



April 7, 2020

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
Special City Council Meeting
Recreation Center
15 Vanderbilt Avenue

6:55 p.m. – P.H. – Amendments to Chapter 225, Section 77 Schedule XII of the City Code – Stop Intersections and Chapter 225-12B and 225-69 of City Code – Speed Limits Outside District
P.H. – Substantial Amendment to City CDBG Entitlement Action Plan

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of 3/16/20 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of 3/17/20 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Budget Amendment – Regular (Increases)
4. Budget Transfers – Regular
5. Budget Amendments - Insurance
6. Approve Payroll 3/20/20 \$494,484.89
7. Approve Payroll 3/27/20 \$515,563.87
8. Approve Payroll 4/3/20 \$646,883.34
9. Approve Payroll 4/10/20 \$476,329.97
10. Approve Warrant – 2020 20MWMAR3 \$110,171.62
11. Approve Warrant – 2020 20MWAPR1 \$2,621.95
12. Approve Warrant – 2020 20APR1 \$2,986,483.76

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

1. Announcement: Holding City Council Meetings Using Zoom
2. Announcement: 2020 Census Self-Reporting Reminder
3. Announcement: Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community
4. Proclamation: Federal Fair Housing Month
5. Discussion and Vote: Civil Service Commission Appointment (20-117)
6. Discussion and Vote: Discontinuation of Use of Senior Center for Emergency Shelter as of 4/6/20 (20-118)

7. Discussion and Vote: Resolution Authorizing NYS DOT Master Agreement for Saratoga Springs Sidewalks Missing Links Program (20-115)
8. Discussion and Vote: Substantial Amendment to 2019 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan (20-119)
9. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign NYSERDA Modification 3 to Agreement 39520 (Cleaner, Greener Communities Grant), Funding for the Unified Development Ordinance (20-120)
10. Discussion and Vote: SEQRA for Easement Agreement Between Franchise Oversight Board and City of Saratoga Springs (20-121)
11. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Easement Agreement with the NYS Franchise Oversight Board for Henning Rd. Property for Fire/EMS Facility (20-122)
12. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Cost Reimbursement and Escrow Agreement with the NYS Franchise Oversight Board (20-123)

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

1. Award of Bid: Extension of Bid for Medical Supplies to Bound Tree Medical, Henry Schein, and McKesson (20-124)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1. Presentation: Update: Finance Department – VLT, Financial Projections, and Processes
2. Announcement: Late Fees for City, County and Delinquent School Taxes
3. Discussion and Vote: Contract Termination (20-125)
4. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Pay Invoices in the Amount of \$1,500.00 to LookTV (20-126)
5. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Payroll (20-127)
6. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (20-128)
7. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Benefits (20-129)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #1 with MidState Industries, Inc. for Canfield Casino Project (20-130)
2. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #2 with Upstate Companies, LLC for DPW Dispatch Building (20-131)
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #1 with George Martin & Son, Inc. for DPW Dispatch Building (20-132)
4. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Intermunicipal Agreement Between the County of Saratoga and City of Saratoga for the Management of Single-Stream Recyclables Collection (20-133)
5. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #8 thru #12 with DLC Electric for City Hall Renovation – Electric (20-134)

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1. Announcement: Virus Update
2. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Pay Invoice to VRS Sales, Ltd. In the Amount of \$2,382.10 (20-135)
3. Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Contracts with BoundTree Medical, Henry Schein, & McKesson for Emergency Medical Supplies (20-136)
4. Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225 of the City Code, Section 225-77, Schedule XII – Stop Intersections (20-137)
5. Discussion and Vote: Amend Chapter 225-12B & 225-69 of the City Code (20-138)
6. Discussion and Vote: Approval to Encumber 2019 Capital Funds to the 2020 Capital Budget (20-139)

SUPERVISORS

Matt Veitch

1. Saratoga County COVID-19 Response Update
2. County Public Safety Building Update
3. NYS Budget Update

Tara Gaston

1. County Meetings
2. COVID-19 Update
3. Public Forum

ADJOURN



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PRESENT: Meg Kelly, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts (via phone)
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW (via phone)
Robin Dalton, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner of Accounts
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

Vince DeLeonardis, City Attorney

Matt Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor

Transcriber's note: this meeting is being conducted in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 and is a full transcript of the meeting.

Transcript begins at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. Welcome to City Council meeting April 7, 2020. We at 6:55, we have two public hearings tonight. The first public hearing is to amendments to amend Chapter 225 of the City Code – Stop Intersections and Speed Limits Outside, on the Outside District. I'll turn it over to Commissioner Dalton.

Commissioner Dalton: Okay. We have two public hearings like the mayor said. The first is amendments to Chapter 225 section 77, schedule 12 of the City Code – Stop Intersections. And Chapter 225 – 69 of the City Code – Speed Limits Outside Districts.

The first public hearing number one is to codify the stop signs at McKenzie's Way development. And I have not received any public comments about this amendment.

The second hearing is to codify the speed limit in the outside district. And I received one public comment I am going to read into the record. Shall I do that now mayor?

Mayor Kelly: Yes, please.

Commissioner Dalton: Okay. This is from Jennifer Natyzak. I apologize if I pronounced that incorrectly; at 34 Clark Street.

"I write in support of the legal notice regarding lowering the speed limit in the outer tax district to 30 mph from 40 mph from Mr. Franck. In addition, I encourage the City to decrease the inner tax district speed to 20 mph. Given these unprecedented times, vehicle traffic is at an all time low, and pedestrian and cycling

traffic is at an all-time high. We need to ensure our drivers are prepared and cautious for pedestrians, cyclists, families, and children in the roadways. With less traffic and open roadways, people are inclined to drive faster than the speed limit, and we need to take every precaution to ensure that drivers are prepared for residents walking and biking. Last week I was in my car at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Crommelin Drive stopped in a line of four cars for a family of five to hobble across the roadway. I'm grateful these drivers at the front were traveling slower than the posted speed limit and paid attention to keep this family safe. We must implement this slower speed limit, 20 mph in inner tax zone and 30 mph in the outer tax district, to keep everyone in our community safe."

Mayor Kelly: Okay. Thank you. Do we have anyone in the waiting room? Hello, can you hear me? Joseph can you hear me? Archer can you hear me? We do have two people waiting, just be patient. Joseph can you hear me? Archer can you hear me? Okay, if they are on the live stream, if you could watch the live stream, Joseph and Archer you need to un-mute yourselves and use live audio. Joseph can you hear me? Do we have an e-mail for these people? Archer can you hear me? Joseph can you hear me? I'm going to continue on and we'll see if they can get their audio working.

Our second public hearing. I'm not going to close it so we can see if we can get these comments so we will wait a second. The second public hearing is Substantial Amendment to City Development Block Grant – CDBG Entitlement Action Plan. The City of Saratoga Springs is proposing the addition of a new activity under its 2019 CDBG Action Plan. HUD defines this "Substantial Amendment," which requires a five-day Public period, and a Public Hearing. The amendment is as follows: Using federal funding awarded by HUD to our Community Block Grant Entitlement Program, the City proposes to assist Shelters of Saratoga with its efforts to move the homeless population, currently at Code Blue, from their congregate setting to a local hotel. Funds will be reallocated from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund for this emergency priority project in the amount of \$61,950. This Public Hearing will be closed tonight upon a hearing if there are any comments out there in the public. So at this time I'll see - Joseph can you hear me? Archer is still muted. I would ask that they send their comments in by e-mail. And Commissioner Dalton you'll be closing your public hearings tonight?

Commissioner Dalton: Hopefully, we can get their comments e-mailed to us so I can read them into the record before we close out the hearing.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. Can we do that later in the meeting? We'll wait to close those at the end of the meeting. Hopefully, we'll hear from them. I don't know what they're commenting on so we will come back to them at the end of our meeting.

Commissioner Dalton: Thank you mayor.

Mayor Kelly: At this time, I'd like roll call please.

Secretary to the City Council:

Commissioner Franck – present
Commissioner Madigan – present
Commissioner Scirocco – yes, here
Commissioner Dalton – present
Mayor Kelly – here
Supervisor Veitch – here
Supervisor Gaston – here

Mayor Kelly: Thank you. Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

All: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Mayor Kelly: Thank you. Public Comment period tonight. The public is free to submit comments by e-mail relative to any agenda item or any other items. Public comments can be sent to the Council via public.comment@saratogasprings.org. There are no presentations tonight and there's no executive session tonight.

On to the Consent Agenda. Are there any edits or comments for the Consent Agenda as published?

I move that the City Council approve the Consent Agenda as described with this agenda. This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? **The matter passes.**

On to the Mayor's Department. My first item is an announcement: holding City Council meetings via Zoom. During the stay at home order, the City Council will be meeting via Zoom. Our meetings will be live streamed and recorded on website as always. Members of the public can participate in public hearings via Zoom. Public comments can be sent to the Council via public.comment@saratoga-springs.org. Visit our website to find out how you can stay connected and attend from home. I do think that on the public hearing end where you can come in via Zoom we really need people to understand how this works before they try to sign on for their first time because we have to get the audio up there.

My second item is an announcement; the 2020 Census self-reporting reminder. On March 12th, the US Census Bureau began mailing out invitations to citizens to participate in the 2020 Census. By April 1st, 2020, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options to respond – on line, by phone, or by mail. The City of Saratoga Springs current self-response rate is about 33 percent. New York self-response current rate is currently about 28 percent, so we are ahead of the statewide average. But I would definitely like to see this increase even more. For more information or to complete the census, please visit 2020census.gov.

My third item is an announcement - Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community. On December 20th, 2011, the City of Saratoga Springs Council unanimously approved the Climate Smart Communities resolution and pledged to be a Climate Smart City. Climate Smart Community is a New York program that helps local governments take action and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to a change in climate. On December 31, 2019, the City of Saratoga Springs, in partnership with Raina Caldwell, chair of the City's Climate Smart Task Force submitted an application to become a Bronze Climate Smart Community. We are very proud to have had our application accepted and to be named a Bronze Climate Smart Community. And I would personally like to thank Tina Carton, who is our administrator for parks, open land, sustainability, and historic preservation, and Rain Caldwell for their hard work in getting this done. It was a lot of work.

My next item is a proclamation – Fair Housing Month. April is Fair Housing Month, which the City marks with an annual proclamation. I will read this proclamation into the record: Whereas, April marks 52nd anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and, whereas aforementioned federal acts insure fair housing opportunities regardless of race, color, national origin, and religion, sex, family status, disability; and, whereas, New York State laws cover all the same characteristics, but also protects based on religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, and military status; and, whereas, the Violence Against Women's Re-authorization Act of 2013 ensures housing protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Whereas, the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the federal government; and whereas, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be effective if not more so than the federal

efforts. Whereas, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, this diminished rights of all. Now therefore, be it resolved, that in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women; I Meg Kelly, mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, does hereby join the national celebration proclaiming April 2020 as Fair Housing Month.

Going on to my next item is discussion and vote: Civil Service Commission appointment. Tonight I am recommending Deirdre Ladd for the Civil Service Commission. Deirdre will be completing a term for a member who resigned from the Commission. Her term will run from 4/7/20 to 5/20/20. Deirdre has years of public and private service experience including time spent working at Skidmore and as an adjunct marketing professor and advisor. And, at the Marketing for Good, a Saratoga base business specializes in aiding not for profit organizations through the fundraising campaign. Deirdre was also working with Commissioner Madigan as deputy of finance and Commissioner Madigan highly recommends Deirdre for this position.

I move for the City Council to approve Deirdre Ladd as Civil Service Commissioner for the term running 4/7/20 to 5/20/20. (20-117)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion?

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you mayor. I think Deirdre Ladd will make an excellent addition to the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you.

Commissioner Dalton: I also wanted to say that I am really happy to see Deirdre back working with City Hall because I think she has a lot to offer. I'm thrilled to have her involved again.

Mayor Kelly: Great. Thank you commissioners. All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

My next item is discussion and vote: discontinuing the use of the Senior Center as an emergency shelter.

I move that the City Council allow the discontinuation of the use of the Senior Center as an emergency shelter as of 4/6/20. (20-118)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? I would just like to thank Lois Celeste, the executive director of the Senior Center, and her staff. They turned their business upside down, they worked with us side by side, and I couldn't be happier. They have their building back. We exited over the weekend. We had it cleaned. So they're all happy. So all those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

My next item is discussion and vote: authorizing New York State DOT master agreement for Saratoga Springs sidewalk missing links program. If this resolution is adopted, the New York State Department of Transportation will provide federal funding reimbursement to the City for the design work to be accomplished on this federally funded local project. The City has already accepted the grant funding and completed budget transfers so that this money is allocated for this project. The resolution and master agreement need to be adopted as written.

I move that the City Council approve the resolution authorizing New York State DOT master agreement for Saratoga Springs sidewalk missing links program as included with this agenda. (20-119)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

My next item is discussion and vote: substantial amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan. The City is proposing that the addition of a new activity.....Vince can you hear me?

Vince DeLeonardis: Yes.

Mayor Kelly: Do I have to close this public hearing before I vote on it?

Vince DeLeonardis: In order to vote on it you will have to close the public hearing. But, if you want, mayor, you can hold it until the end of the meeting to see if you can get contact with the individuals.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. I'm going to hold on my number eight item and I'll go to number nine. My number nine item is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign NYSERDA modification three to agreement 39520 Cleaner, Greener Communities Grant funding for the Unified Development Ordinance. The current duration of this grant lasts until 1/31/2020. The modification in question will allow an extension of time for the project to completed up to 3/31/2021.

I move that the City Council authorize the mayor to sign NYSERDA modification three to agreement number 39520 Cleaner, Greener Communities Grant funding for the Unified Development Ordinance as included with this agenda. (20-120)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

I'm going to try to go back for the public hearing one more time before I go on so, Lisa is going to bring them back in right now. Archer, can you hear me? They're connecting.

Alan: Yeah, I can hear you. It's Alan.

Mayor Kelly: It's Alan?

Alan: Yes, I can hear you.

Mayor Kelly: What are you calling in to comment on?

Alan: I'm calling in to listen to the part about the EMS easement.

Mayor Kelly: Okay, sir. This is for our public comments. You are in the wrong area. You can exit out of here and you can watch it on your livestream. If you go to the City website. This is only for a public hearing.

Alan: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. Thank you. Jessica, can you hear me?

Jessica: I'm getting out as well.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. Thank you. Thank you Jessica. I think that we are all set. We'll go back and both Commissioner Dalton, you'll be closing your public hearing. That's correct?

Commissioner Dalton: Yes, correct.

Mayor Kelly: Okay. And I will be closing mine too; and that is substantial amendment to the City Community Development Block Program Entitlement Action Plan. So, then I will go back to my number eight and get that done. This will be discussion and vote: substantial amendment to 2019 Community Block Grant Action Plan. The City is proposing the addition of new activity under its 2019 CDBG Action Plan rising to the level of substantial amendment, which requires Council action. In effort to curb community spread of COVID-19 throughout the City of Saratoga Springs, the City proposes to provide financial support to Shelters of Saratoga to move our homeless population, currently sheltered at Code Blue, in their group setting to the Holiday Inn at 232 Broadway. City funds will be reallocated to the emergency priority project, are to be drawn down from the economic development revolving loan fund in the amount of \$61,950. The public comment period on this substantial amendment is April 2nd to the 7th, 2020.

I move that the City Council authorize the mayor to enact the substantial amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan as described with this agenda. (20-121)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

So, now I am going on to item number ten. My next three items will be led by Vince DeLeonardis, our city attorney. I will the first item is discussion and vote: SEQRA for easement agreement between franchise oversight board and the City of Saratoga Springs.

Vince DeLeonardis: Thank you mayor. I want to provide a little background and start by pointing out that our City is served by a career fire department consisting of 64 sworn members dedicated to providing fire, rescue, and EMS services to residents and visitors within the nearly 30 square mile boundary of our City. The area is currently covered by two stations. Station one is our main station located in the City's downtown core at 60 Lake Avenue and includes an engine company and an ambulance in addition to

administrative offices. Station two is located on the City's west side at 166 West Avenue and includes an engine company and an ambulance. Station two was originally constructed in the 1970's in response to what was then a significant development in the western part of the City.

The eastern part of the City, commonly referred to as the eastern ridge, or district three, has also experienced significant growth over the last several decades. Call volume has seen a steady increase and given the location of our two existing stations, response times to the eastern part of our City are not in line with NFPA recommendations. For many, many years, the City has endeavored to locate property to house a third fire and EMS facility that would enable us to increase response times to the eastern ridge and serve all other portions of the City in conjunction with stations one and two.

Last year, the mayor began discussions with NYRA and the New York State Franchise Oversight Board, which ultimately culminated into the items which are on the agenda this evening and, which were identified by the mayor. Those items including the SEQRA analysis, the easement agreement, and the escrow agreement; which are the items ten, eleven, following this item. All relate to the proposed easement of 2.36 acres of land located on Henning Road. The land is owned by the State of New York, is under the control of NYRA through its franchise agreement, and is overseen by the New York State Franchise Oversight Board. This property will finally allow the City to construct a much needed and long awaited third fire and EMS facility to better serve those on the eastern ridge and indeed everyone throughout the City in conjunction with stations one and two.

In advance of this evening's meeting, we have received numerous comments from the public. In fact, we have received upwards of 100 comments, and I believe all but just a few were positive and in favor of the easement, clearly indicating that the majority of the residents are supportive and encouraging this Council to move forward. I do want to address some of the concerns that were raised by residents along Fifth Avenue and by Claudia Braymer, an attorney retained to represent some of those residents. Miss Braymer contends that the redevelopment plan and SEQRA analysis, which was previously conducted in 2016, as part of NYRA's effort to implement improvements at the race track did not contemplate a fire and EMS facility is somehow not permissible. This contention, however, is incorrect. The redevelopment plan contemplated improvements as part of a conceptual master plan, which included two primary development areas; the front side and the backstretch; not the area at issue. Many of those improvements have since been implanted or are in progress. However, simply because the proposed fire and EMS facility was not contemplated back in 2015 or 2016, when NYRA presented its redevelopment plan does not thereby make it impermissible. That logic would suggest that any future development not contemplated at that time would not be allowed and that is not the case. The easement on the agenda this evening is still subject to SEQRA review and we are proceeding accordingly. Another contention raised is that the fire and EMS facility would not be allowed under our zoning ordinance. This is also incorrect. While the zoning designation for the area contemplated is HTR or horse track related Section 1.6 of our Zoning Ordinance clearly and unambiguously provides that the City is exempt from the provisions of the ordinance as is the State of New York, who owns the subject property.

Attorney Braimer also suggests that Henning Road is "not the best location for the intended area of service". Now, unlike the other contentions just discussed, which can be easily dismissed as meritless, location is one, which will always be subject to opinion. However, if we start with the understanding that the eastern ridge, or district three, includes all areas in the City east of the Northway, and if we recognize that Henning Road is uniquely situated between the two primary gateways which lead to the eastern ridge; that is Lake Avenue and Union Avenue, then we will understand that the proposed location is in fact ideal for the intended area of service. Moreover, we effectively have two fixed points; our existing station one, and the eastern ridge, and we know what the current response times are. It does not take a mathematical expert to appreciate that when you reduce the distance between those two points, you will also reduce the critical response time. I also just want to reiterate, that while the proposed facility will reduce response times to the eastern part of the City that is not the sole purpose. The facility is so intended to operate in conjunction with our existing stations to better serve all parts of this City not just the eastern ridge.

There were also concerns raised with regard to the proximity of the proposed site to the Oklahoma Training Track and the affect the proximity may have on the horses. However, it should be noted that the proposed

development of a third fire and EMS facility at that location has been fully endorsed and supported by both NYRA and the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. And, if there was any validity to those concerns, they would have raised them. Now as we get into the SEQRA analysis, it is important to understand that this is only for the easement itself and not for any structure or facility; as we have not yet determined what that will look like or include.

The City Council recently awarded a bid and approved a contract for Hueber-Breuer to conduct a needs analysis and feasibility study and to assist us in determining the parameters and scope of the future project; including possible size, scale, features, and design. We are proceeding with an environmental impact analysis of the easement only because it would be far too speculative to try to include project information when such information is not yet known and would be ultimately subject to budget appropriations and Council approval. However, the future development will be subject to evaluation of potential environmental impacts, and that review will be no less protective of the environment.

So, with that, and unless there are any questions, we will proceed with the SEQRA analysis. The mayor has completed and executed Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment form and that was previously uploaded with the agenda. I know all of you have had an opportunity to review that, so if you are all comfortable with the information contained in the Part 1, we will proceed with the Part 2. And, is in fact everyone comfortable with the information contained in Part 1?

Council: Yes.

Vince DeLeonardis: The mayor passed proposed answers for the Part 2, but for the benefit of Council and in light of the format we are operating under this evening, I will read the mayor's proposed answers. And, would ask that as I read through it, you all please confirm your agreement with those answers. So, with regard to Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment form: Identification of Potential Project Impacts.

With regard to question number one – Impact on land: proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. The proposed answer is NO.

Mayor Kelly: How do you want us to respond?

Commissioner Madigan: You know what; I'm trying to jump to it right now. I pulled it up on the agenda. What page does Part 2 start on?

Vince DeLeonardis: Part 2 is going to follow after Part 1 and Part 1 is I believe...

Mayor Kelly: It goes 13 or 14 pages.

Commissioner Madigan: Yeah, I see that.

Vince DeLeonardis: Part 1 is 13 pages with a couple of attachments.

Commissioner Madigan: So where's Part 2?

Vince DeLeonardis: Right behind that.

Mayor Kelly: It will come right after that.

Commissioner Madigan: Okay, I see. So around page 14 or 15?

Mayor Kelly: Yep.

Commissioner Madigan: I'm jumping there right now.

Vince DeLeonardis: It's blank. The answers are indicated by the mayor although I am reading them and they're proposed answers. So, I just you to confirm as I go through it.

Mayor Kelly: So Vince, how do you want us to give you the proposed okay?

Commissioner Madigan: You can give us the proposed answer and why don't we just jump in if we disagree with your proposed answer.

Vince DeLeonardis: Very good.

On to number two: Impact on Geological Features. The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual landforms on the site. And, the proposed answer is NO.

As I go through these, I just want to reiterate this is only for the easement and not for any facility or structure.

Number three: Impacts on Surface Waters. The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies. The proposed answer is NO.

Number four: Impact on Groundwater. The proposed action may result in new or additional use of groundwater, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or aquifer. The proposed answer is NO.

Number five: Impact on Flooding. The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. The proposed answer is NO.

Number six: Impacts on Air. The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. The proposed answer is NO.

Number seven: Impacts on Plants and Animals. The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. The proposed answer is NO.

Number eight: Impact on Agricultural Resources. The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. The proposed answer is NO.

Number nine: Impact on Aesthetic Resources. The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. The proposed answer is NO.

Number ten: Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources. The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archeological resource. And, here the proposed answer is YES. The racetrack is a nationally registered property. So, the sub parts to that are:

- a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places. The proposed answer is NO or small impact may occur.
- b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office archeological site inventory. The proposed answer is NO or small impact may occur.
- c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archeological site not included in the New York SHPO inventory. The proposed answer is NO or small impact may occur.

Everyone comfortable?

Council: Yes.

Vince DeLeonardis: Number eleven: Impact on Open Space and Recreation. The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. The proposed answer is NO.

Number twelve: Impact on Critical Environment Areas. The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environment area. The proposed answer is NO.

Number thirteen: Impact on Transportation. The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. The proposed answer is NO.

Number fourteen: Impact on Energy. The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. The proposed answer is NO.

Number fifteen: Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light. The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. The proposed answer is NO.

Number sixteen: Impact on Human Health. The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. The proposed answer is NO.

Number seventeen: Consistency with Community Plans. The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. The proposed action is NO.

Number eighteen: Consistency with Community Character. The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. The proposed answer is NO.

So, if everyone is comfortable with the proposed answers in the Part 2; I will turn it over to the mayor for the Part 3 determination of significance.

Mayor Kelly: Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus the additional support information, including a determination by the City Council that segmentation is appropriate, whereas, here, information relative to a future fire/EMS facility including structure and site components design and details are too speculative and will be subject to budget appropriations. Any further development will be subject to evaluation of potential environmental impacts and review will be no less protective of environment and considering both magnitude and important of each identified potential impact. It is the conclusion of the Saratoga Springs City Council as lead agent that this project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued. (20-122)

And, I put this in the form of a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion?

Commissioner Madigan: Well we finally did SEQRA on fire/EMS.

Mayor Kelly: All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

On to my next item is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign easement agreement between New York State Franchise Board for Henning Road property for fire/EMS facility. Again, I'll turn it over to Vince DeLeonardis.

Vince DeLeonardis: Thank you mayor. As the mayor indicated the easement agreement is between the State of New York acting by and through the Franchise Oversight Board and the City and provides for a perpetual and exclusive easement to use, maintain, and occupy 2.36 acre portion of state property to construct and operate a fire and EMS facility and any necessary appurtenances. The easement is at no cost to the City and its taxpayers. It does contain covenant that the City has to abide by including performing work in a good workman like manner and to the extent practicable incorporating design standards consistent with the New York State Historical Preservation Office; must use the property, obviously in a safe and lawful manner; comply with all federal, state, and local laws; and obtain consent from the grantor with regards to alterations, additions, or improvements. And, we will be working with OGS. In fact, there is an agreement on the agenda immediately following this with regard to OGS oversight. The City is also required to indemnify and hold them harmless for any loss, liability or damage resulting from use of the property and importantly we will have four years in which to construct the fire and EMS facility and thereafter, must be used for that purpose following construction without any interruption greater than two years. Otherwise, the grantor may have the opportunity to provide written notice that the easement would be terminated. That's it in a nutshell. I don't know if there are any questions from the Council members.

Commissioner Madigan: Four years. Is that start of construction or line up the financing?

Vince DeLeonardis: Four years to construct the EMS and fire station.

Commissioner Madigan: We have to complete the project in four years?

Vince DeLeonardis: Yes.

Mayor Kelly: I move that the City Council authorize the mayor to sign the easement agreement with New York State Franchise Oversight Board for the Henning Road property for fire/EMS station as described with this agenda. (20-123)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? There is a couple things I want to say here, because I did work closely with a few people going through this process. Tom DeJesus from NYRA has been very helpful to me throughout this process and as Dave O'Rourke. They both opened it with welcome, opened arms and the first meeting I had with Dave O'Rourke, this is what I asked him if we could have some land for this. His immediate answer was I think it is a terrific idea and it's great for NYRA and it's great for the City and it's a great partnership. So, NYRA has embraced this and we are very lucky to have that. Also, Rob Williams from the Franchise Oversight Board. I know Vince you worked side by side with him; I did too in the early stages just explain to them what we were trying to do. So, these three gentlemen have been very helpful bringing this over the finish line tonight. So, I would like to personally thank them all. And, there were many other people along the way but these three gentlemen really put their effort in for the City of Saratoga Springs.

Vince DeLeonardis: Thank you mayor.

Mayor Kelly: Any other discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

My next item is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign cost reimbursement and escrow agreement with the New York State Franchise Oversight Board. And, I will turn it over to Vince again. Thank you.

Vince DeLeonardis: Thank you mayor. So, as I indicated, OGS or the Office of General Services will be overseeing the future construction site, much like our Building Department would oversee construction within the City. But, because this is a project on state owned land, and we are a non-state entity, we will have to reimburse OGS for actual out of pocket expenses related to oversight of the project. In order to facilitate that, we will be placing \$75,000 dollars into an escrow account for them to draw from based on invoices approved for costs incurred. If we don't utilize that \$75,000 dollars through the end of the project, it will be reimbursed and if additional costs are required it will have to be replenished. It's a standard escrow agreement with regards to oversight by OGS for this project.

Mayor Kelly: Right. And, I would add to that just for the public, it's actually for paying their staff to do inspections, stuff like that. Is that correct Vince?

Vince DeLeonardis: Yes.

Commissioner Madigan: This is fairly common, right?

Mayor Kelly: Very common.

I move that the City Council authorize the mayor to sign cost reimbursement and escrow agreement with the New York State Franchise Oversight Board as described with this agenda. (20-124)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

Thank you Vince.

Vince DeLeonardis: Thank you.

Mayor Kelly: I have one item I would like to add. It's an item, discussion and vote: add Saratoga Springs Housing Authority appointment.

I move that the City Council approve the addition of an item to my agenda - appointment of Saratoga Springs Housing Authority appointment. (20-125)

This is a motion. Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

My thirteenth item tonight is an appointment to the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority. Tonight I am recommending Angela M. Kedrick to be appointed to the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority. This term will run from 4/7/20 to 3/3/25. Angela has decades of banking, finance, and housing experience. After graduating from Siena College with a degree in financing, Angela moved to Saratoga Springs in 1992. While living in the City she has worked for Fleet Bank, TD Bank North America, and Adirondack Trust, where she has worked there in their commercial credit department since 2006.

And, this concludes my agenda. Thank you. On to Accounts.

Commissioner Franck: Thank you mayor. We just have one item for this evening. It's an award of bid, extension of bid for medical supplies to BoundTree Medical, Henry Schein, and McKesson.

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Safety, I move to extend the bid for medical supplies for BoundTree Medical, Henry Schein, and McKesson for an additional year under the same terms, conditions, and prices as stated in bid 2016-09. (20-126)

That's a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

Commissioner Franck: That concludes my agenda.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you Commissioner. On to finance.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you mayor. The first item on my agenda is a presentation: update: Finance Department – VLT, financial projections, and processes.

First, I am pleased to announce that the final vote on the NYS 2020-21 Budget has been taken, and VLT Aid to the City of Saratoga Springs, and all municipalities outside of Yonkers, has been restored to amounts budgeted, \$2.3 million dollars. This is an outstanding outcome at this stage in the budget process, as well we've pretty much wrapped up; as especially as we manage COVID-19 related fiscal uncertainties and hard choices that are confronting the City of Saratoga Springs. I do really want to thank Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner. She worked tirelessly to have this reinstated in the budget and my colleagues Mayor Meg Kelly and Commissioner Robin Dalton for their efforts to protect this critical revenue stream. Thank you to you both. The need for support covering the cost for hosting VLT facilities will continue for as long as we're hosting these facilities. In the face of the current economy, this aid is going to be crucial for our ability to protect the health and safety of our City. We will need to remain vigilant, as the state budget does include language that permits the state budget director to make mid-year budget reductions under certain circumstances. Any proposed reductions would be shared with the legislature and then they will have ten days to prepare and adopt their own plan by concurrent resolution. If the legislature does not do so, or they don't take that action, the budget director's proposed reductions would go into effect automatically. Finance is reviewing the best way to utilize the VLT funds going forward. While initially defined as a recurring revenue source, we often find that these funds are at risk. I am starting to believe, after doing this for nine years, that this is a risk we don't want to continue to pass along to the City. Becoming less reliant on VLT in future years, is really where I'd like to start taking the City.

Next, I would like to discuss financial projections, finance processes, the capital budget and other funds. Much of this is contained in a memo I did circulate to the City Council, but in consideration of the public, I

would like to review the materials here. Finance is assessing our revenue, expenditures, and cash circumstances as well as various options based on near term, long-term, moderate, and severe outcomes. Throughout the course of this process, I am in communication with the City's bond counsel, our fiscal advisors, local banks, small businesses, the County, and regionally similarly situated communities such as ourselves; as well as the City's own Legal Department, Human Resources, the Finance Department, and emergency management team resources. The City is fortunate to be facing this pandemic with a healthy financial foundation. It's economy is based on a diversity of sources, though we are closely tied to tourism, entertainment, and social activities, with our vibrant downtown, performing arts center, the rack course and the City Center contributing to the financial success of the City.

In the general operating fund, our revenue for 2020 contains a plan for the City's operations from January to December and that totals \$48.7 million dollars. At this time and through the end of June, we are considering a severe scenario of up to a 75 percent loss of several key revenues. It's harder to judge through December but we may be bracing for an annual decline in our general operating budget revenue of up to \$14 to \$16 million dollars depending on the success of our annual tax collection. This is a worst case scenario. Broken down, this scenario was based on the following: January through June 75 percent loss of one-third of City revenues, most likely affected by the current situation; that's a total of \$5.3 million dollars; July through December, a 50 percent loss of two-thirds of City revenues, most likely affected by the current situation; plus \$500,000 dollar reduction in NYRA admissions tax; and a \$1 million dollar reduction in state revenue sharing which is usually received in December. I estimate a total of \$8.6 million. It really just depends on how long this situation continues. Worst case scenario, we are somewhere like I said between \$14 and \$16 million dollar revenue loss, which is a lot for us. We have 63 different revenue line items. I'm not going to go over every single one of them but they are all equally important to us right now; doubly so.

For expenditures in the general operating fund, since circumstances are changing daily, we are proceeding with some caution regarding how to address our expenditures. I've started putting that notice out to all of the departments. Both over and under estimating our response has consequences. If we hold back, unduly hard City services and employees may suffer needlessly; alternatively, if we fail to sufficiently pull back the City's sustainability may suffer. So, given our strong financial position and excellent community partnerships, the City does have a lot of options on hand including cash on hand, reserves, borrowing, bonding, shared services, and yes reducing expenditures.

To this end, it is my duty as finance commissioner to ask all the departments to carefully consider all expenditures in light of responsible preparation for all potential scenarios. We are duty bound to be prepared regardless of how difficult this may be. I am just as committed to searching for solutions to our revenue situation. I appreciate the support of the City Council in helping with the solutions also.

The elephant in the room is of course employee furloughs. It goes without saying that furloughs are a last resort. Ten years later, we have a City still recovering from the damage that was brought on by the layoffs for us at that time. This will always be in the forefront of our minds and certainly of my mind as we make current decisions. However, we are committed by oath to protect the City and even the most distasteful options must be considered against long and short-term sustainability of the City. There is a new program available to municipalities, the New York State's Department of Labor Shared Work Program, an alternative to lay-offs. I have sent pertinent information to the Council in an effort to review and educate you all about this potential and viable option for the City. In terms of payroll, I have recommended we continue our current payroll process through April 17th, 2020. This date closely coincides with the governor's executive order; and actually, he has extended it until April 29th. It closely coincides with his April 15th executive order.

Full time employees are paid for a normal workweek. Full time employees are expected to work from home and be available during normal work hours. If they need IT or computer assistance, they should notify the IT Department as soon as possible. Permanent part-time employees are being paid for their average workweek regardless of whether or not they are working. This process will remain in place through April 17th. Leading up to this date, we need to be prepared and evaluate decisions post April 17th.

For capital projects and bonding, interest rates for municipal bonds are high and as a result, it is not the time to bond for capital projects. The bond market may recover; we are watching that. We think, maybe in

June, I don't know, but based on some federal legislation that we are also monitoring, which is when the City does typically go out and bond. It's in June. And, at that time, based on re-evaluation of the City's priorities and essential projects, we can determine if it makes sense to bond. If the market has not recovered, I'll look at issuing bond anticipation notes (BAN). So, essential projects and projects we are already committed to can proceed and the City does not become strapped for cash. A BAN is a loan that uses bonds to be purchased in the future as collateral and are considered short term; they're a short-term loan, and are backed by cash on hand. Other funds and budgets; there are seven other funds. Like the general operating fund, each has estimated expenses and estimated revenue to support those expenses. In the capital fund, the expenses are largely supported by revenue in the form of government bonds. The debt service fund expenses are largely supported by property tax. This is not anticipated to decline except for potentially lower collection of taxes.

Water and sewer fund expenses are largely supported by revenue in the form of user fees.

City Center fund, finances are largely independent of the City. These and occupancy tax are revenues it counts on. These will be affected by the current economy.

Downtown Special Assessment District and the West Avenue Special Assessment District funds are largely independent of the City's finances.

So if there are ideas you have for managing expenses, please discuss them with me. We can look to implement them sooner rather than later. If you have questions or concerns, I'm available to meet with you via Zoom, email, you can call me on my cell phone, we can discuss these things. I am available to meet one on one with City Council members. I'm interested in what your ideas might be and I'm also interested in your concerns. I do ask that you communicate directly with me. I am also available to discuss City finances with our chiefs, deputies, human resources, and of our directors, our City attorney, and members of the public. It's not too soon to determine what combination of these efforts will fit our needs. But, it is too soon to state that each will be considered...it's just...forget that. We really got to look at everything and do what's in the best interest of the City and the City taxpayers. Any questions?

Commissioner Franck: I appreciate everything you did. So the people who are at home watching this, you talked about a worst case scenario of \$14 - \$16 million; could you give us the approximate operating budget for 2020 so they can, we can figure that number percentage wise?

Commissioner Madigan: \$48.7 million.

Commissioner Franck: So we are looking at 25% worst case scenario.

Commissioner Madigan: Yes. Any other comments?

Mayor Kelly: No, thank you commissioner.

Commissioner Madigan: Then I will go on to my next agenda item, which is an announcement: late fees for City, County, and delinquent school taxes. In an effort to search for ways to accommodate taxpayers during this difficult time, we've looked into a waiver of fees and penalties as they may relate to tax bills. The New York Conference of Mayors legal team reports that local governments do not have unilateral authority to extend the interest free period with respect to the payment of property taxes. This may only be done pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 925A of the New York State Real Property Tax Law which provides "during a state disaster emergency, the governor may by executive order issued upon the chief executive officer of a city, county, or town, village, or school district in an affective area extend by up to 21 days the final date for payment of taxes without interest or penalty in such county, city, town, village, or school district." Additionally, the governor has the authority under his emergency powers to unilaterally provide for such an extension of the interest free period on a statewide basis. To date, he has taken no such action. With respect to other types of fees or late payments that are established via local law – water, sewer, garbage, local governments do have the ability to extend or modify late penalties and payment dates by promulgating an emergency order that suspends the relevant local law. Such action may only be taken

after a municipality declares a local state emergency. The city attorney confirms that absent action by the governor, we cannot waive the penalty at this time. I just want to make sure the public knows that taxes are due and they are due on time. There is no unilateral waiving of any kind of late fee or interest that may accrue on a late payment as a result.

Item number 3 is discussion and vote: contract termination. The City entered into a contract with LookTV on February 18, 2020 for the recording and airing of City Council meetings. The cost is \$500 a month. The contract expires on December 31, 2020 unless terminated by mutual agreement or by the City with 10 days notice. Given that the current state of emergency, I am recommending that the Council vote to authorize termination of this contract for the following reasons: Council meetings are now being held virtually; all Council meetings are live streamed via the City website and Facebook; and footage is retained permanently; we are facing an austerity budget. Cost benefit analysis, while this has been useful, it is not necessary at this time. I've asked all Council members to review all ongoing contracts in an effort to save on expenses.

I move that the City Council approve the termination of the City's 2/18/20 contract with LookTV per the contract as included with the agenda. This is a motion. (20-127)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: **Second.**

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: **Aye**

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you. Item number 4 is a discussion and vote: approval to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,500 to LookTV. This is for LookTV and expenses were accrued after the 2019 contract expired and before the 2020 contract was in place. This is not in compliance with the City Purchasing Policy but services were provided. They were recording in January, February, and into March. I am asking City Council to approve payment for services rendered January through March 2020.

I move that the City Council approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,500 to LookTV as included with the agenda. This is a motion. (20-128)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Scirocco: **Second.**

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: **Aye**

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you. Item number 5 is discussion and vote: budget amendments – payroll. Lines 1 – 2 general fund amendment in the amount of \$340.00 to increase the City Hall plumbers line due to workers' compensation received. Lines 3 – 4 general fund amendment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to increase August vehicle traffic control due to a NYRA donation received.

I move that the City Council approve budget amendments – payroll as included with the agenda. This is a motion. (20-129)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: The matter passes.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you. Item number 6 – discussion and vote: budget transfers – payroll. Lines 1 – 2 general fund transfer in the amount of \$31,073 to move the communications clerk to the Public Safety Department from the Finance Department. Lines 3 – 4 general fund transfer in the amount of \$13,407 to move wages to injured police officer from active police officers. Lines 5 – 6 general fund transfer in the amount of \$10,661 to move wages to injured firefighters from active firefighters. Lines 7 – 8 City Center fund transfer in the amount of \$10,000 to unemployment from labor to cover a furlough due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.

I move that the City Council approve budget transfers – payroll as included with the agenda. This is a motion. (20-129)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: The matter passes.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you. Item number 7 is a discussion and vote: budget transfers – benefits. Lines 1 – 10 general fund transfers totaling \$13,880 to social security for health insurance opt-out payments from various other social security and health insurance lines to cover 2020 social security assessment on opt-out benefits.

I move that the City Council approve the budget transfers – benefits as included with the agenda. This is a motion. (20-131)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Dalton: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: The matter passes.

Commissioner Madigan: Thank you mayor. That completes my agenda.

Mayor Kelly: Thanks commissioner. On to public works.

Commissioner Scirocco: Thank you mayor. The first item on my agenda is a discussion and vote: this is authorization for the mayor to sign change order #1 with Mid-State Industries for the Canfield Casino project. During the initial structural design of the Canfield Casino parlor cupolas restoration, Ryan Biggs Clark Davis Engineers were not able to observe the actual roof framing. They had to assume the cupola roof conditions were sound enough to support the chandeliers and the new metal roofing. Once the actual

conditions were exposed, they encountered severe deterioration over the upper third of the roof rafters on both domes. This demanded that they work with Mid-State Industries to expedite a repair solution to meet the April 10th project deadline. In the meantime, Governor Cuomo issued the New York On Pause executive order in response to the growing COVID-19 crisis. As a result, we were forced to postpone April events in the Casino. However, it is still critical that the roof repairs be completed immediately to minimize the time these domes remain open.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign change order number 1 with Mid-State Industries for Canfield Casino additional framing repairs in the amount of \$12,356. (20-132)

I put that in the form of a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second? **Second.** Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: The matter passes.

Commissioner Scirocco: Second item on my agenda is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign change order number 2 with Upstate Companies, LLC for the DPW dispatch building. Change order number 2 with Upstate is to finish/furnish all labor, equipment, and materials required to provide alternative flooring in lieu of VCT as called for in the original drawing. Again, a credit was provided from the base price proposal for all VCT flooring.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign change order number 2 with Upstate Companies, LLC for the DPW dispatch building in the amount of \$17,307. (20-133)

And, I put that in the form of a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Franck: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: The matter passes.

Commissioner Scirocco: Item number 3 is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign change order number 1 with George Martin and Son for the DPW dispatch building. This change order with Martin and Son is for the following changes in the scope of work: the additional 2 by 2 light fixtures; one additional dedicated circuit receptacle in a data closet; two additional receptacles and data stubs in dispatch area; power for the garage door opener; power for projector screen and data stub; and rent for a scissor lift.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign change order number 1 with George Martin and Son, Inc. for the DPW dispatch building in the amount of \$5,767.36. (20-134)

I put that in the form of a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Is there any discussion?

Commissioner Scirocco: We are starting to move in the dispatch building now. It's looking pretty good over there and I'm excited to get in over there. We are going to have a little ribbon cutting in the next few weeks and everybody will be invited.

Mayor Kelly: It did look great. I went over and toured it a couple weeks ago. Great job commissioner. All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Scirocco: Item number four a discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign an intermunicipal agreement between the County of Saratoga and the City of Saratoga Springs for the management of single stream recyclables collection. This is an intermunicipal agreement between the City of Saratoga County. The City agrees to assume responsibility for the management of the collection of single stream recyclables at the County's recycling center on Weibel Avenue. For the City's on-site management and oversight of the collection and removal of recyclable materials and scrap metal, Saratoga County will pay \$35,000 yearly to the City.

Therefore, I move to authorize the mayor to sign the intermunicipal recycling agreement between the County of Saratoga and the City of Saratoga Springs for the management of single stream recyclables collection. (20-134)

I put that in the form of a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion?

Commissioner Scirocco: I can tell you I was out there today. They are pretty busy out there. A lot of people have a lot of time on their hands now. I think they are getting a lot of projects done. It's unfortunate the circumstances, but I think its good in some way.

Mayor Kelly: All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Scirocco: Number five is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign change order number 8 – 12 with DLC Electric for City Hall renovation – electric. Change orders 8 – 12 with DLC Electric have the following changes in the scope of work: change order number 8 for additional light fixtures control and branch wiring – that's \$36,356; change order number 9 is for additional installation of lighting, wiring, receptacles, and data – that's \$4,924; change order number 10 is to furnish and install a new circuit breaker for the Police Department interview suite along with power and data for the signage in the lobbies – that's \$8,681; change order number 11 is for miscellaneous new data line for mayor and deputy mayor's offices, DRF switches and breaker changes – that's \$4,898; change order number 12 is to furnish and install alternative light fixtures in the second floor hallway soffits due to clearance and also increases the electrical circuit – that's \$9,084.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign change order number 8 through number 12 with DLC Electric City Hall renovation – electric in the total amount of \$63,943. (20-136)

I put that in the form of a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Scirocco: And I believe that concludes my agenda. I just want to make one quick announcement. Tomorrow I'm going to have a quick meeting with my staff, the deputy, and supervisors on the road crew. We are going to put together a plan to pick up some of the debris on the streets. It is getting really heavy out there. I want to keep the crews safe and I want to keep the public safe. We are going to formulate some sort of a plan and put it together and I'll be in touch with the Council and also have some press on it so people will know that we are out there. We all care about the City and we want to make it look nice. We are going to try to do what we need to do to clean it up.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you commissioner. I appreciate that. On to Public Safety.

Commissioner Dalton: Thank you mayor. Before I start my agenda, I just wanted to thank the mayor and the Council for your support on the easement and escrow vote tonight. I really appreciate it. It's an important first step so thank you for your support.

The first item on my agenda is an update on the COVID-19 virus and our response to the City. I want to quickly bring everyone up to speed on some of the things we've been doing on our end. The first is that we used every platform that we have for media – digital, print – to push out information and resources to the public about what's going on; educate them and inform them about this virus and what they should be doing to keep themselves safe and what resources we have to help them do that. We have paid attention to the governor, state, and all their guidelines and we have done our best to make sure the City is in compliance with those guidelines on a daily basis. We also formed a task force with the Police Department and the Fire Department such that if anyone needs a welfare check, whether it is yourself or a relative or friend, we will send someone out to their house to make sure they are doing okay and see if there is anything they need. We have also closed the rec equipment and the playgrounds. We have put enforcement measures in place for ticketing and fining for people who aren't following the guidelines for social distancing and gathering. We have also put out an advisory for Air BnB and traveling Saratoga from other places whether it's downstate or other places in the country. We have also put together a regular weekly Facebook live event on Friday mornings that discusses mental health, fear, and anxiety; which is a major topic surrounding the COVID-19 environment. We have deployed the mounted patrol with the Saratoga Springs Police Department and gone into different neighborhoods. We thought this was our best way to check into families and kids and see how everybody is doing. In a way it's just friendly and to spread some smiles around. We also started a 'clap if you care moment' which is Fridays at 5 p.m. Anyone in Saratoga is encouraged to go outside and clap for two minutes in support of our first responders. And, those are just a few of the things that we've done. I also have an update here from Chief Dolan who is our incident commander for the City Emergency Management Committee that is responding to this virus. I have a whole letter that I'm going to submit into the record but I thought I would read the last couple of paragraphs just update the Council and public as to what this Committee is doing.

"The Committee meets three times a week, with updates on the pandemic's impact on Saratoga County and how it has impacted City resources. We are currently collecting statistics from several sources. We hope to use this information to calculate the amount of supplies we may need. This information will also help to determine if our actions are having an effect on the pandemic. As we approach the second week of April, we anticipate calls for EMS services to increase. We have been tracking COVID-19 related calls shortly after the State of Emergency. We are still in the early stages of this pandemic. WE anticipate the plateau to arrive mid April. As we prepare, we are evaluating updated information from the CDC as well as NYS Department of Health to protect our personnel and residents of Saratoga

Springs. In closing, the Committee will continue to meet three times a week to address issues as they arise. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.”

And, that’s Chief Joe Dolan, our fire chief. So, if anyone has any questions on that.

Mayor Kelly: Commissioner I would like to say a few words. That’s a short list of all the things you’re doing. I really just want to give you a great shout out. Ninety days into your job, you’re handling it like you’ve been there for years. Just with the Council as a whole, to tell the public we are all receiving a tremendous amount of emails about all different things and that we’re trying to answer them as quick as we can. I know that Commissioner Dalton and myself have been in touch with the hospital, we’ve been in touch with the local NYRA, and the New York City NYRA, with SPAC, we’re talking to the downtown business owners. We’re out there and encourage people to keep sending us your thoughts and we’ll do anything to try to direct you or your email or voice mail to the right person because in this kind of situation most people don’t know who to go to. We can direct it. Commissioner Dalton you are doing a great job with that. Thank you.

Commissioner Dalton: Thank you so much mayor. I’m only doing a great job because I have great people around me so I thank everyone for their leadership and my police and fire chiefs and everyone in the community who has been played a role in this response. It’s been tremendous. I thank everyone for their help. On to my second item unless there are any other comments.

Commissioner Madigan: I wanted to just echo the mayor’s comments. You’ve really been doing a terrific job especially on the communication forefront. It’s much appreciated by me and I’m sure the rest of the community also.

Commissioner Dalton: Well, thank you so much. I really appreciate that. Also, my email is on line and my contact information is really everywhere. I have been responding to everything from Facebook messages to voice mails, emails as quickly as I can and make sure that I help resolve whatever the situation might be and help you get the information you need. Every once in a while reach out and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Mayor Kelly: And you’re home schooling.

Commissioner Dalton: Kind of...trying. My second item is the discussion and vote: approval to pay invoice to VRS Sales Limited in the amount of \$2,382.10. This invoice is for routine service maintenance that was done on one of our fire trucks. They found more things that needed to be fixed so the cost went over the threshold of \$1,499.

I make a motion for the Council to approve to pay the invoice to VRS Sales Limited in the amount of \$2,382.10. This is a motion. (20-137)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Franck: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: Thank you. My third item is discussion and vote: authorization for the mayor to sign contracts with BoundTree Medical, Henry Schein, and McKesson for emergency medical supplies. These three contracts are for emergency medical supplies for our Fire Department. They are all New York contracts.

I make a motion for the mayor to sign contracts with BoundTree Medical, Henry Schein, and McKesson. This is a motion. (20-138)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: **Second.**

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: **Aye**

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: My fourth item is discussion and vote: to amend Chapter 225 of the City Code Section 225-77, Schedule twelve – stop intersections. As part of the subdivision site plan requirements for new development called McKenzie's Way, the developer installed stop signs in various locations pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Stop signs require codification by the City Council.

I make a motion to amend Chapter 225 of the City Code to 225-77, schedule 12 Stop Intersections to amend and add the following: my understanding is that I have to read these streets into the record. The stop sign on Cleveland Avenue going south at the intersection of McKenzie's Way; stop sign on Maria Lane south at the intersection of McKenzie's Way; the stop sign on Marie Lane north at the intersection of East Broadway, and the stop sign on McKenzie's Way west at the intersection of Cleveland Avenue. This is a motion. (20-139)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Franck: **Second.**

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion:

Commissioner Franck: I just want to state McKenzie's Way is named after my daughter but I have no financial interest at this time in that.

Commissioner Dalton: I didn't know that.

Mayor Kelly: All those in favor say aye.

Council: **Aye**

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: Item five is discussion and vote: amend Chapter 225-12B and 225-69 of the City Code. This amendment is necessary to codify speed limits in the outside tax district. It will also reduce the amount of code amendments that would have to be added and maintained. These amendments require two motions.

I make a motion to amend Article II Traffic Regulation, sub-section 225-12B Speed Limits: Outside Tax District repeal paragraph B and replace with the following: B. Outside Tax District. The maximum speed at which the vehicles may proceed on or along the streets or highways within the Outside Tax District is hereby established at thirty miles per hour, except that the speed limit for vehicles proceeding on or along those streets or parts of streets described in Schedule Four Section 225-69 shall be as indicated in said schedule. This is a motion. (20-140)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Franck: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: Thank you. Motion two is:

I make a motion to amend Article IX schedules, sub-section 225-69 Schedule IV Speed Limits Outside Tax Districts. In accordance with the provision so of Section 225-12B speed limits other than 30 miles per hour are established as indicated upon the following street that are part of the agenda and will be changed in the City Code. This is a motion. (20-141)

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Franck: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: The last item on my agenda is discussion and vote: approval to encumber 2019 capital funds to the 2020 capital budget.

I make a motion for Council approval to encumber 2019 capital budget funds to the 2020 capital budget for the Police Department radio system. This is a motion.

Mayor Kelly: Is there a second?

Commissioner Madigan: Second.

Mayor Kelly: Discussion? All those in favor say aye.

Council: Aye.

Mayor Kelly: Any opposed? Abstentions? The matter passes.

Commissioner Dalton: That concludes my agenda. Thank you mayor and thank you Council.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you commissioner. On to the supervisors.

Commissioner Madigan: Can I just interrupt for one second? I want to make a correction to a statement on my agenda about the financial projections.

Mayor Kelly: Sure.

Commissioner Madigan: Commissioner Franck asked \$14 - \$16 million and the general operating budget is \$48.7 million and then made a quick calculation saying that would be 25% of our revenue. Sitting here doing calculations I want to go on record and say really we are looking at 29 – 33% of revenue. That's significantly higher than 25%. I just wanted to make sure we had that on the record correctly.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you commissioner. Supervisor Veitch.

Supervisor Veitch: Hello. Can you guys hear me? My phone was connected and now I'm on my computer. First on my agenda is just to quickly do a COVID-19 County response update. As you can recall, the first reports of positive cases in Saratoga County were reported on March 7th. At first, we were tracking those at a very local level, tracing back contacts, determining who they came in contact with. Quite rapidly, the number of cases grew and became impossible to track cases individually by town and also to keep up with the extensive tracking. It became community spread in about ten days and from there the cases only grew. As of this evening, we are at 167 cases in Saratoga County with eleven hospitalizations and now we have five deaths as of 4:30 p.m. today. Which is really terrible for our County. While the numbers are starting to slow a little bit, the other issue is we have slower testing so the actual numbers may be a little bit higher than what are being reported every day. My hope and our hope at the County is that by following all the guidelines that have been laid out we can flatten the curve and recover from this virus as soon as possible. We are under an emergency declaration in Saratoga County as we go forward. Unfortunately, during this crisis, the County took some odd actions. They put forth a proposal decided on by our administration to pay all employees who are coming in to their offices one and a half times pay for all regular hours worked. The power to do this was wrapped up in an emergency resolution to transfer \$1 million dollars to our Public Health Department. In our discussions as a board, we agreed the principle to have the policy reviewed in one week (March 17th); while it may have been reviewed in one week, it wasn't communicated to the Board of Supervisors if changes were made to that policy. At that point, several supervisors, myself, Supervisor Gaston included, moved to attempt to force a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to discuss the pay issue and reverse it. We have been able to get eleven supervisors of the Board of Supervisors to agree to the special meeting representing about almost 75% of our County population but our rules state that in order to have a special meeting you have to have twelve supervisors which is a majority plus one and a majority population to do that. We have the majority population. We don't have the twelve supervisors. Basically, at this time, we currently have no April meeting scheduled for the Board of Supervisors. The Public Health and Human Services Committee has not yet met. We have been asked for a special COVID-19 Committee to be created which has not happened yet. We want to correct the pay policy overall and settle the issue so as to move forward. So my hope is to get the twelfth supervisor or get a meeting scheduled in short order by our administration to have some business that we can do so we can be responsible and have the rule making ability to fall where it really should be at the County which is with the Board of Supervisors. At the end of the day, my commitment is to communicate with our constituents the daily update that comes from the County. I will ensure and forward to the Council each day, or Supervisor Gaston, every communication we get on cases, number of hospitalizations, press releases that come out. I believe we've been doing that every day for you guys. I hope that it is helpful to keep up with all the emails and communication you are getting from your constituents. Some days are little more, should I say, detailed than others, but at least we will send to you, we will make that commitment to send to you those when we get them from our County administration. I will ensure as well that as we go forward, even though up to this point it has been a little bit crazy, the County will act responsibly and stay focused on the matter at hand. At the end of the day, I also just want to say I'm very proud of all our County employees that are still working, especially our first responders and public health workers. They are putting themselves in harm's way when they go out into the public and contact those that are infected. It's not an easy time for anybody and they are working seven days a week and long hours every day through the crisis and I give them a lot of credit for all the great work they are doing even though at our legislative/ administrative level things are a little bit difficult right now. I'm hoping to have better news for the next meeting. Hopefully we have met at that point and have some resolution on some of these issues.

Commissioner Dalton: Couple questions Supervisor Veitch. My first is I have been told by the County for a while now that they have run out of tests for COVID. I just want to know if you have like an exact time period that we have not been giving tests in. I just want to know when that began; when did we actually run out? I've got a lot of people looking at this number - confirmed cases and I know how inaccurate it is. It's really frustrating for me that people are so hyper focused on that number knowing that it is been a week and a half, probably two weeks since we have had tests available.

Supervisor Veitch: Well, that I don't know. I've heard that testing has slowed but not stopped. I'm not sure if that is a, if they are not testing at all. I don't think that is the case.

Commissioner Dalton: I've confirmed with, I've asked Carl Zeilman, I think over a week ago and he said they were not testing. Testing was not available. The only testing that was available was through hospitals if was prescribed by a doctor, a hospital. Hospitals might have tests but the County is no longer assessing. I think clarification on that would be really helpful for me. Just to give some context to the update you put out nightly to the City, County and state that usually includes the County advisory in terms of confirmed cases and deaths. It would just be really helpful context there. My other two questions were the last time you were at the City Council you and Supervisor Gaston told us about this \$1 million dollars put aside for supplies. Is the time and a half as it's being given per cost coming out of the \$1 million dollars?

Supervisor Veitch: As far as I know, no. That money was put into the Public Health Department's budget so that wouldn't come out of general employees salary or anything like that. There was money put in for salaries for – a quarter of that money was put in for salaries in that department but that is only because we hired medical people to come in and do work on this. We've had people come in to the County, new employees, medical professionals and things that you have to pay them. So that's what that is for.

Commissioner Dalton: Medical professionals hired by the County in response to this outbreak?

Supervisor Veitch: I believe we have done that.

Commissioner Dalton: My second question or my third rather is and I applaud both you and Supervisor Gaston for writing this letter and asking for this pay issue to be addressed; it has certainly caused several problems on my end. There are a lot of different stories coming from the County in terms of who is being and how much that number is that they are being paid. My understanding now is the final story they've arrived at is that 40 people are getting paid time and a half to work the first 35 hours of the week. All people who are working in the command center. Do you know how much that overtime cost amounts to in total? I don't know what that cost amounts to or who those people are; those 40 people.

Supervisor Veitch: I don't know what the cost of it is either. I'll be frank with you, I don't know how much that is costing us right now. I can ask the County that. We've been more focused on trying to get a meeting together to set a clear and concise policy and less on that side of it. I'm certainly willing to try to get that information for you.

Commissioner Dalton: That would be really helpful because when we are talking about taxpayer money and we don't know how much we are spending or who it's going to, it concerns me greatly.

Supervisor Veitch: Sure, I completely agree with you. As well, it concerns me and I hope that we can put this issue to bed when we get a meeting. My frustration is high and I will say that honestly. There's a lot going on right now and we need to get this to a resolution because really our focus should be on trying to stop the virus and stop the spread and work on our public health. We spend most of our time having a political battle amongst the Board of Supervisors. That's not good for anybody. We need to get to that resolution. I can only tell you that it's been kind of unfortunate what's happened throughout this crisis at the County level. We need to get ourselves together.

Commissioner Dalton: I think unfortunate is putting it mildly. I've been appalled about the misinformation coming from the County. That being said I really appreciate you and Supervisor Gaston being very responsive and articulate. You've just gotten back to me very quickly as this thing has unfolded. I appreciate all your efforts.

Commissioner Madigan: I wanted to jump in if you don't mind although I'm sure Tara – Supervisor Gaston; you have something to say about this too. Feel free to jump in. I have to admit time and a half at this time seems sort of outrageous to me. I can't quite follow exactly what's going on because of the misinformation. Am I to understand there is no meeting scheduled for April, this small committee made this decision, it was not left to the Board of Supervisors to make this decision, and that you still have many people at the County receiving time and a half up until you meet again? Maybe you are able to do something to resolve this issue. I understand some people have decided or opted not to take the time and the half. You still have a significant number of people taking the time and a half and you have no meeting

scheduled and you are having a difficult time finding a thirteenth supervisor to get a meeting scheduled so you can actually do something about this. If our revenue projection is at 33% I have to assume the County is somewhere around the same loss of revenue projections. This really is astounding. I'll just leave it there. And I appreciate your work on trying to get it done.

Supervisor Veitch: Supervisor Gaston and myself are only two supervisors and we represent our City.

Commissioner Dalton: Who's office is the committee of five people? I just think it's important to clarify for the public so they know who initiated this time and a half pay raise.

Supervisor Veitch: The Committee we established I believe was the County Administrator, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the vice-chair of the Board of Supervisors who is also the chair of our Law and Finance Committee, the chairman of our Human Resources and Insurance Committee. Those three are elected officials. The County Administrator is not elected and the director of human resources which is also a staff position.

Commissioner Dalton: When they proposed this were all of them also recipients of the time and a half pay raise initially?

Supervisor Veitch: Well the supervisors were not, of course. The staff I believe were.

Commissioner Dalton: Okay.

Supervisor Veitch: You guys are absolutely right. The communication has gone from everybody's getting it to a few people aren't getting it, to everybody's not getting it, to just people... As an elected supervisor from a community that sits on the Board of Supervisors, I'm getting those same answers. I don't know any more than you know when it comes from what communications is coming out of the County.

Commissioner Dalton: This committee of five people is suddenly granted this power to give unilateral pay increases arbitrarily. There doesn't seem to be rhyme or reason to what group they are giving it to.

Supervisor Veitch: Not to defend any of it but at the end of the day a lot of what we do at the County is on a Committee level. We don't do a lot as a Board of Supervisors because there are 23 of us and it's hard to sometimes get that to move. We do spend a lot of time appointing subcommittees to do work for the Board of Supervisors. The problem with this subcommittee is that it was given kind of a blanket ability to set staffing and pay levels. It really wasn't well thought out. The problem was is that we got the resolution kind of at a late date; things were in kind of a state of emergency just beginning at that point and not enough time to really debate and get through that. We wanted to get the \$1 million dollars to public health; you had to, it was a crisis. It's like a lot of other resolutions you see from levels of government. You have a bill that's good but has this thing in it that's a real problem.

Commissioner Dalton: It was done in the name of first responders and really part of it has nothing to do with first responders and now those are the people suffering from the fall out. I don't want to belabor this point but just know that I got a ton of questions from the public about it. They are all important issues to clarify in this meeting. Thank you.

Supervisor Veitch: As have we. In my thirteen years, I have not received as many comments about anything the County has done until now. It's definitely an issue. I'll make the statement as well; it's unconscionable in a phase especially in this community. We have a downtown business sector and people who are all out of work. Nobody's working right now; people are worried about what's going to happen next. All those staff workers, all those restaurant people, all the dishwashers, again the homeless population; we have a lot of issues in this city and it's really a great uncertain time right now for the City. For the County to turn around and to pay their own people more money just doesn't make any sense. It's something that should never have happened. The only thing we can do now is try to reverse it, try to fix it, try to set things right, and believe me, Supervisor Gaston and myself, and I'll let her speak for herself, we've been working really hard with our supervisors...

Mayor Kelly: Supervisor Veitch, can I cut in for a second and just ask that you and Supervisor Gaston try to get us some answers and just keep communicating. You've been doing a great job doing that. But, can we move on?

Supervisor Veitch: Absolutely. We certainly can. Moving on. My second item on my agenda is just a quick update from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. I just wanted to report that we do have one project going on in the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which is the public safety building out in the Town of Milton. With all the orders from the governor and things like that were able to get a ruling from the state that that building is deemed essential in construction because the Public Health Department is going to move into that building. We have our certificate of need in Milton for that Department of Health/Public Health Department for the building. Our construction may slow down a little bit due to some limited staff on our construction team. That building is moving forward still because it was deemed an essential construction. I just wanted to give that update that that project is continuing. Third on my agenda is a very quick update on the state budget. As Commissioner Madigan mentioned before, we are also very happy that the VLT money were restored. It's not quite as high of an impact on the County as it is for the City but any bit of revenue helps at this point. So, the \$775,000 to the County we are very happy. Thank you to, none of us at the County were down to the state as much, but the commissioners and the mayor thank you guys for all your support on that. I'm sure it also helped us at the County as well with all the lobbying and pushing you did down at the state to get that done. The only other thing that is also good news in the state budget for Saratoga County is they did preserve the Medicaid caps, which the governor had threatened to take away in his budget. The good news on that is that would have been a \$5 million dollar impact to Saratoga County of increased Medicaid costs. We're glad to have that cap kept in the budget so that our costs are not going to exponentially grow on the Medicaid side. Those are two good things. I'm sure there are other things in the budget that may cause us some headaches. At the end of the day, those are two good things that came out of it for the County especially the Medicaid caps. We're glad to have that done. With that, that concludes my agenda and thank you.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you Supervisor Veitch. Supervisor Gaston.

Supervisor Gaston: The first item on my agenda is regarding County meetings, which Supervisor Veitch covered a little bit. Unfortunately, normally I have the schedule out for individuals to see when our meetings are and we have no meetings scheduled that includes oversight committees such as the Health and Social Services Committee, which is overseeing the response to COVID-19 as well as the statutory ending of Code Blue, which for a number of reasons should not take place. That is not scheduled to take place nor is a full board meeting. To use a word I think someone used a minute ago; I am appalled at this and am committed along with Supervisor Veitch to make sure this is remedied as soon as possible. None of us here in government ran and put ourselves through this in order to not be able to function and work when our residents most need us. We will keep you updated on that when we can.

My second item is a COVID-19 update. Supervisor Veitch covered the number of cases and hospitalizations. Regarding the number of testings, the Department of Public Health itself has not been doing the testing. It's been referring out to hospitals and medical facilities. They have not been physically doing the tests at all. My understanding is for the past two weeks the testing has only been limited to medical personnel or individuals who are in the hospital where it would impact their care. It has not been open to the public for a while. However, a drive through facility was just opened in Albany this weekend. Because of that, we anticipate seeing an increase in cases. It is not likely to be a greater community spread, it is more likely finding cases that we already knew were there but now they have access to testing. We saw a slight increase today. We probably will see some more over the course of this week as individuals who have been ill actually have access to testing. A little calm as we see the numbers rise. We don't want it to happen but it's still likely to. It is also important to remember that with the pause and the actions that you need to take, the suggestions of wearing and recommendations of the County Public Health Department is to wear a mask or cloth covering when you go out. That does not take the place of physical distancing; it should be in addition to it. It's altruistic in nature; you are preventing someone else from getting sick. For example, myself, I had signed up for an appointment to go get blood today and I've been wearing one of these masks and when I showed up to give blood it turned out that I had a fever. So I am now at home, isolated, and I had no idea. So, that's why it's important to wear these because you may

feel fine and it turns out that there may be an issue. I don't know that it's COVID or anything else. I still feel fine. It's important to make sure your protecting others who may not be in the same situation as you. How the time and a half happened, we were first informed of that, it was in the aspect of being told that emergency declaration was being declared. My poor assumption was it came as a part of the emergency declaration. After asking a lot of questions that turned out to not be the case. We've covered a little bit of it. The big thing is we don't have the answers we want and we are going to keep fighting for them so that you the Council and the rest of the residents have access to the information. I believe that the decisions are being made right now; the decisions that are being made put the County in legal and financial risk. That's been made clear and hopefully we can act on that as soon as possible.

The third item in my agenda is I will be holding another public forum. I'm not sure if I'm going to be doing Facebook Live or a Zoom meeting. This seems like a lot of fun so maybe I'll try Zoom. It will be on April 19 from 2 – 3 p.m. So that's a weekend afternoon; a little different than the evening one I did. There is no set topic for that one. Anyone's welcome to come and ask any questions that they have. Hopefully I will have more information about County meetings and County processes that are happening as well.

It's not an additional item but I did want to thank the mayor for bringing up the census and the response rate. We are slightly ahead of the curve but it's really important and if you think about it now, we are all at home. This goes into the money we get for responding to pandemics like this, for education, and all every single person is really important. Thank you for bringing that up as well. That concludes my agenda.

Mayor Kelly: Thank you Supervisor Gaston and thank you for that little promo on the census 'cause we all need to do that. It's really really important to the City of Saratoga Springs at this junction. Any other business from the Council? We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis, City Clerk

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