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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2020

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner
- Skip Scirocco, Commissioner
- Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
- Tara Gaston, Supervisor



1 MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome
2 to city council meeting, June 16th, 2020.
3 Tonight we have four public hearings.

4 We're going to do them a little bit
5 out of order. We're going to move up --
6 amend Chapter 136, temporary seating.
7 And I'm going to turn it over to
8 Commissioner Franck.

9 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
10 Mayor.

11 The public hearing for this evening
12 is due to COVID-19, we would like to help
13 our local eating and drinking
14 establishments to start opening up by
15 providing them with temporary outdoor
16 seating. The amendment to Chapter 136
17 will allow for an application for
18 temporary outdoor seating area for
19 tables, chairs, including but not limited
20 to sidewalks.

21 A copy of the latest proposed
22 version of the amendment was provided to
23 each councilmember prior to the meeting
24 and has been posted for the public's
25 information.



1 Two things I'd just like to bring up
2 that were minor changes since it was
3 posted five days ago. One, the
4 consistent use of the term temporary
5 outdoor seating throughout the document.
6 And we also added Department of Public
7 Works business manager as one of the four
8 officials who has authority to establish
9 areas of public property that can be
10 used. Thank you, Mayor.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
12 Commissioner.

13 And I will open it up. And I'm
14 going to go to -- I'm sorry, sir. I
15 don't know your name. But I'm going to
16 move it to Pint Sized for your public
17 comment. You have to unmute yourself,
18 sir. Go ahead.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I just
20 want to say, having places in other -- in
21 other municipalities, you know, in Albany
22 they're talking about shutting my
23 (indiscernible) down. I just want to put
24 a simple message out there, just letting
25 you know that I think it's very crucial



1 for us to be creative in this time
2 because, you know, neighboring
3 municipalities are going to start doing
4 very interesting things. And I'm glad
5 this is part of the conversation here
6 because it's -- you know, being creative
7 is going to be how we can compete with
8 people in this like super critical time
9 for us. And that's all I have to say.

10 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Thank you.
11 And I appreciate your comments. Thank
12 you.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're
14 welcome. Thank you.

15 MAYOR KELLY: And now I will turn it
16 over to Nancy Bambara.

17 MS. BAMBARA: Thank you very much,
18 Mayor. And Commissioners, thank you.

19 Commissioner Franck, thank you for
20 putting forward this amendment. I think
21 it's incredibly valuable. And I would
22 like all of you to consider approving
23 this. I think it's important for the
24 Downtown Saratoga Springs that we allow
25 all of our restaurants to get reopened



1 and to have a little bit more space that
2 they can entertain our guests. We know
3 what this has done, COVID had done to all
4 of us. I think it's -- it's our downtown
5 and our Saratoga Springs community as a
6 whole, it is desperate particularly in
7 the restaurant industry to get reopened.
8 And I think by adding a handful of more
9 seats outside on the sidewalk, it will
10 allow everybody in our industry to
11 hopefully survive. I'm not so worried
12 about the next couple of months. But
13 certainly the next twelve months are
14 going to be challenging. And I think we
15 have something incredibly special about
16 our Saratoga Springs location. And I
17 would just ask that all of you very much
18 consider getting us reopened and getting
19 our economy going again.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

21 MS. BAMBARA: Thank you for allowing
22 me to speak.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Absolutely. Thank
24 you.

25 And then I'm going to turn it over



1 to Erin Maciel. Unmute yourself.

2 MS. MACIEL: Hi. Can everybody hear
3 me?

4 MAYOR KELLY: Yes, thank you.

5 MS. MACIEL: Okay. So good evening,
6 Mayor and Commissioners. Thank you for
7 the opportunity to speak on behalf of the
8 Complete Streets Advisory Board. We
9 wanted to thank you for your leadership
10 through these uncertain times.

11 As we prepare to reopen, we wanted
12 to stress the importance of incorporating
13 flexible street design into the toolkit
14 for recovering response during the
15 COVID-19 pandemic. We strongly encourage
16 the city to follow the National
17 Association of City Transportation
18 guidance for design during the pandemic.
19 This is a PDF that just came out. That
20 can be really helpful for the City. And
21 I'm happy to share that with everyone.

22 Our streets provide critical
23 infrastructure for expanded pedestrian
24 space. As everybody has seen, we've
25 been -- you know, everybody is going



1 downtown, and that is a great thing. And
2 that's something we need.

3 But we need social distance as well.
4 And so I think allowing this ordinance
5 and this amendment to allow people to use
6 the parking space in front of their
7 business is really critical. We need to,
8 as a City, provide a five-foot-wide
9 sidewalk that is ADA accessible and also
10 allows for people to have a little bit of
11 space. You know, not all restaurants are
12 on Broadway and have space. And you see
13 with Pint Sized, they need space as well.

14 So I think it's really important
15 that we look to the street, we look to
16 reorganize the cross-sections of our
17 streets. Not every street is Broadway.
18 We have smaller streets. And we can do
19 this by finding space through the use of
20 parking spaces, through the reduction of
21 a lane, so that we can actually build out
22 the sidewalk further.

23 And so I would strongly suggest, and
24 the Complete Streets Board agrees with
25 me, that we incorporate the streets into



1 this amendment.

2 In addition, we found that -- we'd
3 like to see that -- there was a deadline
4 of September 7th. Can we put that to
5 October? I think everyone would agree
6 that outdoor events are the direction we
7 need to take. And we have to make sure
8 that this is done -- like we reopen
9 safely. Indoor space, yes, restaurants
10 are opening indoors. But we don't know
11 if that's really the safest place for
12 everyone to be. And our streets provide
13 that critical space that we need.

14 And also, why not other businesses?
15 So we have yoga studios. We have, you
16 know, church institutions that really --
17 you know, they need space as well. And
18 so I think, you know, it should be
19 expanded that people are allowed to use
20 sidewalk space so that they can reopen
21 safely.

22 I just want to make sure I caught
23 everything. And I think I did. Thank
24 you guys so much. I really appreciate
25 it. And thanks for all your hard work.



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

2 MAYOR KELLY: I appreciate it.

3 Okay. Any other comments that we
4 have in there, Lisa? Okay.

5 So I'll turn it back to Commissioner
6 Franck. Are we -- we're going to be
7 closing this evening and voting on this,
8 right?

9 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: That's
10 correct, yes, Mayor.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So if there's
12 no other comments from the council, we'll
13 move on. And that --

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just -- I
15 wanted to say one quick thing which is
16 that I really appreciated working with
17 the council on this. And I think that as
18 a group, we're all extremely dedicated to
19 making sure our local economy thrives and
20 looking at this creatively. And I just
21 have appreciated the efforts of all of us
22 in getting this to the -- to the council
23 and making it happen and really
24 supporting our businesses as much as
25 possible.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Right. Thank you.

2 And I think that goes for everybody on
3 the council. I think it was a nice team
4 effort.

5 Any other comments?

6 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor, I just
7 want to bring up one point relating -- we
8 don't have licenses for retail and
9 different things. So that's why this
10 license has to do with drinking and
11 eating establishments. So if this goes
12 through and we -- and people come to a
13 plan, I'm sure that retail in those areas
14 would have potentially the same ability.
15 But we don't license those, so it
16 would -- you know, that would be also
17 open. But the accounts department only
18 has the licensing for drinking and eating
19 establishments.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
21 Commissioner Franck.

22 And, also, I have one other comment,
23 Commissioner Franck. I know that we
24 discussed it about the extension of the
25 date.



1 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Oh, yes.
2 That's a great -- that's a great point.
3 Based on our various meetings and emails
4 back and forth, public safety felt that
5 it would be best to sunset it after a few
6 months, and so basically the summer
7 season, right at Labor Day. We have a
8 sunset clause in here. But the city
9 attorneys also worked on putting a simple
10 resolution at any time during this
11 process we don't need to have a big
12 meeting. We just do a resolution to
13 extend it. So that's -- so we tried to
14 kind of middle it there.

15 So I think if it is successful, you
16 know, then I -- from earlier discussions
17 with councilmembers, I think we'd be more
18 than happy to do that resolution. But at
19 this point, this is what we have, but
20 that could be changed as early as the
21 next meeting, or we could wait to see if
22 it works or does not work.

23 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Thank you,
24 Commissioner.

25 Any other comments from the council?



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I think the
2 one -- the other thing I wanted to say
3 was that the SLA guidance that we were
4 talking about today (indiscernible) was
5 that the SLA only allows for this outside
6 expanded drinking area through I think
7 July 6th. So that's just another
8 timeline that we have to be looking at
9 and mindful of whether or not we're going
10 to have to petition them for an extension
11 so that this all syncs up.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I wasn't
13 going to make any comments right now
14 because this is the public hearing, but I
15 do have some comments. But this is on
16 the agenda for a vote tonight. So I'm
17 assuming this will come up for discussion
18 again.

19 MAYOR KELLY: It will.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay. Thank
21 you.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Any other
23 comments?

24 So we're going to -- we're going to
25 have Nancy, Erin, and Pint Sized exit our



1 meeting.

2 Is she in? I'll talk to her.

3 It looks like we have somebody else
4 that might want to comment on 136. Just
5 hang on one moment, please.

6 Catherine, can you hear me? If you
7 can, you need to unmute yourself. Okay.
8 Catherine, can you hear me?

9 MS. HOVER: Yes. Yes. Can you hear
10 me?

11 MAYOR KELLY: Yes, I can. Thank you
12 very much. Are you here to comment on
13 the 136?

14 MS. HOVER: Yes.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So go ahead
16 because we were just ready to move on.
17 And now you can -- can you turn your
18 livestream on?

19 MS. HOVER: Yeah. It's my -- has
20 everyone else gone already? Did I miss
21 this?

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.
23 Catherine, do you have your -- are you
24 listening to the livestream on your
25 phone?



1 MS. HOVER: No.

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Okay. Because
3 we're getting a --

4 MS. HOVER: I am like -- hold on.
5 Okay. I'm not listening to the
6 livestream anymore. So --

7 MAYOR KELLY: Go ahead. You are on
8 for comments, Catherine.

9 MS. HOVER: Okay. So I just want to
10 go ahead and say thank you so much for
11 being here. And I -- like, let me do
12 this so you can see my face.

13 MAYOR KELLY: There you go.

14 MS. HOVER: Hi. How are you? How
15 is everybody doing?

16 MAYOR KELLY: Great.

17 MS. HOVER: Awesome. Listen, thanks
18 so much for hearing -- for having this
19 forum for us to talk and like tell you
20 how it's been. It's been a struggle.
21 It's been four months of pivoting. And
22 it's hard. And I think it's time for all
23 of us to start taking action. And I
24 think that we are already behind the wire
25 here. We are taking the lead now from



1 towns across the -- the capital region
2 that have far less resources than we do.
3 And I think that we're -- we look like
4 morons.

5 And we absolutely need to start
6 taking action, think creatively. And the
7 time is now. It's not in four weeks when
8 we're at 100 percent capacity. It's --
9 it should have been four months ago. And
10 so I think that there are plenty of ways
11 that we can do this. There's actually
12 national organizations who have plans in
13 place that we literally just need to
14 implement. And we have to move. Like
15 enough already.

16 I don't know if maybe you guys are
17 not hearing from small business owners
18 and the struggle and the -- the terror
19 that we're feeling. And I am willing to
20 sound like the hysterical business owner
21 that I am right now because it's a
22 reasonable hysteria. And COVID-19 is not
23 going away. People will not feel safe
24 eating inside, gathering inside. We have
25 to take advantage of every opportunity



1 that we can -- that we have here in
2 Saratoga with our local economy and get
3 it done.

4 And I think we've been waiting for
5 four months for some action and some
6 movement. And every moment that we waste
7 is money wasted, money left -- money
8 gone. So we need to do whatever we can
9 and take advantage of the nice weather
10 until I think October, I mean, until the
11 first snow falls. We should be able to
12 take advantage of this outdoor
13 environment that we absolutely have at
14 our -- at our disposal here.

15 I can't state it enough that if I
16 need to get on the phone with the county
17 level, the state level, I'm certainly
18 capable of doing that. I think we've all
19 been kind of waiting to see what our
20 local leaders locally were going -- were
21 going to do to support us.

22 So I just implore you guys to take
23 action here. This is like -- the time is
24 of the essence. And if we don't start --
25 if you don't start moving, we will.



1 We'll have to just from the private
2 sector start to rally our own selves
3 to -- to make some change here and get
4 moving.

5 I don't believe just taking over the
6 sidewalk is a solution. We need to go
7 further than that. I think this is a
8 great first step, but we absolutely
9 needed to do more than that. And I am
10 not alone in the feeling of this, like,
11 sheer terror that we will be facing come
12 winter time if we don't start get, like,
13 to move, just actually take action and
14 stop -- like, let's start -- let's stop
15 kicking around idea, and let's start
16 implementing this.

17 So thank you very much for hearing
18 me out. I am looking forward to seeing
19 some more movement for sure. And if I
20 can do anything to support you guys -- I
21 know it's a hard position to be in, but
22 we -- we have to keep moving forward and
23 thinking creatively and using all the
24 resources that we absolutely have in
25 Saratoga Springs to be leaders in this



1 charge. So thank you.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

3 I would like to make one comment.

4 And I do take offense that I don't think
5 we look like morons. So I do take
6 offense to that. I think we're all
7 working really hard. And I know that
8 everybody is struggling. But, you know,
9 I thought that was a little bit strong.
10 So that's my comment.

11 Any other comment?

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah. I need
13 to -- yeah. I need to address the
14 timeline. So we have been working on
15 these plans for weeks now, but we can't
16 implement them until we are -- reach the
17 phase that the governor has set for these
18 businesses to open. And so we couldn't
19 implement expanded seating until we got
20 the clear from the state. So it's not
21 that we've been waiting or delaying.
22 We've been waiting for the phase for the
23 businesses to open that these things
24 apply to.

25 And over the last few weeks, all



1 we've been doing is discussing this
2 creatively with individual business
3 owners, to the Chamber, and every --
4 every organization we have that had input
5 on this we've been working with. But we
6 couldn't implement it until the phases
7 opened.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you,
9 Catherine.

10 Any other -- we have somebody else
11 in there, Lisa? Okay. Where is it?
12 Okay. Okay.

13 Bye, Catherine. Thank you.

14 MS. GROVER: Thank you.

15 MAYOR KELLY: We're trying to get
16 this through.

17 Darlene McGraw, do you have
18 something to say? If you do, you have to
19 unmute yourself, please. And this is
20 about 136. Can you hear me, Darlene?

21 MS. MCGRAW: Yeah, I can hear you.
22 Can you hear me?

23 MAYOR KELLY: Yes. Are you here to
24 comment on Chapter 136?

25 MS. MCGRAW: Yes, I am.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Go ahead.

2 You're on.

3 MS. MCGRAW: Okay. Thank you. I
4 just had a suggestion that you guys
5 defined in section F, it says no music of
6 any sort shall be played at any times.
7 And I'm just suggesting that we define it
8 a little bit more as far as like personal
9 music, because if you're listening to
10 headphones, you know, for one or two
11 people that you're sitting with, you
12 know, should that apply or does it have
13 to be like --

14 MAYOR KELLY: Right. I can --

15 MS. MCGRAW: -- (indiscernible)
16 over --

17 MAYOR KELLY: Darlene, let me just
18 ask Commissioner Franck to elaborate on
19 that music piece.

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yes. That's a
21 very good question. We have received
22 that question from a number of the --

23 MS. MCGRAW: Can you hear me better?

24 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: -- the
25 drinking and eating establishments.



1 MS. MCGRAW: Can you hear me better?

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I can hear you
3 better.

4 There's two different licenses.
5 There's a drinking and eating license.
6 Under chapter 136, there's also a cabaret
7 license.

8 MS. MCGRAW: Hello?

9 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And the
10 cabaret license allows the various
11 restaurants and bars to have music, live
12 music, et cetera. So they have a cabaret
13 license we will look at, you know, again,
14 working with -- I'll get into it in the
15 agenda later on, working with the -- you
16 know, the police and code, et cetera.
17 But that does not fall directly under
18 136.

19 MS. MCGRAW: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: So that's
21 why -- so if somebody has headphones on
22 or some personal hearing things, I don't
23 see an issue with that in the law.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
25 Commissioner.



1 MS. MCGRAW: Oh, okay. Thanks for
2 verifying it.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you,
4 Darlene. Have a good night.

5 MS. MCGRAW: You too.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Anybody else in the
7 waiting room? Okay. Okay.

8 Then we are going to move on to our
9 next public hearing. Before I move on,
10 we will be closing that tonight. And
11 we'll be voting on that tonight.

12 So our next public hearing is 2020
13 community development block annual grant
14 action plan. I have three community
15 development block public hearings. So
16 that's the first one.

17 The second one is the 2020 community
18 development block grant consolidated plan
19 priorities.

20 The third item, the third public
21 hearing, is 2020 community development
22 block grant substantial amendment CARES
23 Act funding. I don't know if we have
24 anybody to comment on those. And we are
25 closing all of those tonight, and we will



1 be voting on them.

2 So at this time, I'd like to call
3 the meeting to order. One moment,
4 please.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner
6 Franck?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner
9 Madigan?

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner
12 Scirocco?

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner
15 Dalton?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: here.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mayor Kelly?

18 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supervisor
20 Veitch?

21 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Supervisor
23 Gaston?

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the



1 pledge of allegiance.

2 (Pledge of allegiance)

3 MAYOR KELLY: So moving on to our
4 public comment period, I just want to
5 mention that this is our last Zoom
6 meeting hopefully for a very long time.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yay.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yay. In-person public
9 comment will resume at our first meeting
10 in July. And in the meantime, the public
11 has been submitting comments to the
12 council via email and public comment.

13 We have no presentations tonight.
14 We have -- there are no executive
15 sessions tonight. We held an executive
16 session yesterday at pre-agenda meeting
17 resulting in two items being added to
18 Commissioner Franck's agenda.

19 Moving on to the consent agenda, are
20 there any edits or comments as published?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I just wanted
22 to point out, and I'll point out later,
23 that I have been saying that June is a
24 big month for us. And if you just add up
25 what is on the consent agenda, you know,



1 outgoing during the pandemic, this month
2 in June is close to seven million
3 dollars. So that was what some of the
4 initial, like, hurry up and figure out
5 what we were going to do with our
6 expenses and looking at what revenues we
7 had coming in the door was all leading up
8 to June and this big payout that we had
9 and making sure that we had some cash on
10 hand to go forward through to the end of
11 the year. Thanks.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
13 Commissioner.

14 Okay. So I move that the city
15 council approve the consent agenda as
16 included with this agenda. This is a
17 motion. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
21 those in favor say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 On to the mayor's department. My



1 first item is an announcement, 2020
2 census update. The City of Saratoga
3 Springs' current self-response rate is
4 about sixty, and we're really stuck
5 there. So we really have to get people
6 to sign on and take their census.

7 New York State self-response rate is
8 currently about fifty-seven percent. So
9 we're still ahead of the statewide
10 average, but they are catching up. And
11 we really want to get this funding. So
12 it's important that everybody sign on.

13 To complete your census, please go
14 to -- please visit 2020census.gov.

15 Our next item is announcement,
16 summer camps, recreation program. I am
17 happy to announce that the recreation
18 department is offering a modified summer
19 rec program in place of our traditional
20 Camp Saradac.

21 Our summer rec program will be a
22 full-day program for children ages 5 to
23 12. In lieu of our field trips,
24 participants will enjoy in-house
25 activities such as water games, arts and



1 crafts, modified sports, and enrichment
2 programs.

3 This summer Camp Saradac will run
4 from July 13th to August 14th. Program
5 registrations will be available online at
6 www.saratogarec.com starting Wednesday,
7 June 17th. Limited spots are available.
8 We are currently hiring staff counselors.
9 Look for the application on the city
10 website. And apply through civil
11 service.

12 This is really exciting news that
13 we're -- we're actually -- we canceled
14 our camps, and now we're bringing back a
15 modified program.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's really
17 amazing. Thank you.

18 MAYOR KELLY: It's great to pull
19 off.

20 So my next item is an announcement,
21 draft natural resource inventory
22 available for review.

23 The City of Saratoga Springs is
24 excited to announce that the draft
25 natural resource inventory is ready for



1 public review and comment. The draft
2 materials are on the City's website and
3 on -- and on the open space advisory
4 committee page.

5 The City of Saratoga Springs
6 received a grant funding through New York
7 State Department of Environmental
8 Conservation to complete the natural
9 resource inventory in 2018. City staff,
10 in partnership with the Open Space
11 Advisory Committee and Labella
12 Associates, has spent the last twenty-two
13 months working on the report in concert
14 with various stakeholders and regional
15 experts.

16 The City is now asking for resident
17 input on the draft materials. Public
18 comments should be sent through email to
19 Tina Carton at tina.carton, C-A-R-T-O-N,
20 @saratoga-springs.org.

21 My next item is a submission
22 application for the Capital District
23 Transportation Committee 2020 ADA
24 municipal self-analysis and transition
25 plan for pedestrian infrastructure grant.



1 On December 19th, 2017, the City of
2 Saratoga Springs adopted the American
3 with Disabilities Act, ADA transition
4 plan, to ensure that the City creates
5 reasonable accessible paths of travel in
6 public right-of-way for everyone,
7 including people with disabilities.

8 The City of Saratoga Springs
9 welcomes the Capital District
10 Transportation Committee, CDTC, grant
11 opportunity to support the City's
12 progress to implement the ADA transition
13 plan. The self-analysis support comes
14 from -- at a truly unique time.

15 Saratoga Springs is committed to the
16 ADA compliance and is pleased to submit
17 the applications for the CDTC's ADA plan
18 grant to help support the City's further
19 ADA compliance goal. Phew.

20 My next three items are related to
21 tonight's public hearings. All three
22 items were presented upon at the last
23 city council meeting by Richard Ferguson,
24 the chair of the Community Development
25 Citizens Advisory Committee.



1 My fifth item and discussion and
2 vote, Community Development Citizens
3 Advisory Committee 2020 community
4 development block grant consolidated plan
5 priority recommendations.

6 The presentation outlined the
7 committee's recommendations for the
8 City's 2020 CDBG consolidated plan
9 priorities action plan recommendations
10 and substantial amendment recommendations
11 CDBG-CV CARES Act funding. These
12 recommendations are based on data and
13 public input gathered in the fall and
14 winter of 2019 and have been updated to
15 include the new community needs arising
16 from the impacts of the coronavirus
17 pandemic.

18 I move that the city council approve
19 the Community Development Citizens
20 Advisory Committee 2019 community
21 development block grant consolidated plan
22 priority recommendations as included with
23 this agenda. This is a motion. Is there
24 a second?

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
3 those in favor say aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
6 matter passes.

7 My next item is discussion and vote,
8 Community Development Citizens Advisory
9 Committee 2019 community development
10 block grant annual action plan
11 recommendations.

12 I move that the city council approve
13 the Community Development Citizens
14 Advisory Committee 2019 community
15 development block annual action plan
16 recommendations as included with this
17 agenda. This is a motion. Is there a
18 second?

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
21 those in favor say aye.

22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 My next item is discussion and vote,



1 Community Development Citizens Advisory
2 Committee 2019 community development
3 block grant substantial amendment
4 recommendation CDBG-CV CARES Act funding.

5 I move that the city council approve
6 the Community Development Citizens
7 Advisory Committee 2019 community
8 development block grant substantial
9 amendment recommendation CDBG-CV CARES
10 Act funding as included with this agenda.
11 This is a motion. Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
14 those in favor say aye.

15 IN UNISON: Aye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
17 matter passes.

18 My next item is discussion and vote,
19 SEQRA lead agency for the Saratoga
20 Missing Links Sidewalk project.

21 The City of Saratoga Springs is
22 proposing to construct missing sidewalk
23 sections in the City right away to make
24 connections with any existing sidewalks
25 throughout the City of Saratoga Springs.



1 This locally administered federal aid
2 project will construct approximately 1.8
3 miles of sidewalks, ADA-compliant
4 sidewalks, amenities, curb installations,
5 and drainage improvements throughout the
6 City.

7 The project application submission
8 to the New York State Department of
9 Transportation triggers a review pursuant
10 to SEQRA regulations. The City has
11 identified this action as a SEQRA
12 unlisted action as it desires -- as its
13 desire is to coordinate SEQRA review with
14 any involved agencies as they may have
15 discretionary approval authority.

16 As such, it is the intent of the
17 City of Saratoga Springs to assume the
18 role of lead agencies for the purpose of
19 conducting a SEQRA evaluation and
20 determination of proposed action.

21 I move that the city council
22 authorize City of Saratoga Springs to
23 assume lead -- SEQRA lead agency for the
24 Saratoga Missing Links Sidewalk project
25 as included with this agenda. This is a



1 motion. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
4 those in favor say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
7 matter passes.

8 My next item is discussion and vote,
9 authorization for the mayor's sign and
10 pay form 720 for the Patient-Centered
11 Outcome Research Institute tax in the
12 amount of \$553.70.

13 This is the fee imposed by the
14 Affordable Care Act, ACA, on insurance
15 and plan sponsors for certain individuals
16 and groups' health plans. We have a
17 health -- we have health reimbursement
18 accounts, HRAs for some of our retirees.
19 HRAs are considered self-insured plans
20 under the ACA requirements. So the
21 employees -- employers who offer the HRA
22 are considered plan sponsors and are
23 responsible for this fee.

24 The fee is determined based on a
25 number of covered lives enrolled in the



1 HRA. It's paid once a year every July
2 and is based on the prior year plan. The
3 current cost is \$2.45 per participant.
4 And the average number covered lives for
5 this plan is 226. The total fee is
6 \$553.70.

7 In the past when benefits were under
8 the finance department, Commissioner
9 Madigan signed off on this fee. But now
10 the human resource -- is in the mayor's
11 department, so now we will oversee this.

12 I move that the city council
13 authorize the mayor to sign and pay form
14 720 for Patient-Centered Outcomes
15 Research Institute tax in the amount of
16 \$553.70. This is a motion. Is there a
17 second?

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
20 those in favor say aye.

21 IN UNISON: Aye.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
23 matter passes.

24 This concludes my agenda. On to --
25 Yes?



1 Yes. I'm going to bring Lindsey
2 Connors in from my planning department.
3 Obviously, I misspoke on something and
4 she caught me before we ended.

5 Lindsey, you're on.

6 MS. CONNORS: Hi, everybody. I just
7 want to cross T's and dot I's here. I
8 think the motions just had the wrong year
9 on them. The votes were on the 2020
10 consolidated plan priority
11 recommendations. The second was the 2020
12 grant annual action plan recommendations.
13 And the third was the 2019 block grant
14 substantial amendment to our action plan
15 for the CDBG-CV CARES funding.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So it's number
17 6 that was wrong. So let me just read
18 that again into the record.

19 discussion and vote, Community
20 Development Citizens Advisory Committee
21 2020 community development block grant
22 annual action plan recommendations.

23 I move that the city council approve
24 the Community Development Citizens
25 Advisory Committee 2020 community



1 development block annual action plan
2 recommendations as included with this
3 agenda. This is a motion. Is there a
4 second?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? Is
7 that correct, Lindsey?

8 MS. CONNORS: I think so. Thank
9 you.

10 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
11 aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
14 matter passes.

15 Thank you, Lindsey, for your great
16 catch. Goodnight.

17 On to accounts.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
19 Mayor.

20 The first item is discussion and
21 vote, amendment to Chapter 136, temporary
22 seating areas. Earlier this evening we
23 had a public hearing on this item.

24 Beginning in late April this year,
25 accounts department, under my directive,



1 had Marilyn Rivers conduct a great deal
2 of research with regard to the use of
3 public spaces for extended seating area
4 for our community businesses. The City's
5 Complete Streets programming and the
6 National Association of City
7 Transportation Officials, which you heard
8 earlier, NACTO, have been taken into
9 consideration in the drafting of the
10 amendment to Chapter 136 tonight.

11 To give you a general idea of who's
12 been following the NACTO principles, the
13 following cities are following the
14 COVID-19 dining initiatives: Locally
15 here in the New York State area is
16 Ithaca, New York; Ballston Spa, New York;
17 Watervliet, New York; and Clifton Park,
18 New York. Other places across the United
19 States are Alexandria, Virginia; Tampa,
20 Florida; Portland, Maine; Baltimore,
21 Maryland; Savannah, Georgia; Manchester,
22 New Hampshire; Cincinnati, Ohio; Santa
23 Cruz, California; Scottsdale, Arizona;
24 Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Washington D.C.,
25 New London, Connecticut; and Chicago,



1 Illinois.

2 Some highlights of Chapter 136,
3 article 4-A are as follows: This is a
4 temporary outdoor seating permit. All
5 permits issued under this article shall
6 expire on midnight on September 7th,
7 2020. As we discussed during the public
8 hearing, this is what we call a sunset
9 clause. Except such day may be extended
10 from time to time by resolution of city
11 council. So it's very easy for us to
12 change this date as early as the next
13 meeting. We wanted to -- but this was
14 suggested by public safety. So that's
15 why we followed that date.

16 In order to fast-track the permits
17 and allow the most effective department's
18 authority on the temporary permit, the
19 ordinance designates four individuals
20 who, together, shall have authority to
21 establish areas of public property for
22 temporary outdoor seating: the battalion
23 chief of the fire department, the
24 director of risk and safety, the city
25 attorney, and the Department of Public



1 Works business manager. And those
2 four -- when the permits come in, we will
3 send that to them directly. And then
4 they can do the research.

5 COVID-19 has been devastating for
6 all of us. This amendment allows our
7 local eating and drinking establishments
8 to use our existing public assets
9 creatively and safety in keeping with the
10 New York State Government's changing
11 mandates.

12 I would like to thank the Department
13 of Public Safety, the Department of
14 Public Works, the mayor's office, and the
15 city attorney's office for all of their
16 input and assistance. In particular, I
17 would like to thank Tony Izzo and Vince
18 DeLeonardis who wrote this ordinance,
19 Battalion Chief Dyer, Lisa Shields, Mike
20 Veitch, and Mary Masterson for their
21 assistance. Most importantly I'd like to
22 thank Marilyn Rivers.

23 And then also from the business
24 community, I'd to thank Brian McMahon,
25 Daryl Leggieri, and Todd Schimkus for all



1 their efforts in bringing this amendment
2 to where it is today.

3 Therefore, I move to approve the
4 amendment to Chapter 136 as distributed
5 to the council with the (indiscernible)
6 amendments as described during this
7 evening's public hearing. And that's a
8 motion.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just wanted
14 to reiterate -- because I think that it's
15 a little bit confusing because our
16 language is technical -- that any
17 business can submit a plan using the area
18 around where their business is located to
19 the City and look at it creatively. And
20 we can get back to them on a case-by-case
21 basis. They're not limited to just the
22 sidewalk expansion. And we're
23 encouraging everyone to be creative and
24 come to us with their ideas.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,



1 Commissioner.

2 Anybody else?

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I just want
4 to thank Commissioner Franck for bringing
5 this forward. I know we've had a lot of
6 discussion on this. I think that this
7 is -- driving down Broadway on a Saturday
8 is like a -- you know, attending a horror
9 movie. I mean, it's -- it's just like
10 a -- it's a scene, no -- no restaurants,
11 nobody walking on Broadway. I mean, this
12 whole COVID thing has really done, you
13 know, a lot of people a lot of damage.

14 Fortunately, you know, everybody is
15 working together. And I think at some
16 point, you know, we'll overcome this.
17 But it's going to be -- I think it's
18 going to be a tough year like, you know,
19 it was previously mentioned, you know, in
20 the upcoming budget time. So I think
21 everything that we do here is going to
22 help each and every one of us and the --
23 you know, and the taxpayers and the city
24 to help with sales tax and occupancy tax
25 and that sort of thing.



1 I think if we had to -- we had to
2 say worst case -- you know, worst case
3 scenario, I mean, I think this is the
4 worst case scenario we could ever deal
5 with. I know we dealt with a fire. We
6 dealt with -- you know, with certain --
7 certain things that have been, you know,
8 issues, crises in the city. But I think
9 this is something that's -- that's
10 affected, you know, every single person
11 in the city and surrounding areas.

12 But, you know, I'm really -- I'm
13 really happy to support this. I mean, I
14 think it's a good idea. I think we need
15 to stay creative, keep pushing for other
16 ideas that would help, you know, the
17 local businesses. And basically, you
18 know, that's -- that's my thoughts on it.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
20 Commissioner.

21 Commissioner Madigan, you want to
22 say a few words?

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. So,
24 you know, I'm probably the one department
25 that's not really involved in this



1 because, well, we're finance and we don't
2 permit. And we've been very focused
3 these last several months on the budget,
4 the 2020 budget, making ends meet to the
5 end of the year.

6 But clearly the council is in
7 agreement in trying to help the small
8 businesses in any way that we can. And
9 so this is an excellent ordinance to be
10 bringing forward so that we can have some
11 flexibility with our downtown business
12 eating and drinking establishments.

13 And, you know, from the beginning --
14 and the first time I really heard about
15 this was from Commissioner Dalton. I
16 knew that we were going to do something.
17 And I want to thank you. And I think I
18 even made a post on my Commissioner of
19 Finance Facebook site thanking you for
20 all your work and that you were working
21 really hard, you know, like while I was
22 behind the scenes working on the budget.
23 I think one of the first businesses you
24 met with was Panza's. And you were
25 willing to get very creative. And you



1 were in the street. And you were asking
2 businesses to reach out to you with some
3 creative approaches about what you could
4 do to help them through this pandemic.

5 So I really want to thank you very
6 much. I want to thank the rest of the
7 council for all coming together and
8 working on this. But clearly, we're all
9 supportive of our downtown businesses.
10 Without our downtown businesses thriving,
11 the City itself, City, big-C City, us,
12 and all our employees can't thrive
13 either.

14 So, you know, I want to thank
15 everyone. But I also want to make sure
16 that we are looking to be as creative as
17 we can. And this is a good -- a good
18 first step. And if there's more that we
19 can do, we will do that. I've heard
20 Commissioner Dalton say reach out to me
21 if you have any creative ideas, we want
22 to -- we want to consider them.

23 So, you know, with that, of course,
24 we're going to support this. I think the
25 council was always going to unanimously



1 support something like this in order to
2 help our downtown businesses.

3 There may be some Complete Street
4 opportunities. We had two people from
5 the Complete Streets board log on
6 tonight, the advisory board, and speak to
7 us, Eric Maciel and Catherine Hover.
8 I've always been a huge supporter of
9 Complete Street and NACTO. I'm very
10 familiar with them too, and the documents
11 that they've been putting out. And if
12 there are some opportunities to work with
13 the advisory boards and do more on our
14 streets, I'm sure we can.

15 But it is important to point out
16 that we are a city. We are not a town or
17 a village. And while other cities might
18 be doing this, you know, maybe these are
19 cities that don't have state and federal
20 highways that like run right through
21 them. But we're trying to work around
22 that too. You know, I know there's so
23 much that's going on in this city with
24 our towns and villages, with our county,
25 and with our country. So, you know,



1 kudos to the council. I think we're
2 doing our best. And, of course, we are
3 open-minded to working with our downtown
4 businesses. Thank you.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
6 Commissioner.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: One tiny
8 little thing.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's just that
11 these are not -- we, as the City, have to
12 take all the guidelines and rules that
13 the state is giving us, guidelines from
14 the SLA, and really just be the messenger
15 and make sure our businesses are
16 complaint here in what they're doing.

17 And so I just wanted to point out
18 that we're not putting any constructs or
19 any extra steps in. It's just -- I think
20 that's confused by people sometimes.
21 They think that we're the ones that are
22 setting these rules or putting these
23 guidelines in place and trying to make it
24 more complicated when, in fact, we're
25 doing the opposite. We're really just



1 trying to translate it into a way that
2 works for Saratoga and makes it easy. So
3 I just wanted to quickly point that out.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
5 Commissioner.

6 I just -- you know, I agree with
7 everybody else. I don't need to
8 reiterate all of that. But I do think
9 that as a council, you know, we have
10 worked together at least when I'm in here
11 right through since the fire, we've been,
12 you know, sticking together. And we work
13 together well. We talk to each other
14 often and try to make the best decision
15 for the City of Saratoga Springs.

16 So with that, all those in favor say
17 aye.

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
20 matter passes.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
22 Mayor.

23 The second item is discussion and
24 vote, approval of municipality
25 application to temporarily extend



1 licensee premises to a municipal street,
2 sidewalk, or other outdoor area.

3 The City of Saratoga Springs is
4 required to complete a municipality
5 application to temporarily extend
6 licensed premises to a usable street,
7 sidewalk, or other outdoor area for each
8 restaurant who wishes to place temporary
9 tables and chairs on the sidewalk.

10 To help speed up this process, I am
11 asking the city council to give me the
12 authority to sign and file this
13 application. Therefore, I move for the
14 city council to authorize the
15 commissioner of accounts to sign as
16 municipal representative and file the
17 municipality application to temporarily
18 extend licensed premises to a municipal
19 street, sidewalk, or other outdoor area
20 for each restaurant who wishes to place
21 temporary tables and chairs on a
22 sidewalk. And that's a motion.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All



1 those in favor say aye.

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
4 matter passes.

5 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
6 Mayor.

7 The third item is discussion and
8 vote, approval of New York State business
9 reopening plan for the City of Saratoga
10 Springs.

11 The New York State Department of
12 Health, New York State forward safety
13 plan for the City of Saratoga Springs,
14 has been reviewed and approved for -- by
15 the City Safety Committee, city attorney,
16 and the City Labor Council for
17 presentation to you for discussion and
18 vote.

19 Materials have been ordered and are
20 in place for the city's reopening when it
21 occurs, including hand sanitizer,
22 signage, floor distancing circles,
23 visitor logs, and facemasks. Therefore,
24 I move for the city council to approve
25 the New York State business reopening



1 safety plan for the City of Saratoga
2 Springs that is included with this
3 agenda. That's a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I just want to
8 thank the committee for all the work
9 they've done to get these protocols in
10 place. It's a massive job. And I really
11 appreciate all the detail and time they
12 gave it.

13 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
14 aye.

15 IN UNISON: Aye.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
17 matter passes.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
19 Mayor.

20 Item number 4 is discussion and
21 vote, authorization for mayor to sign
22 agreement with Granicus for NOVUS
23 maintenance.

24 Granicus is the company which
25 provides NOVUS maintenance. The attached



1 agreement will provide Granicus to
2 continue NOVUS maintenance on an annual
3 basis. Therefore, I move for the city
4 council to authorize the mayor to sign
5 the agreement with Granicus as included
6 with the agenda. This is a motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Andy discussion? All
10 those in favor say aye.

11 IN UNISON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
13 matter passes.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
15 Mayor.

16 Item number 5 is an award of bid,
17 extension of chemical bids to Faesy &
18 Besthoff, Amrex Chemical, Surpass
19 Chemical, and Holland Co upon the
20 recommendation of the Department of
21 Public Works and move to extend the bid
22 for chemicals to Faesy & Besthoff for
23 copper sulfate, to Amrex Chemical for
24 hydrofluorosilicic acid, and for sodium
25 silocofluoride, to Surpass Chemical for



1 (indiscernible), and to Holland & Co.,
2 for polyaluminum chloride according to
3 the terms, condition, and prices quoted
4 in bid 2019-24. And that's a motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
8 those in favor say aye.

9 IN UNISON: Aye.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
11 matter passes.

12 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
13 Mayor.

14 Item number 6 is discussion and
15 vote, settlement of article 7 case for
16 parcel number 178.35-1-14. This was one
17 of the items discussed during the
18 executive session held yesterday morning
19 during the pre-agenda meeting.

20 I move for the city council to
21 settle the article 7 case for parcel
22 number 178.35-1-14 for the year 2019 as
23 follows: For that parcel 178.35-1-14 for
24 2019, the original assessment was
25 8,864,000 dollars. The negotiated new



1 assessed value is 6,142,500 dollars.
2 That is a reduction of 2,721,500 dollars.
3 However, there is no refund because the
4 year 2019. There have been no payments
5 today. That is a motion.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
9 those in favor say aye.

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
12 matter passes.

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
14 Mayor.

15 Item number 7 is discussion and
16 vote, settlement of article 7 case for
17 parcel 179.-4-17. This is one of the
18 items also discussed during executive
19 session held yesterday during the
20 pre-agenda meeting.

21 I move for the city to settle the
22 article 7 case for parcel 179.-4-17 for
23 the years 2018 and 2019 as follows: For
24 2018, the original assessment was
25 968,000. The negotiated assessed value



1 is 671,025 dollars which is a reduction
2 of 296,975 dollars. And there is a
3 refund due of 1,785 dollars for the 2018
4 year.

5 For the 2019 assessment, it was also
6 originally 968,0800. That will be
7 reduced to 612,675 dollars which is a
8 355,325-dollar reduction. However, since
9 that goes into 2020, there is no refund.

10 So the grand total of those two
11 years for that parcel for refund is 1,785
12 dollars. That is a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor, if I
21 could, I would like to add an item to
22 agenda if that's possible.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Absolutely.

24 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yep. I would
25 move to add an -- excuse me, an item to



1 my agenda for discussion and vote
2 regarding electronic vouchers. That's a
3 motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?
5 Second.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
8 those in favor say aye.

9 IN UNISON: Aye.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
11 matter passes.

12 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
13 Mayor.

14 This item that I'm adding is
15 discussion and vote, electronic vouchers.

16 During the state's -- the city's
17 state of emergency, an electronic voucher
18 process was put into place due to social
19 distancing and us not being in the rec
20 center. This process proved to be very
21 efficient. With the end of the city's
22 state of emergency, I would like to
23 propose keeping the electronic voucher
24 process in place at this time. We are
25 going through our purchasing policy and



1 working through UNIS (ph.) to make this
2 permit for a long time. But we still
3 would like to keep this as an electronic
4 voucher process.

5 Therefore, I move for the city
6 council to approve the continuation of
7 electronic vouchers until accounts team
8 can and has completed the revision of the
9 purchasing policy, including electronic
10 vouchers. And that's a motion.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? I
15 would like to thank you, Commissioner,
16 for bringing this forward. We did have a
17 lot of emails going back and forth. And
18 that seems to be the general consensus.
19 So I appreciate you bringing this
20 tonight.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: You're
22 welcome.

23 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
24 aye.

25 IN UNISON: Aye.



1 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
2 matter passes.

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
4 Mayor. That concludes my agenda for this
5 evening.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
7 Commissioner.

8 On to finance.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
10 Mayor. The first item on my agenda is an
11 update from the finance department on
12 COVID-19 and city finances.

13 I do have more detail than I thought
14 I was going to have but not as much as I
15 had in the last meeting. If anybody is
16 looking for more detail, you can always
17 refer back to the video of the last
18 meeting.

19 Reopening means different things to
20 different states and varies within states
21 as well. There seems to be both
22 enthusiasm and reluctance regarding
23 reopening. I know I am very
24 enthusiastic, but I do have a bit of
25 reluctance myself. But in our region, it



1 seems that the COVID virus is well under
2 control.

3 Several locations that have reopened
4 have found it necessary to close again.
5 And many states, especially those that
6 reopened early and with little regulation
7 or guidance, has seen an uptick on the
8 COVID virus. COVID-19 cases have surged
9 in Arizona and are rising in South
10 Carolina, Florida, Alaska, Arkansas,
11 California, Kentucky, New Mexico, North
12 Carolina, Mississippi, Oregon, Tennessee,
13 Texas, Utah, and Puerto Rico.

14 New York is experiencing a decline
15 in cases. While it has begun reopening,
16 the governor has initiated a phased-in
17 reopening plan based on well-defined
18 metrics. Different businesses may reopen
19 within each phase, and safety plans are
20 required to do so.

21 The state has -- is divided into the
22 ten regions. Saratoga Springs is in the
23 Capital District Region which does
24 include Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer,
25 Schenectady, Warren, Washington,



1 Columbia, and Green Counties. All ten
2 regions of the state have achieved phase
3 1. Four regions have achieved phase 2.
4 Five regions have achieved phase 3. The
5 Capital Region is in phase 2 and
6 scheduled to begin phase 3 tomorrow,
7 Wednesday, June 17th.

8 Phase 2, I went over the businesses
9 that that included at the last meeting.
10 Phase 3 businesses include restaurants
11 will be able to serve food and drinks
12 indoors. This includes all places that
13 sell food: restaurants, bars, food
14 trucks -- food trucks.

15 They will have to limit capacity to
16 half of the maximum occupancy exclusive
17 of employees. Tables inside and out must
18 be spaced six feet apart. Staff will
19 wear masks at all times. Customers can
20 take their masks off while seated.
21 Tables will be limited to ten people.
22 The state recommends restaurants provide
23 single-use disposable menus or display
24 menus in a common place. Restaurants
25 should limit the use of devices like



1 buzzers to alert customers that their
2 seating is ready or that their order is
3 ready.

4 Spas, nail salons, tattoo, piercing
5 facilities, appearance enhancement
6 practitioners, massage therapy,
7 cosmetology, tanning salons, waxing
8 services, and public transportation.

9 What phase 3 does not include?
10 Shopping malls, swimming pools, gyms,
11 playgrounds, although I thought some
12 playgrounds were starting to open.

13 MAYOR KELLY: They are.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. So
15 maybe I don't have this totally accurate
16 right now or things are changing. I know
17 that the governor just said you can have
18 up to twenty-five people now outdoors.
19 But I have water parks and museums and
20 most in-person education and -- but I --
21 you know, I don't know. Some spa
22 services that -- you, like, can't get a
23 facial -- and hotels.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Commissioner,
25 the governor sometimes pops these things



1 out on us. So --

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I know. It
3 changed today, didn't it?

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Yesterday.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah. Okay.
7 So with that, I'm just going to go
8 into cashflow. From January to June, the
9 City's reserves, assignments, and revenue
10 collections are -- have diminished. In
11 contrast, expenditures continue in
12 accordance with the 2020 budget plan that
13 did not account for this. Through May we
14 absorbed this using fund balance.

15 June was our breakpoint. We had
16 several million in expenditures due which
17 nearly totaled the amounts available in
18 our cash balance. And you saw a lot of
19 that on the consent agenda.

20 We have stabilized the situation by
21 obtaining short-term loan in the amount
22 of 6.3 million. The interest rate is
23 0.15 percent. It was competitive bid.
24 And Adirondack Trust Company came in with
25 that interest rate. And I'd like to



1 thank them again. But this must be
2 repaid in full, plus interest, on June of
3 2021.

4 Obtaining department expense
5 reductions totaling 3.4 million has
6 helped. These will decrease expenditures
7 across the next seven months through --
8 from June through December.

9 We initiated a furlough program that
10 was to decrease those expenses by 277,000
11 through the end of July, with an
12 additional 104,000 to be recouped from
13 unemployment. I don't know what that
14 exact number is actually going to be
15 because we have had to recall some of our
16 employees. And that makes sense,
17 especially if we're going to reopen with
18 our recreation day camp. And, you know,
19 public works may also be in a situation
20 where they need to recall some people.

21 So we are using fund balance as all
22 to -- also to stabilize the situation.
23 Our next milestone will be October 2020,
24 so there isn't much breathing room. At
25 which time we will, again, face



1 difficulties meeting payroll and warrant
2 expenditures.

3 December is projected to have a cash
4 deficit that will be significant.

5 Remedies going forward. Additional
6 loans all have interest costs that are
7 paid by the taxpayers. We could issue a
8 budget or deficiency note both available
9 during events like a pandemic, but both
10 tap out at five percent of our general
11 operating budget, or at about 2.5
12 million. They may be repaid over five
13 years. And there is current state
14 legislation awaiting the governor's
15 signature that would extend this to seven
16 years but require substantial principal
17 payment each year.

18 Short-term bank loans secured by
19 anticipated tax collection like we did,
20 we already did a TAN or a RAN, a revenue
21 anticipated note, but that doesn't seem
22 very likely. But these are loans that
23 are out there available to
24 municipalities.

25 We can have further expense cuts,



1 and we can continue to negotiate with
2 employees on wage reductions, included
3 but not limited to potentially a second
4 round of furloughs. The finance payroll
5 office has recently reported that the
6 federal stipend of 600 dollars that is
7 added to state unemployment benefits has
8 been extended from July 31st to December
9 31st. This may make a second round of
10 furloughs more viable. But I don't know,
11 that looks doubtful. We can consider
12 layoffs, deferred raises, payment on a
13 lag, and, of course, retirement
14 incentives.

15 Federal programs would be another
16 thing that has yet to emerge. That might
17 help us stabilize this situation. So I
18 certainly hope that a federal program
19 emerges, but we have yet to see one for
20 state and local government that would
21 work for a city our size and even a
22 county our size.

23 With that, I'd like to briefly
24 mention that the 2020 budget, as the City
25 issues, will not automatically end with



1 the close of 2020. And the City begins
2 the 2021 budget season with the release
3 of its budget call letter at the end of
4 June. So very shortly all of the
5 commissioners and the mayor will receive
6 the budget call letter. And please
7 recall that the budget is presented at
8 the first meeting in October and
9 completed by November 30th of each year.

10 While the state may have completed
11 reopening by January of 2021, there are
12 new regulations, social, behavioral,
13 consumer changes, closed businesses,
14 widespread unemployment, and other
15 remaining effects of COVID-19 that will
16 continue to effect revenue collection
17 well into the future. Revenue deficits
18 for 2020 are projected to be somewhere
19 between fourteen and seventeen million.
20 We'll see how the economy reopening plays
21 into that revenue projection.

22 Revenue deficits for 2021 are
23 projected to be about eight million
24 dollars. So these assumption includes a
25 fifteen percent reduction in certain



1 revenues most likely to be affected by
2 the economic conditions, reductions based
3 on 2020 actual amount received such as
4 VLT and state aid, reductions based on
5 2019 actual amount received, for example,
6 NYRA general admissions tax, use of
7 reserves as available, use of fund
8 balance. Fund balance may not be
9 available at all for the 2020 budget
10 because we're using -- 2021 budget
11 because we're using so much of it in the
12 2020 budget. And we may want to consider
13 a property tax increase this year.

14 The City is required to adopt a
15 balance budget according to the charter,
16 title 4, section 4.4.6, which means that
17 reductions in revenue require equal
18 reductions in expenses. Given our
19 projections, the fiscal year 2021 general
20 operating budget is anticipated to total
21 40.9 million. Right now we're at 48.7
22 million. So I'm looking at proposing a
23 40.9-million-dollar budget without any
24 federal assistance coming our way. This
25 is 16.1 percent less than the



1 48.7-million-dollar budget adopted for
2 2020.

3 So with that, I want to thank
4 everyone. This has been very difficult.
5 It will continue to be very difficult.
6 And I just hope that we will all be up to
7 working together and to meet this
8 challenge.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
10 Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Hey, can
12 I -- can I just ask Commissioner
13 Madigan -- have we heard anything from
14 the federal government in regards to
15 stimulus money or any money? My
16 understanding was they were -- in this
17 phase, they were supposed to be divvying
18 up some -- some money from the -- from
19 the stimulus package to cities and, you
20 know, towns and villages.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So the HEROES
22 Act passed in the house, but it hasn't
23 been taken up in the senate. And then
24 there was a reform of that bill known as
25 the SMART Act that was -- you know, I



1 have a very convoluted formula if that to
2 pass. It had kind of bipartisan -- party
3 support at the federal level. That would
4 give us a lot less money than what the
5 HEROES Act will give us. I have been in
6 touch with Congressman Tonko's office
7 about this.

8 At this point in time, there is
9 literally no movement at the federal
10 government level. There is talk that we
11 may see something toward late June into
12 July because a lot of states' fiscal
13 budgets go from July to June, unlike New
14 York which goes from, you know, April to
15 March. So we may see some movement
16 because a lot of it -- just to say it,
17 the red state budgets typically go from
18 July to June. So that may give the
19 republican-controlled senate more impetus
20 to try to move forward with some stimulus
21 for state and local governments.

22 There is this municipal facility
23 that's out there that the federal reserve
24 put forward that allows states and cities
25 and counties with -- it's a large



1 population threshold. I know that they
2 reduced it recently, so I can't -- I
3 don't have the exact population threshold
4 where they can borrow from the fed
5 billions literally to make ends meet.
6 But we don't -- we don't meet that
7 population threshold, so we can't do
8 that. And it would have to be paid back
9 from what I understand within about two
10 years. So there's movement, but right
11 now it doesn't look promising.

12 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Commissioner,
13 did we hear anything on the VLT? Have we
14 received that yet or when
15 (indiscernible) --

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We have not
17 receive VLT yet. We did hear something
18 about CHIPS. But for some reason, I
19 don't have an update on that. But I will
20 send that out to you. I think we heard
21 what we will potentially receive but that
22 it might -- it might still --

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Somewhere
24 in --

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: --



1 (indiscernible) on the twenty percent
2 reduction.

3 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.
4 Somewhere in the neighborhood of 800,000.
5 And with a twenty-percent reduction, I
6 think it's right around (break in audio)
7 hundred and change.

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: So that --

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: -- is how
12 you wind up with -- which is still okay.
13 I mean --

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: No. It was
15 pretty good.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: That was
18 promising. But it did have the twenty-
19 percent reduction in it.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So -- and
22 that's pretty much what I've been
23 projecting on state-aid CHIPS and VLT
24 with my fourteen to seventeen -- that's
25 why my revenue range is so -- you know,



1 it's wide.

2 MAYOR KELLY: So, Commissioner, we
3 should hear by the end of June though
4 about VLT, right?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We get VLT in
6 June. So as soon as I hear -- well,
7 we'll all know, you know? The press will
8 likely pick it up.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks. I
11 appreciate it.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

13 Okay. Item number 2 is a discussion
14 and vote, authorization for the mayor to
15 sign addendum 1 to Bolton-St. Johns'
16 agreement for governmental relations.

17 On January 21st, Governor Cuomo
18 unveiled the 2020-2021 executive budget.
19 The City's video lottery terminal, VLT
20 aid, in the amount of 2.3 million was
21 eliminated which, of course, is a
22 significant loss to a city. It's five
23 percent of our general, operating budget.

24 Given how critical this aid is to
25 the city and how blind-sighted we were by



1 the elimination, which we really
2 shouldn't be because we know that this is
3 a revenue that, you know, comes and goes
4 with the governor often, the City
5 enlisted the professional assistance of
6 Bolton-St. Johns in an effort to help us
7 reinstate the VLT aid through the New
8 York State budget. And we were
9 successful. And the budget passed in
10 April.

11 The current contract is in the
12 amount of 1,800 dollars a month, capped
13 at 9,000 dollars. And it commenced on
14 February 2nd and expires on June 30th.
15 Currently the governor states that VLT
16 and state aid may be cut by twenty
17 percent pending state revenue
18 collections. This aid is critical to
19 2020 and 2021 and beyond.

20 Tonight I am asking the council to
21 approve for three additional months
22 assistance of Bolton-St. John, so July
23 through September at a reduced monthly
24 rate of 1,000 dollars per month, totaling
25 3,000 dollars, with the several million



1 dollars that's at stake. Their expertise
2 has been very beneficial. Even when
3 there's movement at the federal level or
4 at the state level, they're instantly in
5 touch with me and the mayor. And I think
6 it's worthwhile to have them continue
7 working on our behalf and updating the
8 city on our behalf while we're working
9 our way through this pandemic.

10 So with that, I mover that the city
11 council authorize the mayor to sign
12 addendum 1 to Bolton-St. Johns' agreement
13 for governmental relations as included
14 with the agenda. This is a motion.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Second.

18 Any discussion? All those in favor
19 say aye.

20 IN UNISON: Aye.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
22 matter passes.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 3
24 is a discussion and vote, budget transfer
25 contingency, lines 1 through 2, transfer



1 funds from contingency to finance office
2 professional services to cover addendum 1
3 to Bolton-St. Johns' agreement for
4 government relations.

5 The contingency budget appropriation
6 currently has a balance of \$133,145.39.
7 Following approval of this transfer,
8 there will be \$130,145.39 available.

9 I move that the city council approve
10 the budget transfer contingency as
11 included with the agenda. This is a
12 motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
16 those in favor say aye.

17 IN UNISON: Aye.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
19 matter passes.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

21 Item number 4 is a discussion and
22 vote, budget transfers payroll lines 1
23 through 2, transfer to service contracts
24 for city designated engineering services
25 from the wage line for the unhired junior



1 engineer to cover funding needed as an
2 alternative in the amount of 12,000
3 dollars.

4 I move that the city council approve
5 budget transfers payroll as included with
6 the agenda. This is a motion.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Second.

10 Any discussion? All those in favor
11 say aye.

12 IN UNISON: Aye.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any oppose? The
14 matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.
16 That completes my agenda.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
18 Commissioner.

19 On to public works.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,
21 Mayor.

22 The first item on my agenda is
23 discussion and vote. This is
24 authorization for the mayor to sign a
25 contract with Amrex Chemical Company for



1 the water treatment plant chemicals.

2 The four items on my agenda are for
3 extension of bid for the water treatment
4 plant chemicals. The original bid
5 proposal was May 21st, 2019 and is
6 extended to 6/16/2020.

7 Amrex will supply the city with
8 hydrofluorosilicic acid in the amount of
9 \$3.80 per gallon and fluoride in the
10 amount of 1,400 dollars per ton.
11 Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign
12 an agreement with Amrex Chemical Company
13 for the hydrofluorosilicic acid and
14 sodium silicofluoride chemicals for the
15 water treatment plant and put that in the
16 form of a motion.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

21 Can you spell that, Commissioner?

22 No, I'm only kidding.

23 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: He took -- he
24 took some shortcuts on some of those
25 names I noticed.



1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I think I --

2 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
3 aye.

4 IN UNISON: Aye.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
6 matter passes.

7 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: All right.
8 Second item on my agenda is discussion
9 and vote, authorization for the mayor to
10 sign a contract with Faesy & Besthoff LLC
11 for water treatment plant chemicals.

12 Faesy & Besthoff will be supplying
13 cooper sulfate in the amount of \$1.79 per
14 pound. Therefore, I move for the mayor
15 to sign an agreement with Faesy &
16 Besthoff LLC for copper sulfate chemicals
17 for the water treatment plant. And I put
18 that in the form of a motion.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
22 those in favor say aye.

23 IN UNISON: Aye.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
25 matter passes.



1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah. It
2 gets easier as I go along here.

3 The third item on my agenda is
4 discussion and vote, authorization for
5 the mayor to sign contract with Holland
6 Company, Inc. for the water treatment
7 plant chemicals.

8 Holland Company supplies us with our
9 polyaluminum chloride in the amount of
10 \$1.73 per gallon. This is used for the
11 treatment to congeal the suspended
12 organic matter in the water and make it a
13 bigger mass for removal. Holland Company
14 is a sole-source supplier. Therefore, I
15 move for the mayor to sign an agreement
16 with Holland Company for polyaluminum
17 chloride. This is chemicals for the
18 water treatment plant. And I put that in
19 the form of a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
23 those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The



1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Fourth item
3 on my agenda is discussion and vote, the
4 authorization for the mayor to sign
5 contract with Surpass Chemical Company
6 for the water treatment plant chemicals.

7 Surpass Chemical Company, Inc. will
8 supply the orthophosphate chemical in the
9 amount of \$7.38 per gallon. This is for
10 our corrosion control improvements.
11 Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign
12 an agreement with Surpass Chemical
13 Company, Inc. for sodium -- for the --
14 yeah, for orthophosphate chemical in the
15 amount -- therefore, I move for the mayor
16 to sign an agreement with Surpass
17 Chemical Company for orthophosphate
18 chemical for the water treatment plant.
19 And I put that in form of a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
23 those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The



1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The fifth
3 item on my agenda is discussion and vote,
4 authorization for the mayor to sign
5 addendum number 4 with Mesick Cohen
6 Wilson Baker for the Canfield Casino
7 renovation.

8 The casino parlor restoration bid
9 opened in January, originally included
10 the full plaster of restoration of the
11 parlor and a number of other repairs.
12 Unfortunately, this bid came in over
13 budget. In order to complete the
14 critical part of the bid within the
15 available funds, we had to reduce the
16 scope by dividing the work into three
17 small contracts: attic stabilization,
18 cupola restoration, and (indiscernible)
19 repairs. This required additional time
20 on the part of the architect, structural
21 engineer, and electrical engineer.

22 In addition, during the removal of
23 the cupola's roof sheathing, we
24 discovered that the original wood
25 structure had substantial deterioration



1 at the upper third of the domes.
2 Additional services were needed to design
3 these emergency structural repairs to
4 stabilize the roof framing raptors. This
5 work was also performed during the
6 COVID-19 pandemic.

7 Addendum 4 in the amount of
8 \$7,883.75 is needed to cover these
9 additional services. Therefore, I move
10 for the mayor to sign addendum number 4
11 with Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker for the
12 Canfield Casino renovation in the amount
13 of \$7,883.75. And I put that in the form
14 of a motion.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yes.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? Are
19 we okay?

20 Can you just restate who that -- who
21 that company is, Skip, please? The
22 Mesick Cohen Wilson --

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Mesick Cohen
24 Wilson Baker.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.



1 All those in favor say aye.

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
4 matter passes.

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The sixth
6 item on my agenda is discussion and vote,
7 approval to pay invoice number 393492 in
8 the amount of \$185.01 to American Changer
9 for the carousel token machine repair.

10 This invoice for American Changer is
11 for repairs done to the carousel token
12 machine. The repair was done offsite at
13 the vendor's location. Therefore,
14 council -- I need council approval to pay
15 invoice 393492 in the amount of \$185.01
16 to American Changer for carousel token
17 machine repair. And I put that in the
18 form of a motion.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
22 those in favor say aye.

23 IN UNISON: Aye.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
25 matter passes.



1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The seventh
2 item on my agenda is discussion and vote.
3 This is to accept the donation for
4 temporary use of picnic tables from New
5 York Racing Association.

6 The City of Saratoga Springs will be
7 accepting a temporary donation of up to
8 fifteen picnic tables from the New York
9 Racing Association. The tables will be
10 placed at Congress Park near Spring
11 Street to allow for additional outdoor
12 dining for the public.

13 At this point, I want to -- I want
14 to personally thank NYRA, the mayor, and
15 the mayor's department and Discover
16 Saratoga and Sam Dossard (ph.) for
17 working together to make this happen. We
18 did walk -- we did walk the area down
19 there behind the carousel. And we
20 figured the tables would be -- the good
21 spot for the tables would be on the -- on
22 the walkway. It wouldn't create any
23 issue for our guys mowing the lawn down
24 there. And it would -- it leave the
25 parking lot -- the Spring Street lot for



1 people to park and get -- they got their
2 food and go down to the park and -- and,
3 you know, enjoy the park and enjoy their
4 food, you know, on a picnic table. So
5 it'll give them some place to eat, you
6 know, if they have their family or
7 something like that. So --

8 Therefore, I move to accept
9 temporary donation of up to fifteen
10 picnic tables from NYRA to be placed in
11 Congress Park for additional outdoor
12 dining. And I put this in the form of a
13 motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

17 I'd like to thank you, Commissioner
18 Scirocco, for doing this. I think that,
19 you know, it just gives more people the
20 chance to stay downtown, to come down,
21 get your takeout order, go to the park,
22 and you could sit at a table. So I
23 really appreciate that.

24 All those --

25 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you.



1 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 IN UNISON: Aye.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
5 matter passes.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Number 8,
7 discussion and vote. This is
8 authorization for the mayor to sign
9 change order number 12 with MLB
10 Construction Services for City Hall
11 renovation for general construction.
12 Change order number 12 is for additional
13 unforeseen conditions in changes in the
14 original scope of work.

15 And I'm going to read the changes
16 because I think it's -- you know, it's a
17 considerable amount of money. These
18 changes include the following: EBW
19 transaction window in the addition of a
20 wood transaction counter on the third
21 floor at civil service and planning, EPS
22 bathroom renovation, additional paneling
23 added near the stairs and second floor
24 elevator lobby, patch paint in addition
25 of rubber tiles to the main stair treads,



1 work done to the city council room ramp
2 leading to the council table, the
3 addition of thresholds to the first
4 floor, changes to the second floor large
5 conference room, remove and replace
6 drywall ceiling at the stage and the
7 music hall, the addition of a second
8 floor handrail as to the stairs, second
9 floor attorney office ceiling and wall
10 repairs, leveling of the floors on the
11 second floor, and a new door for the
12 electrical closet.

13 Therefore, I'd move for the mayor to
14 sign change order number 12 with MLB
15 Construction Services in the amount of
16 \$128,987.28 for City Hall renovation
17 general construction in the form of a
18 motion.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

22 I want to tell you, Commissioner
23 Scirocco, that building is stunning.
24 It's looking really great.

25 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It's



1 amazing. It is amazing. Thank you,
2 Mary. It is -- I think everybody is
3 going to really, really enjoy being in
4 there.

5 MAYOR KELLY: The music hall just
6 floored me.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's --

8 MAYOR KELLY: Floors me.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: It is.

10 COMMISSIONER DALTON: It's a
11 showstopper.

12 MAYOR KELLY: So exciting. I got
13 chills when I went in there, I'm going to
14 tell you. It really is. So all those in
15 favor say aye.

16 IN UNISON: Aye.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Any oppose? The
18 matter passes.

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And I'd like
20 to add an item to my agenda.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I'd like to
23 add discussion and vote to accept
24 donation from Dehn's Flowers.

25 MAYOR KELLY: That's a motion. Is



1 there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All
4 those in favor say aye.

5 IN UNISON: Aye.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
7 matter passes.

8 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: This is a
9 discussion and vote to accept donation
10 from Dehn's flowers. Dehn's flowers
11 would like to donate up to forty flats of
12 annuals for the flower beds in Congress
13 Park and city flower beds for a total
14 value of 1,360 dollars. That's 17
15 dollars per flat.

16 At this point, I'd like to thank
17 Dehn's Flowers for their generous,
18 generous donation.

19 Therefore, I'd move to accept the
20 donation of up to forty flats of annual
21 flowers from Dehn's flowers. And I'd put
22 that in the form of a motion.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Second. Any



1 discussion?

2 I'd like to thank Dehn's too because
3 we need all the help we can get to get
4 these flowers out and make the city look
5 alive again. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And they're
7 a local business. That's the good thing.

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That's --

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Everybody
10 working together. So it's all good.

11 MAYOR KELLY: All right. All those
12 in favor say aye.

13 IN UNISON: Aye.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
15 matter passes.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that
17 finishes my agenda.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
19 Commissioner.

20 On to public safety.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Hi, guys. So
22 the first item on my agenda is an
23 announcement with a virus update and
24 phase 3 reopening. And I do have an
25 exciting virus update which is that as of



1 last night, Chief Dolan informed me that
2 we had zero confirmed -- zero
3 hospitalizations and zero new confirmed
4 COVID cases. So that's double zero,
5 awesome, yay.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Very good.

7 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And we haven't
8 seen those numbers for a long time. It
9 was really great to hear that.

10 The Emergency Management Committee
11 has finished its job. It has completed
12 its work. That ended when we ended
13 our -- the city state of emergency. And
14 so I don't have a formal update from them
15 anymore.

16 We have been talking to everybody,
17 answering questions about what phase 3
18 reopening means for their business,
19 getting people prepped. And I just want
20 to thank the mayor and Chief Catone and
21 Chief Dyer for doing another Facebook
22 Live. We've been doing Facebook Lives
23 before ever phase reopens, answering
24 people's questions.

25 For whatever reason, this time



1 around, we had -- like, the internet
2 world was working against us. We got a
3 little challenged. But I appreciate
4 their patience in sticking with it
5 because it is a really important way for
6 us to get involved to get a lot of
7 questions answered that way. So we will
8 continue to do them as we go into phase
9 4. And I promise we will have Wi-Fi all
10 rocking and rolling by then.

11 So that is the end of my virus
12 update. Short and sweet, guys. It's
13 good news.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. Good news.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Great news.

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The second
17 item on my agenda is an announcement.
18 It's an RFP for design services for the
19 fire at EMS station number 3. I wanted
20 to inform the council and the public that
21 the RFP for design services for station 3
22 went out last Wednesday and will be
23 returned and opened on July 2nd, 2020.
24 We discussed this at the late city
25 council meeting.



1 I got a few emails that I wanted to
2 address and let people know that we are
3 not spending any money by putting this
4 RFP out. No additional funds are being
5 spent. We are simply getting bids to
6 consider if we want to move forward with
7 this design phase. So no one needs to
8 worry about any additional monies being
9 spent. This is a strategic move to make
10 sure if and when we are ready to move
11 forward, we have the plans and people
12 necessary to do so.

13 And then my last announcement is
14 about community outreach. We have all
15 been witnessing what's been happening in
16 our country and what's been happening in
17 our city as a result of the murder of
18 George Floyd. And we've had many, many
19 protests and demonstrations in our
20 downtown that has been really incredible
21 to watch.

22 And as the public safety
23 commissioner who represents the fire and
24 police department, I have been putting
25 together a very comprehensive response to



1 the issues that are being raised. And I
2 am going to be formalizing this response
3 and articulating it to the public very
4 soon.

5 But I wanted to go over the first
6 step which is that we are going to be
7 taking all of our policies and procedures
8 for the police department, publishing
9 them, and then inviting the community
10 into a town hall so they can ask
11 questions and understand all the training
12 we go through and really just answer any
13 of their questions about how we operate
14 as a police department. And I think that
15 is going to be a good first step as we
16 continue this conversation.

17 So I will let you all know as soon
18 as those things are published and we have
19 a date for the town hall. And we will
20 take it from there.

21 So lastly, I just will say public
22 safety has really been hit hard with code
23 enforcement and reopening and our
24 protests, even though they've been very
25 peaceful. There have been anywhere from



1 hundreds to thousands of people coming to
2 our city on the weekends in ways that we
3 can predict, at times we don't know
4 about. And between that and the pandemic
5 that we've been through, really every
6 area of our department has been -- I
7 mean, they've done an incredible job.
8 But the amount of work that has come our
9 way has been like unprecedented.

10 We're doing our very best. I have
11 gotten so many emails, calls, and texts
12 every day. The number has gone up so
13 dramatically in the last few weeks. If
14 you don't hear back from me right away, I
15 will get there. Just give me -- give me
16 a few days because this is a -- it's an
17 overwhelming situation, but it's one that
18 we're going to be able to work through
19 and get through successfully.

20 So thank you all on the council for
21 your support. You guys have been
22 amazing. Public safety department has
23 been amazing. But hopefully we'll get
24 through the easier time soon.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Yes. Thank you,



1 Commissioner. And I do want to do a
2 shout-out to the police and fire, that
3 they have been really great.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: They have.

5 MAYOR KELLY: And I just know, you
6 know, some of those protests are just --
7 you know, it's hard when people are
8 saying really not nice things. And
9 they've been so professional and so
10 spot-on. You know, I've watched them.
11 And it's been very, very good to see.

12 The other thing is is I agree with
13 you. I get a lot of emails. You know,
14 it's impossible to answer all hundred
15 that we get every day about every little
16 thing that, you know, people have a
17 question about. But we -- I usually take
18 them on the weekends, and I usually go
19 through them. So just be patient. We
20 will get back to you. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you
22 guys. I appreciate it. That concludes
23 my agenda for the night.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

25 On to Supervisor Veitch.



1 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Thank you,
2 Mayor.

3 First on my agenda is just to do a
4 quick update on the reopening committee
5 from the county. We met on Friday last
6 week. And basically, our agenda is about
7 the same every single week that we meet.
8 We are meeting weekly now. Basically we
9 continue to get our updates from our
10 public health director and our county
11 administrator from the control room
12 regarding all the latest on the state
13 guidance for reopening. And, of course,
14 every week that changes. So our report
15 sometimes are out of date almost at the
16 moment that we have our meeting. So we
17 just, you know, hear what they have to
18 say and we just move on.

19 So we continue to improve and update
20 the county reopening website.

21 And really, the main thing that we
22 dealt with today at our county board
23 meeting was the request that was out
24 there for the 50,000 dollars for
25 advertising with the Chamber of Commerce.



1 And basically, what I'll say is at the
2 last meeting, I mentioned that I
3 thought -- I had some concerns with the
4 amount that we were going to spend. I
5 had basically done a lot of research. We
6 reviewed the Chamber's proposal. I got
7 many requests and comments and whatnot
8 from our local businesses, kind of like
9 you guys did today at your public
10 hearings tonight. Some of the same
11 things were said to me as were said
12 tonight to the council.

13 And basically, we went forward and
14 we did approve the 50,000 for
15 advertising. I did vote in favor of that
16 based on the comments I received from our
17 local business community as well as --
18 you know, and overall it's going to be
19 good for our county.

20 I did have a -- at the last meeting,
21 I did say that one of the things I wanted
22 to see though as well was some tangible
23 spending from the county on things like
24 PPE or testing and those kinds of things
25 as well. I'm going to let Supervisor



1 Gaston talk mainly about this. But we
2 did approve as well some money for a
3 rapid testing machine at the county as
4 well. So to me it was a fair tradeoff
5 for the advertising. We're doing some
6 tangible things. We're doing the
7 advertising as well. And to me that was
8 a fair -- a fair deal that we could make.

9 As well as myself and Supervisor
10 Kinowski from the Town of Saratoga, we
11 were basically appointed a subcommittee
12 of the reopening committee to look at the
13 PPE issue and try to figure out how we
14 can maybe as a county start to put some
15 money into providing PPE for our
16 businesses because, you know, that's a
17 great expense that businesses have to
18 deal with when it comes to reopening.
19 And I know they're giving out the
20 COVID-19 kits and whatnot. And I think
21 that's a great initiative. And all that
22 stuff is donated for those. And really,
23 you got to give a lot of credit to those
24 businesses to doing those donations. But
25 if we can put some money into it and make



1 it a little bit bigger of a program, I
2 think that would be a great idea for us.
3 So we're looking into what those kids
4 cost. I'm working with Brian McMahon
5 actually from the city center on that.
6 And we're trying to see -- figure out how
7 much those costs, who the -- who the
8 suppliers are. Maybe we can get the
9 county to enter in some contracts with
10 them and increase that program if
11 possible.

12 We're going to meet again on Friday
13 at 3 o'clock and, again, get a -- our
14 updates from everybody and continue to
15 talk through these issues on the
16 reopening committee. So that ends that
17 item.

18 The second item is just a quick
19 report from the Buildings and
20 (Indiscernible) Committee, the county.
21 Really our main item that we dealt with
22 at our meeting this week and we voted in
23 favor today at the board meeting was a
24 unique request from the village mayor
25 from the Village of Ballston Spa. As you



1 know, as you -- as you do know that the
2 village is planning on closing off of
3 Front Street which is their main street
4 in the village with their restaurants and
5 whatnot and just closing that street off
6 for their businesses.

7 He had proposed that maybe cause the
8 county buildings are right next to Front
9 Street, they're about a block away, the
10 county would open up their parking lots
11 for people to park on. The village would
12 advertise that. And then people could
13 park there and then walk down to Front
14 Street and then patronize their
15 businesses. So we did a little bit of
16 research.

17 We found that there really wasn't a
18 lot of county code around our parking
19 lots. There wasn't much there. And last
20 update to our county parking policy was
21 in 1984, so just to give you an idea
22 about how long it's been since we looked
23 at our parking policy. But we felt that
24 it would be important to help the village
25 out and, you know, again, with the



1 COVID-19, doing what we can. So we went
2 ahead and approved today that we would
3 allow parking on the county lots in the
4 evenings, during the week, I believe
5 Thursday through Friday, Thursday and
6 Friday, and then on the weekends. So
7 that was a good gesture, I believe, I
8 hope on our part to help out the village.

9 One thing I would say though to the
10 council is that we also have the Woodlawn
11 Avenue building in Saratoga Springs. And
12 I'm more than happy to entertain any
13 ideas from any of the commissioners
14 regarding the Woodlawn Avenue lot and
15 doing pretty much the same thing if we
16 need to. I know Commissioner Dalton and
17 I have talked a little bit about this
18 offline. And I don't know if you want to
19 chime in on it a little bit, but I'm
20 happy to do that.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The timing has
22 to be perfect to help with the City Hall
23 parking for employees as we wait for the
24 city center's parking structure to be up
25 and running because I think we are going



1 to have a parking issue very soon as
2 we're moving in. And so I didn't know if
3 it would be possible for us to use that
4 as temporary City Hall employee parking,
5 but I thought it might work out well.

6 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Right. So the
7 interesting point on that is that the
8 county -- Public Health Department which
9 is currently in the Woodlawn Avenue
10 building, we're actually planning on
11 having them start to move out at the end
12 of June. So I don't know if that's ahead
13 of schedule than we were. But toward the
14 end of June, we're going to have them
15 moving out of there. And then very
16 quickly after that, the building will
17 have -- will be vacant. And there won't
18 be anything in that building. So there
19 won't be any need for us to have that
20 parking there for our county public
21 health vehicles. So it does kind of make
22 sense for us to entertain that, I mean,
23 this is my opinion, to allow the City
24 Hall employees to use that lot
25 temporarily while -- while they're moving



1 back in to City Hall and while you don't
2 have that parking right behind -- right
3 behind City Hall. So -- and it also
4 brings some activity to that lot which
5 basically will be vacant after the county
6 moves out. And so it'll help kind of
7 keep some activity in that neighborhood
8 as well. As we know, that's kind of a
9 challenging area right there where the
10 Woodlawn building is. So that would be
11 helpful, I think, to us as well.

12 So there's just a couple
13 requirements that the county has
14 regarding insurance and some
15 indemnification in case something happens
16 there. But I've forwarded everything to
17 Robin that we sent to the village. So
18 we're going to work with you on that and
19 (indiscernible). And that's my agenda
20 unless anybody has any comments.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

22 On to Supervisor Gaston.

23 SUPERVISOR GASTON: The first item
24 on my agenda is just an update on
25 COVID-19. Across the county we currently



1 only have twenty-two active cases and one
2 hospitalization which means our numbers
3 have been quite fantastic. Most of the
4 uptick in cases is coming from nursing
5 home staff who are asymptomatic because
6 they're tested very regularly. So
7 fortunately we're not seeing a lot of
8 individuals who are symptomatic or who
9 are opening in other businesses that are
10 being tested positively.

11 But as Supervisor Veitch said, I was
12 very excited to bring forward to public
13 health and to have pass the day the
14 purchase of a Rheonix rapid testing
15 machine. It can do -- it can far fulfill
16 the number of tests that we required in a
17 day. It could actually do double that
18 many that we've previously been doing in
19 Saratoga County in a day. It can also
20 provide those results much faster so you
21 can get results within twenty-four hours.
22 This will be a real boom to our
23 businesses if there is a concern about a
24 positive case or a concern about any
25 symptoms of an employee. That can be



1 taken care of very quickly. And we can
2 prove that our businesses are operating
3 safely. And hopefully -- you know, I
4 don't imagine anyone is going to contract
5 the virus in our area. But this way we
6 can not only know that but also show that
7 which I think will be to the benefit of
8 our businesses. And the businesses that
9 I've spoken to in our downtown especially
10 really appreciate the idea that they will
11 be able to do that.

12 The machine is actually produced and
13 developed here in New York State. So
14 we're also keeping our money in state.
15 And I am working with Director Duncan
16 from public health and Supervisor Peck
17 (ph.) to see about obtaining FEMA
18 reimbursement where available. And we
19 will be hopefully -- there have been
20 significant discussions with Saratoga
21 Hospital and their Malta Med facility
22 which will have it located centrally in
23 the county. And so we're looking forward
24 to working with them and partnering to
25 really increase both the testing capacity



1 and the testing speed in our county so
2 that we open up and as we move forward
3 into fall, if there is a second wave, we
4 will be very fortunate because we will be
5 able to determine that and respond,
6 trace, and react appropriately much
7 faster than counties that will not have
8 access to this equipment.

9 So I was very pleased that that
10 passed today and appreciate all the
11 support of the supervisors, including
12 Supervisor Veitch who voted in the
13 affirmative to make sure that we could
14 get that done as soon as possible.

15 MAYOR KELLY: So where is that
16 testing happening?

17 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Where can you
18 currently receive testing?

19 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Where is that
20 happening? Yeah.

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Malta Med can do
22 the testing, both diagnostic and antibody
23 testing. But they --

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a fee
25 associated, a copay?



1 SUPERVISOR GASTON: There are no
2 copays. If you have insurance, you
3 should have no copay. If you do not have
4 insurance, they are billing at this time.
5 But that's also part of the discussion
6 that we're going to have with them is
7 that we are purchasing this machine and
8 we want to be able to send anyone that we
9 want to in order to do it and get tested
10 without a cost. So that will be --

11 MAYOR KELLY: So just let me
12 understand this, Supervisor. So if I go
13 down to Malta, I can get tested and not
14 have to pay?

15 SUPERVISOR GASTON: If you have
16 insurance, yes, you will not have a
17 copay. Currently the way that they had
18 it set up through their billing
19 structure, if you do not have insurance,
20 you will be billed later. That is
21 something that we are going to work on
22 with the -- I don't like it and don't
23 appreciate it either. That's something
24 we've been working on. And I reiterated
25 that with the director today, Director



1 Duncan. And she said that that will be
2 part of the MOU to make sure that we can
3 send anyone and that there will be no
4 cost because we want anyone who needs
5 testing to be able to access it without a
6 cost.

7 MAYOR KELLY: So if I want to go
8 down there, I don't need a doctor's
9 referral?

10 SUPERVISOR GASTON: They have the
11 ability to -- everyone requires a script
12 in order to be tested. But at Malta Med,
13 they have the ability to do that. And
14 they have expressed their willingness to
15 do that for anyone who needs testing.

16 You could also get testing at
17 Saratoga Hospital if your doctor --

18 MAYOR KELLY: I just paid a copay of
19 50 dollars. So I could have gone to
20 Malta for free; is that what you're
21 telling me?

22 SUPERVISOR GASTON: This is for
23 diagnostic testing. I don't know -- I'm
24 not sure if you were tested for antibody
25 testing or --



1 MAYOR KELLY: I was antibody.

2 SUPERVISOR GASTON: I'm not sure
3 about antibody testing. This is only for
4 diagnostic testing.

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Can I ask you
6 a question about the machine?

7 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Sur

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And you may
9 have said this. But how many tests can
10 you do a day with it?

11 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Approximately a
12 thousand.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Oh, wow.
14 Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: And right now
16 we've been doing around 500 a day. Well,
17 we -- we've been receiving the results
18 for around 500 a day. Wadsworth, the
19 state lab, and Saratoga Hospital both --
20 they handle the county's -- any testing
21 that we send out. They're both kind of
22 fallen back up. So we're really hoping
23 that this will be able to speed things
24 along.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I will say the



1 only feedback I get is that people -- the
2 requirement -- there's still barriers of
3 needing to be symptomatic or payment or
4 having a doctor's referral. And so I
5 don't know what we can do to make it like
6 no barrier testing, but I think that
7 would be an amazing goal to have.

8 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Well --

9 MAYOR KELLY: It's definitely
10 (indiscernible) if you don't have
11 insurance right now. There's a barrier
12 right there. I mean --

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON:

14 (Indiscernible) --

15 MAYOR KELLY: There's a barrier.
16 Yeah.

17 SUPERVISOR GASTON: The Department
18 of Public Health should be able to work
19 with any individual to make sure. So if
20 there's someone who does not have
21 insurance, and that is a barrier to them.
22 They should reach out to the Department
23 of Public Health. And if that is an
24 issue or if they still can't reach out,
25 they should contact me and we will make



1 sure that we get -- anyone who requires
2 testing, we will make sure that we get
3 that done.

4 Again, Director Duncan reiterated
5 earlier today that she was very excited
6 to have this machine to increase our
7 testing capacity and speed. But we also
8 need to make sure that anyone who needs a
9 test can get it done quickly.

10 MAYOR KELLY: So I think that --
11 that's the problem. I mean, that's been
12 the ongoing problem here is to get the
13 test and get it done quickly and to not
14 have barriers. But to have health
15 insurance and have no barrier and no
16 health insurance you have a barrier,
17 there's something wrong here. You know?

18 SUPERVISOR GASTON: There are ways
19 that we can make sure that they have
20 access to testing. But if you walk
21 into -- like, if you walk into Malta Med
22 and you don't have insurance, they will
23 bill you. But if you contact the
24 Department of Public Health, we can work
25 on that and make sure that that's not a



1 problem.

2 MAYOR KELLY: But how many hoops do
3 you have to go through? That's what I'm
4 saying, you know? Tara, you're with me
5 on this, right?

6 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Right.
7 Absolutely. And that's been a focus of
8 mine is making sure that everyone who
9 needs testing can do it as quickly as
10 possible. And --

11 MAYOR KELLY: Going through the
12 county hoop is not easy, you know? And I
13 mean especially if, you know, you have no
14 insurance. You just don't feel -- well,
15 you want to go down there and then
16 they're going to say, oh, go to public
17 health or something. I mean, that's --
18 that's what we have to stop. I know
19 you're working on it, but that just --
20 you know, you're sitting here -- it just
21 sounds ridiculous. Sorry.

22 SUPERVISOR GASTON: I -- I don't
23 disagree. I think it should be a lot
24 easier for everyone. And hopefully this
25 is the first step. And anyone is welcome



1 to reach out to me. And I know
2 Supervisor Veitch would do the same. And
3 we can make sure that someone gets
4 access.

5 I know that some individuals have
6 been told they have to go to Albany.
7 That is not true. And anyone who is told
8 that, we will help them make sure that
9 they do not have to drive an hour and a
10 half.

11 Commissioner Madigan is talking,
12 but he's on mute.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Michele,
14 you're muted.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I was told I
16 had to go Albany, and that's where I
17 went. I went through the screening
18 process online because I went to a small
19 protest. And I had to drive down to SUNY
20 Albany. And it was a company called
21 BioReference that did the testing. And
22 it cost me nothing.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I thought that
24 the county had a list of all the sites in
25 the area and whether -- what they



1 required. I don't know if that's still
2 up.

3 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: There is.
4 It's still -- it's still on our website.
5 If you go to the public health -- sorry,
6 it's very dark in here. I guess the
7 reason I bring this up is it was very
8 straightforward and it was very easy. I
9 went through the screening protocol
10 through the governor's -- you know, where
11 the governor's website, answered a bunch
12 of questions. I was given a call the
13 next day and scheduled for a test down at
14 SUNY Albany. And it was at no charge.

15 Now, it has not been easy receiving
16 my results. Like that has been very
17 difficult as a matter of fact, an issue
18 that I want to take up. But that whole
19 process was pretty straightforward, and
20 it did not cost me anything.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Well, it's a work in
22 progress. Thank you, Supervisor.

23 SUPERVISOR GASTON: So -- and,
24 Commissioner Madigan, if you need any
25 assistance on that end, feel free to



1 reach out.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes.

3 SUPERVISOR GASTON: But yes.

4 We've --

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think
6 there's a big issue there with the
7 BioReference portal. So I'll -- I am
8 going to reach out to you on that.

9 SUPERVISOR GASTON: It hasn't been
10 as easy as we would like, but we're
11 taking some steps. And I'm happy about
12 that.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: But I've got
15 to say it was a very smooth process to
16 register, get the call, and go to SUNY
17 Albany and have the test done at no cost.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I'm excited
19 about a thousand tests a day. I think
20 it's -- that's good. So --

21 MAYOR KELLY: I'm not excited yet
22 because I want the -- I want everybody to
23 get it when they need it.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I know.

25 MAYOR KELLY: You know?



1 COMMISSIONER DALTON: That's --

2 MAYOR KELLY: No. You're billing
3 the wrong people.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Well,
5 (indiscernible) --

6 MAYOR KELLY: (Indiscernible)
7 insurance --

8 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You know, when
9 I was trying to get one here, there was
10 nothing available on Saturday or Sunday.
11 And I also had to be symptomatic. I
12 mean, there's been a lot of barriers as
13 we've gone through this process. So
14 ultimately, I think there should be zero.
15 That's what we want.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Right, I agree. Thank
17 you.

18 Thank you, Supervisor.

19 SUPERVISOR GASTON: And thank you
20 for your input. I will make sure that
21 that also gets passed along as well.

22 The second item on my agenda is just
23 a reopening update. As Commissioner
24 Dalton indicated, tomorrow we will be
25 entering phase 3 in the capital region.



1 I just want to reiterate that any
2 businesses or individuals who have
3 questions about that means can go to
4 saratogacountyny.gov/county-reopening and
5 get all of the guidelines that cover your
6 business.

7 I will say, again, the state
8 guidelines are not necessarily a hundred
9 percent clear as I'm sure the
10 commissioners and the mayor are aware.
11 However, if you send an email through
12 that site, it will go directly to Spencer
13 Hellwig who is our representative on the
14 control room. And we have been pretty
15 good at getting answers back within
16 twenty-four hours for businesses who have
17 questions about what does it mean when it
18 says restrictions, can I open, what can I
19 do. So anyone is able to go there, and
20 you can find out what phase we're in,
21 where your business is, and get other
22 information, as well as provide input if
23 there's something that you are looking
24 for for your business that you need in
25 order to open or that you're concerned



1 about with opening.

2 And again, face coverings and social
3 distancing even in phase 3, still try and
4 keep that up. I'm delighted when I walk
5 downtown and I see the number of people
6 who are, in fact, maintaining that. So
7 that means that we're going to keep our
8 numbers low. And that's excellent.

9 The third item on my agenda is just
10 to announce public forum on June 25th
11 from 6 to 8 p.m. It will probably be
12 another Facebook Live, probably will not
13 be going in person until July or later.
14 But that will be on my Facebook page.
15 And anyone can get information about that
16 at that time.

17 And that concludes my agenda.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Supervisor.

19 Any other business from the council?

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: So happy to
21 not be doing Zoom meetings and go back to
22 in-person meetings, guys.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Oh, me too.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Can't wait.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Then we are



1 adjourned. Thank you all.

2 (Meeting adjourned)

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