individual



1 department, like, we could handle the RFP  
2 and selecting the group that we work  
3 with, but then the individual department  
4 that's really looking for the grant funds  
5 would need to work with whoever it is  
6 that we hire to help us manage the  
7 process.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That'd be  
9 awesome. Yes, thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Yeah.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Very good.

13 Yeah, so I know it's time consuming,  
14 Commissioner Dalton. That was going to  
15 be, like, my next line, and I know that  
16 we are all, like, pushed to the max right  
17 now. So I'm -- I'm glad that we just had  
18 this discussion. And we'll -- we'll come  
19 up with some -- a way of moving forward  
20 to ease -- it's the managing of the grant  
21 once you have it that becomes so time  
22 consuming.

23 Thank you, council.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So item



1 number 2, I am actually removing from my  
2 agenda this evening. We don't have the  
3 proper insurances in yet, so we will  
4 bring that back at the next city council  
5 meeting. And that was for the Mayor to  
6 sign Addendum #3 with Crown Castle for  
7 Recreation Center Ethernet.

8 Item -- that was item number 2,  
9 right?

10 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Item  
12 number 3 is a Discussion and Vote: Budget  
13 Amendments - Capital Budget for NYPA  
14 Master Cost Recovery Agreement for Energy  
15 Efficient Street Lights. This is just  
16 the capital budget amendment. My next  
17 item will be the contract that we will  
18 vote on.

19 This item is in reference to my  
20 item -- to the public hearing we had, the  
21 agreement, number 4 with NYPA. Lines 1  
22 through 2 reflect budget revisions for  
23 city bonded revenue in the amount of two  
24 million eighty-seven -- \$870,000, and  
25 city expenses for the NYPA Master Cost



1 Recovery Agreement, which will result in  
2 the savings that I went over in the -- in  
3 the public hearing. As well as the --  
4 it's more efficient, significant lighting  
5 efficiency.

6 I move that the city council approve  
7 budget amendments, Capital Budget - NYPA  
8 Cost Recovery Agreement for Energy  
9 Efficient Street Lights as included with  
10 the agenda.

11 This is a motion, and it does  
12 require a roll call vote. If Lisa will  
13 please ask for the roll call vote after  
14 the second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Can I -- can I just --  
16 are you on number 5 or number 3?

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: You know, I'm  
18 like really confused --

19 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- again.

21 MAYOR KELLY: I think you just did  
22 number 5, so I just want to make sure  
23 we're -- we're voting on the right thing.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I'm going to  
25 have to pull the agenda -- the full



1 agenda up because I can't fit all of that  
2 on my screen. I don't know what the  
3 actual --

4 MAYOR KELLY: I know, but she just  
5 read number 5. No, which is the other  
6 NYPA --

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I have two  
8 NYPAs on my agenda. Give me one second.  
9 I got to pull the agenda up --

10 MAYOR KELLY: That's okay.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- because  
12 Google changed. Because I can never seem  
13 to get these things right. Okay, here we  
14 go. Hold on a second. I got the agenda  
15 up now.

16 So -- okay great.

17 So I should be on item number 3.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Is -- is Lynn  
20 Bochner or my deputy on the telephone --  
21 on the -- on the -- on the line --

22 MAYOR KELLY: Lynn Bochner is on  
23 here.

24 So Lynn, can you -- can you unmute,  
25 Lynn Bochner?



1           Lynn, can you unmute, please? Thank  
2           you.

3           MS. BOCHNER: Good evening -- good  
4           evening, everyone.

5           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Good evening.

6           MS. BOCHNER: The agenda that you  
7           can see online may be a little different  
8           than the agenda that you were sent. I  
9           did indeed have to reverse the order  
10          because we have to pass the Capital  
11          Budget Amendment before we can pass the  
12          contract.

13          So --

14          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

15          MS. BOCHNER: -- Michele is correct,  
16          she is on item number 3. Item number 3  
17          is the budget amendment.

18          You -- you, Mayor, are also correct  
19          because on the agenda that I suspect you  
20          may be looking at, they were reversed.

21          MAYOR KELLY: Yes, they are.  
22          They're -- they're reversed on mine, but  
23          as long as you make it known that they're  
24          reversed, I'm fine. I just want to make  
25          sure.



1 MS. BOCHNER: Well they are -- they  
2 are correct as to what's been uploaded,  
3 and I just want -- everybody is on the  
4 same page.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Yep, that's right.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So thank you,  
7 I appreciate that. I work off of a  
8 very --

9 MS. BOCHNER: My pleasure.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- small  
11 screen. And then have to pull the agenda  
12 up on my --

13 MS. BOCHNER: I -- yeah, I'm sure.  
14 Yeah, I --

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- phone. So  
16 all the -- so --

17 MS. BOCHNER: -- I thought I --

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- so all the  
19 con -- we have all the content, we have  
20 to reverse order because we have to do  
21 the capital budget amendment first --

22 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- and then  
24 we will do the contract.

25 MAYOR KELLY: That's fine.



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But the  
2 actual hardcopy agenda has us doing the  
3 contract first and then later on in the  
4 agenda the capital budget amendment.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So item  
7 number 3 for this evening will be  
8 discussion and vote for the budget  
9 amendment.

10           So I believe I did make the motion.  
11 I could make the motion again if you want  
12 to make that clear or are we waiting on a  
13 second and then a roll call vote.

14           MAYOR KELLY: I'll second it.  
15 That's fine.

16           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

17           MAYOR KELLY: And a roll call,  
18 please?

19           SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
20 Franck?

21           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

22           SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
23 Madigan?

24           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

25           SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner





1 Scirocco?

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

3 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
4 Dalton?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

6 SECRETARY RIBIS: And Mayor Kelly?

7 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

8 The matter passes. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great. And  
10 then I see -- it looks like my next item  
11 based on the agenda should be the capital  
12 budget for Geyser Road Trail. So I'm  
13 going to jump to that, which is my item  
14 number 4, Discussion and Vote: Budget  
15 Amendments - Capital Budget Geyser Road  
16 Trail.

17 As the Mayor stated in the public  
18 hearing this evening, on 7/7/2020, the  
19 city council unanimously voted to sign a  
20 memorandum of understanding with Capital  
21 District Transportation Authority to  
22 install new infrastructure for bus  
23 stations at the intersection of Route 50  
24 and Geyser Road intended to serve  
25 Saratoga Spa State Parks, SPAC, and



1 associated facilities.

2 CDTA shall be responsible for  
3 construction costs associated with the  
4 CDTA-related improvements and will  
5 reimburse the city for these related  
6 improvements not to exceed \$100,000  
7 without further approval from CDTA.

8 Lines 1 and 2 of this budget  
9 amendment increase the Geyser Road Trail  
10 Project by \$100,000.

11 I move that the city council approve  
12 the budget amendments, Capital Budget -  
13 Geyser Road Trail, as included with  
14 the -- the agenda, following the second,  
15 we will require a roll call vote. Thank  
16 you.

17 This is a motion.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please?

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
22 Franck?

23 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

24 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
25 Madigan?



1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

2 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
3 Scirocco?

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

5 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
6 Dalton?

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

8 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly?

9 MAYOR KELLY: Aye.

10 The matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

12 Which would then now bring me to my  
13 item --

14 MAYOR KELLY: Number 3 --

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- number 5  
16 on the agenda. Which now I just have to  
17 find in my notes.

18 Excellent. Discussion and Vote:  
19 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign NYPA  
20 Master Cost Recovery Agreement for Energy  
21 Efficient Street Lights.

22 We've discussed this project for  
23 energy efficient street lighting at the  
24 last several meetings. We signed a  
25 letter of intent, called an authorization



1 to proceed, also known as an ATP, in late  
2 December. And we are now establishing  
3 the agreement required to go forward with  
4 the project.

5 The city will bond \$2.87 million,  
6 which -- \$2,870,000, which will result in  
7 over the course of the bond thirty-  
8 three -- \$33,000 savings. And thereafter  
9 that we estimate about a \$300,000 savings  
10 for each year following that.

11 NYPA has revised its template to  
12 work with the city and we are ready to  
13 move forward with this project. NYPA has  
14 provided confirmation of insurance that  
15 meets the requirements in the contract  
16 that it signed, as well as com --  
17 compliance with workers' compensation.

18 Additionally, our contract does  
19 include maintenance. NYPA will be  
20 responsible for maintenance of lights and  
21 poles. That is not a capital budget  
22 expense and will be budgeted with general  
23 operating funds.

24 I move that the city council  
25 authorize the Mayor to sign NYPA Master



1 Cost Recovery Agreement for Energy  
2 Efficient Streetlights as included with  
3 the agenda.

4 This is a motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 Second.

7 Any discussion?

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I was  
9 glad -- I was glad to hear that the --  
10 the maintenance is -- I know we had  
11 discussed it, we had talked about it,  
12 Commissioner. And -- and I was glad to  
13 hear that -- that's a pretty big lift for  
14 my department to take on, you know,  
15 additional 3,000 lights. But I like the  
16 project, I think it's a good project.  
17 And I'm glad that we -- we're including  
18 maintenance in it.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah, we  
20 would -- we would have -- we had to.  
21 That was one of --

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- the things  
24 we were waiting for --

25 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.



1           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  -- was for  
2           them to actually provide a maintenance  
3           agreement.

4           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:  Yep.

5           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Excellent.

6           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:  Yep.

7           MAYOR KELLY:  All those in favor,  
8           say aye.

9           IN UNISON:  Aye.

10          MAYOR KELLY:  Any opposed?

11          The matter passes.

12          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Thank you,  
13          council.

14          My final three items are budget  
15          transfers and amendments.  Item -- I  
16          don't know what number --

17          MAYOR KELLY:  Six.

18          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  -- six?

19          Thank you.

20          Discussion and Vote:  Budget  
21          Amendments - Benefits.  Lines 1 through 2  
22          amend the budget to cover employees'  
23          dental contributions in the amount of  
24          \$3,302.64 which were not included with  
25          the adopted budget.  Dental is budget



1 neutral. Revenue expenses -- revenue and  
2 expenses are equal.

3 I move that the city council approve  
4 the Budget Amendments - Benefits as  
5 included with the agenda.

6 This is a motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

10 All those in favor, say aye.

11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

13 The matter passes.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 7  
15 is Discussion: Budget Transfers --  
16 Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers -  
17 Benefits

18 Lines 1 through 12 transfer  
19 appropriations to and from various sick  
20 leave lines to various Social Security  
21 lines to cover adjustment requirements to  
22 prevent deficits. Budget transfers  
23 neither increase or decrease the budget,  
24 they just reallocate the fund as needed.

25 I move that the city council approve



1 Budget Transfers - Benefits as included  
2 with the agenda.

3 This is a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

7 All those in favor, say aye.

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

10 The matter passes.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number  
12 8, Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers  
13 - Payroll.

14 Lines 1 through 2 transfer  
15 appropriations from firefighters wage  
16 lines to firefighters personnel time  
17 cash-in, in the amount of \$388.93.

18 I move the city council approve  
19 Budget Transfers - Payrolls included with  
20 the agenda.

21 This is a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

25 All those in favor, say aye.





1           IN UNISON:  Aye.

2           MAYOR KELLY:  Any opposed?

3           The matter passes.

4           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN:  Thank you,  
5 Mayor.  That completes my agenda.

6           MAYOR KELLY:  Thank you,  
7 Commissioner.

8           On to public works, Commissioner  
9 Scirocco.

10          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO:  Thank you,  
11 Mayor.

12          The first item on my agenda is  
13 Discussion and Vote.  This is Approval to  
14 Pay Invoices #5402217699, #5402219095,  
15 and #5402173892 to Morton Salt in the  
16 Amount of \$21,441.34.

17          The Morton Salt invoices are a total  
18 cost of \$21,441.34.  And the product was  
19 purchased in 2020.  Due to an addressing  
20 issue, there was a delay in payment of  
21 the three invoices presented for council  
22 approval.  They were included in purchase  
23 order 200603.  Apparently we got a  
24 purchase order in 2020, but they sent the  
25 bills to the -- the wrong address.  They



1 sent it to 5 Lake Avenue versus 474,  
2 so --

3 Therefore, I move for the approval  
4 to pay invoices 5402217699, 5402219095,  
5 and 5402173892 to Morton Salt in the  
6 amount of \$21,441.34.

7 And I put that in front of a motion.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

14 The matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second item  
16 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
17 Approval to Pay Invoices to Mahoney  
18 Notify-Plus Incorporated in the Total  
19 Amount of \$4,188.65.

20 The Mahoney invoices are a total  
21 cost of \$4,188.65. Prior to 2021, the  
22 work performed by Mahoney was processed  
23 as a public works service and verbal  
24 purchase order codes was appropriate.

25 The service provided by Mahoney has



1 recently been identified as professional  
2 service as they are required to hold a  
3 license by New York State. So in order  
4 to meet the purchasing policy  
5 requirements, a formal purchase order  
6 needs to be in place regardless of the  
7 value.

8 The invoices reflect repairs that  
9 were needed to respective alarm systems  
10 monitored by Mahoney alarms.

11 Therefore I move for the approval to  
12 pay invoices to Mahoney Notify-Plus  
13 Incorporated in the amount of \$4,188.65.

14 And I put that in front a motion.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17 MAYOR KELLY: So Commissioner  
18 Scirocco, I have a different number of  
19 the -- the agenda than you just read. I  
20 just want to make sure we're reading the  
21 right number. So I have \$4,596.25.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's on  
23 the agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That's what I  
25 have too.



1           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, you're  
2 right. I do have that on here.

3           MAYOR KELLY: What do you want to go  
4 with?

5           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I don't  
6 know.

7           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor --  
8 Mayor, I suggest we pass it for his  
9 amount and then maybe during the meeting  
10 he can get some updated information --

11          MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

12          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- and come  
13 back to it.

14          MAYOR KELLY: So we'll -- we'll pass  
15 it for your amount, Commissioner --

16          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Um-hum.

17          MAYOR KELLY: -- and then if it's  
18 incorrect, come back at the end of the  
19 meeting.

20          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Is there  
21 anything attached to the agenda that has  
22 the official amount?

23          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I don't have  
24 the -- I don't have the attachments in  
25 front of me.



1           MAYOR KELLY: Okay. We'll --  
2 we'll -- we'll try to pull it up --

3           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I can take  
4 it up at the next city council meeting.

5           MAYOR KELLY: No, no, let's just try  
6 to get it done. We'll -- we'll just do  
7 this and then we'll -- we'll see if we  
8 can add it up and get the right number.  
9 If it's right, then we're good. And if  
10 it's not, we'll -- we'll move forward.  
11 Okay?

12          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yep.

13          MAYOR KELLY: All right.

14          All those in favor, say aye.

15          IN UNISON: Aye.

16          MAYOR KELLY: Any that -- any  
17 opposed?

18          The matter passes.

19          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Third item  
20 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote.  
21 This is authorization for the approval  
22 for a revised Canfield Casino Rental  
23 Agreement.

24          Due to the COVID pandemic, events  
25 and weddings at the Canfield Casino have



1           been cancelled for over a year. Many of  
2           these cancellations were the result of  
3           state guidelines that limited large  
4           social gatherings.

5                       With the recent easing of  
6           restrictions, it is possible for events  
7           and weddings to occur again. As a  
8           result, I'm reopening the Canfield Casino  
9           this month. To protect and -- to protect  
10          the city and those in attendance, EPW  
11          worked with the risk of safety and the  
12          city attorney to develop COVID-specific  
13          contract language.

14                      This updated rental agreement  
15          specifies that the renter will follow all  
16          CDC and New York State Department of  
17          Health guidelines. In addition to the  
18          requirement that events follow pandemic  
19          operation guidelines, EPW will be  
20          upgrading the air filters in the casino  
21          and implementing COVID appropriate  
22          cleaning protocols between events.

23                      This information will be uploaded to  
24          the city's website. And it's important  
25          that everyone is careful at this time.



1 But we also need to start getting back to  
2 normal as everybody will agree. Allowing  
3 people to have their dream weddings or  
4 event at the -- at the casino, I think is  
5 a step in the right direction.

6 So therefore I move for approval for  
7 revised Canfield Casino Rental Agreement.

8 And I put that in front of a motion.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

12 All those in favor, say aye.

13 IN UNISON: Aye.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

15 The matter passes.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fourth item  
17 on my agenda is just an announcement.

18 The Department of Public Works provides  
19 curbside leaf and lawn debris pick-up.

20 Leaves, lawn clippings must be in a  
21 reusable container or paper bag and  
22 placed at the curb May 15th to September  
23 30th.

24 From September 30th to the first  
25 snowfall, leaves can be raked to the curb



1 in small piles. Crews will not go on  
2 private property to retrieve -- to  
3 retrieve or clean up leaves.

4 Small limbs no longer than three  
5 feet can also be bundled and placed at  
6 the curbside.

7 Please be sure to keep containers  
8 and limbs piles -- limb piles to a weight  
9 manageable by one person. And again we  
10 don't take stumps. Lot clearing, we  
11 won't take that -- that -- that debris.  
12 Tree takedowns on private property, dirt,  
13 sod, or rocks. And obviously no plastic  
14 bags and no chemical barrels.

15 Again, I know we've gotten some --  
16 there's been some issues about our guys  
17 going through the streets and people  
18 containerizing and then dumping in the --  
19 dumping in the street and then them guys  
20 picking it up with the clam. But the  
21 idea to containerize makes a lot of  
22 sense. Number one, it keeps the debris  
23 out of the storm drains, and -- and we  
24 have issues with storm drains that are --  
25 and some of them are not -- not live





1 drains, some of them are the dry wells.

2 And the dry wells clog up real easy

3 with -- with the debris in the street.

4 So I mean, it makes a whole --

5 it's -- it's easier for our guys to -- to

6 just dump them, you know, in the clam.

7 They don't have to rake, they don't have

8 to do anything like that.

9 So hopefully -- I know there's been

10 a lot of people out cleaning and, you

11 know, picking up debris because of COVID.

12 I know I've driven -- driven through the

13 city and there are some -- some people

14 who still are putting stuff out in the

15 street. We're going to try to educate

16 the public to -- to use either the paper

17 bags or containerize.

18 Like I said, it makes a lot of sense

19 to do that at this point in time. And it

20 saves a lot of labor, you know, for our

21 guys. And we can get through an area a

22 lot quicker by doing that.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Right. Great.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You know, I

25 suggest the public please participate in



1           that because it -- it -- makes sense for  
2           a lot -- lot of reasons.

3           MAYOR KELLY: Um-hum. Thank you,  
4           Commissioner. Anything else?

5           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That  
6           concludes my agenda.

7           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor --  
8           Mayor I added the eight attachments, and  
9           it came out to \$4,596.25.

10          MAYOR KELLY: Okay, so we're good.  
11          Thank you, John.

12          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Oh, I think  
13          he put it as the 411, though.

14          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

15          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I don't know  
16          if he has to redo that motion.

17          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You want me  
18          to -- you want me to -- change the  
19          amount?

20          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Change the  
21          amount to that 4 -- the number you have  
22          on the agenda, the \$4,596.25.

23          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
24          Commissioner.

25          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 4,500 --



1 4,900 -- no.

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 4,596 --

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 4,596.25.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

5 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Correct.

6 Yep.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. So let's read

8 that motion into the record.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Let me get

10 to my notes.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Approval to pay

12 invoices for --

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah. I

14 want --

15 MAYOR KELLY: -- Mahoney.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- I want to

17 change it in my notes too.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Got some new

20 help.

21 MAYOR KELLY: That's okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: The

23 accountant has the adding machine, so it

24 made it easy.

25 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, right.



1           Okay.

2                       So it's -- let's see, where are we  
3           here.

4                       MAYOR KELLY: Your second item.

5                       COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 596.25.

6           Okay.

7                       I move for -- for the approval to  
8           pay invoices to Mahoney Notify-Plus in  
9           the amount of \$4,900 --

10                      MAYOR KELLY: No, 500.

11                      COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Excuse me,  
12           \$4,596.25.

13                      And I put that in front a motion.

14                      MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15                      COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

16                      MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

17                      All those in favor, say aye.

18                      IN UNISON: Aye.

19                      MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

20                      The matter passes.

21                      Thank you, Commissioner --

22                      COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you  
23           for your patience.

24                      MAYOR KELLY: -- both Commissioner  
25           Franck and Scirocco.



1 Anything else, sir?

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: That's it.  
3 I'm done.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you,  
5 On to public safety, Commissioner  
6 Dalton.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,  
8 Mayor.

9 The first item is to Set Public  
10 Hearing: Amend Chapter 225, Section 225-  
11 81 of the City Code. This is to prohibit  
12 parking at all times on both sides of  
13 Adams Road between Cady Hill Boulevard  
14 and Marsel Drive.

15 So can we get that on the calendar  
16 for the next meeting?

17 MAYOR KELLY: Sure. You -- you just  
18 need 6:55, right?

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah,  
20 that's --

21 MAYOR KELLY: Perfect.

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- that's  
23 fine.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

25 SECRETARY RIBIS: That'll be April



1 20th.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Excellent,  
3 thank you.

4 The second item on my agenda is to  
5 set another public hearing, to Amend  
6 Chapter 225, Section 225-94 of the City  
7 Code. This is to amend alternate side of  
8 the street parking on Clinton Street from  
9 Vermont Street to Church Street.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So I'll  
12 probably do that on the 20th, as well?

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, that'll be on  
14 the same 6:55. We'll be fine.

15 SECRETARY RIBIS: That'll be fine,  
16 yep.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Perfect, thank  
18 you.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The third item  
21 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
22 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
23 Contract with Saratoga County for the  
24 Reimbursement for COVID Vaccinations.

25 This is to allow the city to be



1           reimbursed by the county for vaccinating  
2           at PODs or for the seniors who are  
3           homebound. This was the fire department  
4           who really stepped up to pitch in and  
5           they did a POD at the senior center,  
6           vaccinate seniors there. And also have  
7           been assisting the county vaccinating  
8           homebound seniors when they can.

9                        So I just want to thank the fire  
10           department for stepping up and pitching  
11           in in this vaccination effort that has  
12           been underway.

13                       And also make a motion to authorize  
14           the Mayor to sign the contract with  
15           Saratoga County.

16                       This is a motion.

17                       MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

18                       COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

19                       MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

20                       All those in favor, say aye.

21                       IN UNISON: Aye.

22                       MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

23                       The matter passes.

24                       COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

25                       The fourth item on my agenda is



1 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for  
2 the Mayor to Sign an MOU with Upstate  
3 Concierge Medicine, PLLC.

4 This is to allow the Saratoga  
5 Springs Fire Department to enter an  
6 agreement with Upstate Concierge Medicine  
7 and Health Insurers to coordinate and  
8 arrange for the delivery of virtual  
9 healthcare services for the evaluation  
10 and treatment of non-life threatening  
11 conditions.

12 I make a motion to authorize the  
13 Mayor to sign an MOU with Upstate  
14 Concierge Medicine.

15 This is a motion.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: This is just  
21 in my mind the next step forward for our  
22 fire department. Telemedicine is really  
23 going to increase our capabilities and  
24 what we can do with the staff we have, so  
25 I'm really excited to be taking this step





1 forward.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Well I think too,  
3 Commissioner, correct me if I'm wrong,  
4 that this is -- when -- when they use  
5 telemedicine now, they can collect a fee,  
6 right?

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Run it through -- from  
9 the person. Because a lot of times  
10 before this came in, they wouldn't  
11 collect any fees if they refused  
12 anything, right?

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct, yep.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So this is  
15 great win for the fire department and for  
16 the community to get, you know, right on  
17 site that telemedicine.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. All those in  
21 favor, say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

24 The matter passes.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.



1           The fifth item on my agenda is  
2           Discussion and Vote: Authorization for  
3           the Mayor to Sign a Lease Agreement with  
4           Ricoh.

5           This is for a copier for the police  
6           department. I make a motion to authorize  
7           the Mayor to sign the lease agreement  
8           with Ricoh.

9           This is a motion.

10          MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

11          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

12          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

13          All those in favor, say aye.

14          IN UNISON: Aye.

15          MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

16          The matter passes.

17          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

18          And the sixth item on my agenda is  
19          Discussion and Vote: Authorization for  
20          the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with  
21          Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga,  
22          Incorporated.

23          This is for the care, feeding,  
24          cleaning, and maintenance of stables for  
25          two of the police department horses.



1           I make a motion to authorize the  
2 Mayor to sign an agreement with  
3 Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga.

4           This is a motion.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

7           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

8           MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

9           COMMISSIONER DALTON: This is a  
10 really important move for our horses so  
11 we can make sure their healthy and well  
12 taken care of as they are such a critical  
13 part of our mounted unit and our police  
14 department in total. I'm really excited  
15 to be able to move them some place that  
16 gives them the care they need.

17           MAYOR KELLY: Great.

18           All those in favor, say aye.

19           IN UNISON: Aye.

20           MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

21           The matter passes.

22           COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

23           That concludes my agenda.

24           MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,

25           Commissioner.



1           On to supervisors. Supervisor  
2           Veitch.

3           SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you,  
4           Mayor.

5           First on my agenda is just quick  
6           update from the buildings and grounds  
7           committee. I just want to announce that  
8           today that the bids and auction for the  
9           31 Woodlawn Avenue building were opened.  
10          So that period will run from today until  
11          April 28th for interested bidders for the  
12          building.

13          You can find information and bid on  
14          the building at the website  
15          [auctionsinternational.com](http://auctionsinternational.com). That is the  
16          company that we hired for running our  
17          online auction, so if you go to that  
18          site, it'll give you instruction on what  
19          you have to do if you are interested in  
20          bidding on that building.

21          So after that, probably in the May  
22          meeting, we will most likely have a sale  
23          and that building will be -- at that  
24          point, taken off the county's property  
25          list.



1           So again, just wanted to announce  
2           that the bidding for that has started  
3           today. And you can go to  
4           [auctionsinternational.com](http://auctionsinternational.com) to find out  
5           more.

6           Second on my agenda is review -- or  
7           a update on the Government Review and  
8           Efficiency Committee. Just wanted to  
9           mention that we're working on three  
10          projects currently.

11          The first one is the rewrite and  
12          revision of our Code of Ethics. We are  
13          doing that right now, so we are looking  
14          at various examples of other  
15          municipalities' code of ethics, including  
16          the City's, to get some suggestions, take  
17          some -- get some advice and look at those  
18          and try to model ours against some other  
19          communities that have effective codes of  
20          ethics.

21          The Code of Ethics in Saratoga  
22          County has not been modified or changed  
23          since 1990, so it's been a while. It's  
24          about time that we do that. So that's  
25          the first project that we're working and



1            hopefully we will have some update on  
2            that shortly.

3                       The second is consolidating and  
4            looking through our local laws and our  
5            county code. We are going to do a small  
6            contract with a company called eCode360  
7            to put together our local laws, try to  
8            get them updated.

9                       The last time we did it was in  
10            around 2010 timeframe, so anything since  
11            then has not been recorded and -- it's  
12            been recorded at the county, but not put  
13            into a code, so we are going to have them  
14            come and update our county code. So that  
15            will be good for us to have that done.

16                       And then the third item is working  
17            on records management and retention. We  
18            had a small meeting of some of our  
19            committee and other departments at  
20            Saratoga County to look at where our  
21            records are kept in the county, which  
22            is -- was -- well is and was currently  
23            the old jail. Originally, Saratoga  
24            County Jail was actually located on the  
25            county complex in Ballston Spa in a



1 building toward the back of the complex.  
2 And when the jail was moved to its  
3 current location, the old jail was then  
4 used for records storage and records  
5 management.

6 And so we were up there. Supervisor  
7 Gaston was there with us. And we go to  
8 see how -- where our records are stored.  
9 I -- I don't think it was as bad as we  
10 thought it was going to be, so that was a  
11 good thing. But it was not as good as it  
12 could be. So we are going to try to see  
13 what we can do about that going forward.

14 One of the things we talked about at  
15 our meeting last week was looking at  
16 other communities and how they do records  
17 management and records storage. And the  
18 City came up. And so I am reaching out  
19 to Commissioner Franck to see if we can  
20 see how the City does it because we'll  
21 take any help we can get when it comes to  
22 doing that. And I know, you've done a  
23 lot with records management over the  
24 years, Commissioner. And we'd like to  
25 see how the City does that, as well as



1 other counties, and how they -- how they  
2 manage things. We hear some other  
3 counties, such as Tompkins and Warren  
4 actually have a really good records  
5 management program. So we'd -- we'd like  
6 to get some advice and maybe get that in  
7 order for us, as well.

8 So that's pretty much it for that  
9 item. And again, that -- that's it for  
10 my agenda. So thank you.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

12 Supervisor Gaston?

13 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.

14 The first item on my agenda is a  
15 COVID-19 update. Currently we sit at  
16 about 3.2 percent seven-day rolling  
17 positivity. We continue to very slowly  
18 creep up and we are likely to see a bump  
19 after spring break and the spring  
20 holidays.

21 So our vaccination numbers are  
22 looking great. We've got at least 40  
23 percent of our community, the county as a  
24 whole, has at least one dose. And 26.5  
25 percent has completed the series. That's





1 well above both the New York State and  
2 United States averages.

3 However, again, we're creeping up,  
4 so it's very important for people to  
5 continue distancing, masks, et cetera. I  
6 know the weather is getting very nice and  
7 we're all going outside, but we all need  
8 to continue to follow that guidance as we  
9 do it.

10 We currently have -- we've had one  
11 more death in the county. And we  
12 currently sit at twenty-three  
13 hospitalizations for COVID-19. So  
14 it's -- it's a reminder to follow the  
15 guidelines and stay careful.

16 Today was the first day that sixteen  
17 and seventeen-year-olds are now eligible  
18 to get the COVID vaccine. Unfortunately,  
19 the county did not receive any allocation  
20 of Pfizer vaccine which is the only  
21 vaccine currently approved for  
22 administration for sixteen and seventeen-  
23 year-olds. A lot of the state sites have  
24 it. We also do normally get it on a  
25 weekly basis, and our interest list has



1 changed to reflect the fact that sixteen  
2 and seventeen-year-olds are eligible. So  
3 if you have a sixteen and seventeen-year-  
4 old that's interested, we do required  
5 parental permission and we also will not  
6 force a sixteen or seventeen-year-old to  
7 get the vaccine just because the parent  
8 wants it. As a parent, I know that could  
9 be frustrating, but sixteen and  
10 seventeen-year-olds do have some medical  
11 decision-making power in New York State.

12 So if you have any questions, you  
13 can reach out or call the Public Health  
14 Department to make sure you have  
15 everything that you need. But that's the  
16 next step in making sure that our schools  
17 are safe come this fall.

18 There are some studies looking right  
19 now as young as six months, but I think  
20 the twelve to fifteen-year-old is  
21 probably most likely to occur the  
22 soonest. So hopefully by the summer we  
23 can get all these kids vaccinated and  
24 back to school full time. I know we're  
25 all looking forward to that.



1           The last thing with our vaccination  
2           program, we're delighted to have  
3           started -- continuing the food pantry  
4           vaccinations with our -- our partners in  
5           the community to make sure that those who  
6           have significant barriers get access.  
7           They often require transportation and  
8           translation assistance, so it's even more  
9           intensive than our ordinary PODs. But  
10          it's -- it's delight and our public  
11          health staff is really always buoyed by  
12          the -- the good feelings and being able  
13          to assist these individuals.

14                 As well, we're starting a farm  
15          workers program and we have partnered  
16          with eighteen farms around Saratoga  
17          County to make sure that our farm workers  
18          and farm staff have access to it, as  
19          well. So we're -- we are working to make  
20          sure that everyone gets vaccinated as  
21          quickly as possible, ideally through  
22          Saratoga County, but if you sign up with  
23          our list, we'll connect you with a  
24          vaccine wherever we can do that.

25                 The second items on my agenda is



1 just an update from the Health Committee  
2 as a whole. It is National Public Health  
3 Week. Although, I kind of feel like 2020  
4 and 2021 have been National Public Health  
5 Years but is a week where we kind of  
6 recognize the -- the hard work of our  
7 public health department. And I  
8 certainly appreciate all they do,  
9 including answering refrigerator and  
10 freezer alarms at 2 o'clock in the  
11 morning to make sure that our vaccines  
12 are shipped to another storage facility  
13 when our freezer crashes. So yes,  
14 they -- they work very hard to make sure  
15 that they can do as much as they can.

16 And you know obviously it's -- it's  
17 not just the COVID vaccines, but we also  
18 inoculate for measles, travel vaccines,  
19 other -- TB tests, and that sort of  
20 thing. Those are all kept in the  
21 freezers that we have at public health  
22 department. So when that went out, it  
23 was a -- it was quite the hurdle to make  
24 sure that that all got taken care of and  
25 that all of those vaccines were safe and



1 secure. Which they did. We did not have  
2 to get rid of a single dose of vaccine,  
3 particularly COVID vaccine, as a result  
4 of temperature. So -- and -- and they  
5 replaced the freezer, everything's good  
6 now.

7 Do you -- do you have a question,  
8 Commissioner Dalton?

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just -- I  
10 don't want to interrupt. I just wanted  
11 to say thank you to your whole department  
12 because literally every single person I  
13 know that I've directed to your eligible  
14 list has been vaccinated. Which was --  
15 is so great to hear. And I just wanted  
16 to thank you for being so efficient and  
17 timely with -- with getting vaccinations  
18 out to people that were signed up for  
19 that list. So thank you, I was really --  
20 really impressed.

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: It's -- it's  
22 definitely taking longer than public  
23 health would like to because we're not  
24 getting the vaccines that we would like  
25 to get allocated to Saratoga County, but



1           they're -- they're working hard, and I  
2           can tell you that Commissioner Kuhles --  
3           Dr. Kuhles, to prevent confusion,  
4           whenever he hears about vaccine available  
5           in the community or through Albany, he  
6           snatches it up. We actually had to have  
7           a discussion about whether it was worth  
8           it to drive five hours to get a hundred  
9           doses. It's always worth it in his  
10          opinion.

11                    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think he's  
12           right. And I want to thank you too.  
13           Because you know I missed my second dose  
14           because of the prednisone that I was on.  
15           And I probably go three or four phone  
16           calls, you know, making sure I got my  
17           second shot. I did get my second shot.  
18           But they were right on top of it. I mean,  
19           really right on top of it. As were you,  
20           Supervisor.

21                    So you know if they were that on top  
22           of it for -- for me, and of course I was  
23           nervous, I was panicking because there's  
24           such a small window, I'd already had my  
25           first shot, right, you want to make sure



1           you get that second shot. You know, I  
2           think they're doing good work on behalf  
3           of everyone in the county. So thank you.

4                       SUPERVISOR GASTON: Well I'm -- I am  
5           very proud of the work that they are  
6           doing. They are working very hard.

7                       And on that note, there's going to  
8           be continued work because they're  
9           increasing -- we are having to expand the  
10          health department to a full service  
11          department of health. I do have to say  
12          thank you to the Public Safety  
13          Department. We've had some members  
14          already reach out to make sure that we're  
15          coordinating and working together as we  
16          expand and continue our relationship.

17                      At the last committee meeting, we  
18          also discussed the potential -- I'm  
19          sorry -- discussed a potential social  
20          center with transitional -- it's now  
21          Rise, but it was Transitional Services.  
22          They're looking to create something like  
23          the old Friendship House that existed,  
24          sort of a low barrier social environment  
25          where individuals can become acquainted



1 with services that may be offered, where  
2 they're not quite ready for full-day  
3 services or more structured services.

4 Our county mental health department  
5 has been working with them on this.  
6 Supervisor Veitch and myself have both  
7 been working with them to plan this out.  
8 And I look very much forward to the  
9 county approving some of that funding to  
10 expand services in our community.

11 And I will be donating a foosball  
12 table because that's my favorite game.  
13 And we're very much looking forward to  
14 that because I think that will be --  
15 there's a population that isn't quite  
16 ready for more structured treatment  
17 programs, either mental health or  
18 addiction services, and this is a low  
19 barrier access that will allow them  
20 safety, security, and some assistance.

21 They're also working with other  
22 agencies in our area, like Pitney Farms.  
23 They're going to be developing a  
24 commercial kitchen. It will be able to  
25 be used by individual who are considering





1 small food businesses, like, if they want  
2 to jams or pies or that sort of things.  
3 They're also going to be able to use it  
4 to help teach people how to cook who may  
5 not have had access to their own kitchen  
6 or to -- to cooking in their family.

7 So I think it's going to be a great  
8 benefit to our community, and really  
9 looking forward to it. And appreciate  
10 them for all of their work in pushing for  
11 it.

12 And another program that we're  
13 working on is with the schools, including  
14 I have to say, our Saratoga Springs City  
15 Schools were the first to pop up. Dr.  
16 Prezioso and Dr. Kuhles wanted to connect  
17 with our schools to do some mental health  
18 work in the schools. COVID has obviously  
19 had an impact on them. And Dr. Patton  
20 was the first superintendent -- I believe  
21 he may have tried to jump through the  
22 screen -- in order to engage these --  
23 both our mental health and public health  
24 departments.

25 So I know that's been a big concern



1 of mine as a parent, and of our schools,  
2 in general, the mental health services.  
3 So we're working at it from the both the  
4 student side and the adult side.

5 The last piece I will say with  
6 regards to the marijuana legislation, the  
7 cities do have the ability to opt out of  
8 both dispensaries and consuming on site.  
9 But one of the things that I'm quite  
10 happy about with the legislation is it  
11 provides a certain amount of the tax  
12 dollars that go directly to education and  
13 research for both prevention of use in  
14 underage individuals, but also to develop  
15 testing to better determine when someone  
16 is driving impaired. There's currently  
17 no real good testing for that. Although,  
18 it does remain illegal to drive while  
19 impaired, whether it's alcohol,  
20 marijuana, or any other substance.

21 It also -- the legislation did  
22 expand the number of medical conditions  
23 that could be covered under the medical  
24 marijuana usage. And it also allows  
25 other things like smoking in public and



1 home grow, but a lot of those are pushed  
2 out a couple of years.

3 So obviously the council, if you  
4 need any assistance, since the county  
5 looked at this before, because previous  
6 indications of the legislation had county  
7 opt outs, I'm sure that our county staff  
8 would be happy to help --

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That said  
10 smoking --

11 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- with any --

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: -- in public  
13 is legal currently. So if you see  
14 someone walking down the street smoking,  
15 it is currently legal as far as the  
16 police department.

17 SUPERVISOR GASTON: So smoking  
18 marijuana is currently legal where you  
19 can smoke tobacco --

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Correct.

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- however, the  
22 city can limit that and it's also not  
23 able to be smoked wherever you can't  
24 smoke tobacco now. So you can't smoke it  
25 inside a restaurant --



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yep.

2 SUPERVISOR GASTON: -- near schools,  
3 certain government buildings, et cetera.  
4 But yes, that is correct. It's also  
5 legal to possess three ounces.

6 Another thing that's really great  
7 that -- now that the legislation is  
8 passed, I look forward to talking to  
9 Commissioner Dalton and any other council  
10 member interested, I have been approached  
11 by some delivery services that are  
12 specially there to help minimize the risk  
13 of impaired driving. And so they wanted  
14 to reach out -- they don't do government  
15 contracts, they just want to discuss with  
16 governments what's available so that the  
17 council and the county government have an  
18 educated understanding of the potentials  
19 before you make any decisions on local  
20 laws, et cetera.

21 The last item on my agenda is just  
22 from the Tech & Resiliency Committee.  
23 We're looking forward to doing some  
24 updates for the county website. All of  
25 my committee members, including



1 Supervisor Veitch, got some homework to  
2 look at municipal websites that we think  
3 are particularly useful. If there are  
4 any functions that any member of the  
5 public or the council here feel would be  
6 particularly useful on our county  
7 website, please let me know.

8 Before we consider an RFP or any  
9 changes to our provider, we're looking at  
10 what it is that we're looking to do to  
11 see whether we can handle it in house  
12 with the contracts we already have.

13 And the last thing is that we will  
14 be working on resiliency plans. The  
15 committee itself chose to focus on our  
16 county government's resiliency and how  
17 well we respond to crises. However, I  
18 will be a public committee that will work  
19 on resiliency in the county as a whole  
20 because I think that's also a really  
21 important topic both in general, but also  
22 as our health department builds itself.  
23 We want to see what input and what  
24 concerns there are in the community.

25 So if anyone is interested in that,



1           they're welcome to -- to reach out. And  
2           I will be putting out some -- some  
3           interest forms so that anyone who may be  
4           interested in participating in that can  
5           do so.

6                     And obviously records are part of  
7           our resiliency because one of the things  
8           that I think a lot of people don't  
9           realize is the county's required to hold  
10          a lot of records forever, including  
11          adopting records and deeds.

12                    So when you think of it, it's not  
13          just your tax rolls, it's also -- if  
14          there was ever an adoption in Saratoga  
15          County, we have it somewhere in a  
16          cardboard box.

17                    And Nancy Wagner's amazing, so I  
18          definitely offered her up. So thank you  
19          for having such an incredible staff  
20          member who can assist with this.

21                    And that concludes my agenda.

22                    MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

23                    Any other business from the council?

24                    Then we are adjourned. Have a safe  
25          night.



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

3 (Meeting adjourned.)

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