



August 4, 2020

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

City Council Meeting

7:00 PM

(via Zoom)

P.H. – 2021 - 2026 Capital Program

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD / 15 MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

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8. Discussion and Vote: Template Memorandum of Understanding for COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program Participating Providers
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2. Presentation: 2nd Quarter 2020 Financial Report
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4. Discussion: Budget Transfers – Contingency
5. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll for Unemployment
6. Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers - Payroll
7. Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Payroll
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3. Announcement: Demonstrations in Saratoga Springs

SUPERVISORS

Matt Veitch

1. Reopening Committee Update
2. Saratoga County Public Safety Facility Update
3. Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation
4. National Association of Counties Update
5. New York State Association of Counties Update

Tara Gaston

1. COVID-19 Update
2. NACO Updates
3. NYSAC Updates
4. Public Forum

ADJOURN



August 4, 2020

CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
City Council Meeting
7:00 PM
(via Zoom)

PRESENT: Meg Kelly, Mayor
Michele Madigan, Commissioner of Finance
Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner of DPW
Robin Dalton, Commissioner of DPS

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Shields, Deputy Mayor
Maire Masterson, Deputy Commissioner, Accounts
Eileen Finneran, Deputy Commissioner, DPS

Vincent DeLeonardis

Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
Tara Gaston, Supervisor

EXCUSED: John Franck, Commissioner of Accounts
Joe O'Neill, Deputy Commissioner, DPW

RECORDING OF PROCEEDING

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

PUBLIC HEARING

2021 – 2026 Capital Program

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Kelly advised the full requested capital program is attached to her agenda item #10.

No one spoke.

Mayor Kelly concluded the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. and left the hearing open.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kelly opened the public comment period at 7:01 p.m.

Adia Culors stated Commissioner Dalton posted on her Facebook page that not tear gas or rubber bullets were used during the protest on July 30th and no injuries were reported. Does she stand by this statement given the video footage and eyewitness testimony? How can you justify blatant lies by one of your City officials?

Amal Omer stated she feels it's important to phrase her comments as question to hold the Council accountable. How can you justify the actions of the Saratoga Springs Police in supporting Blue Lives Matter rallies, several of whom physically assaulted Black Lives Matter protesters – many were Skidmore Students? That's a disgrace and they all need to be held accountable. SSPD has always been a disgrace and this is more proof of that.

Sergia Coffey stated what is happening with the police in Saratoga Springs is unacceptable. The horses were harassing people. There is video of all of this. This should not be allowed. When her son was a teen and would walk with his black friend, he would get picked up by the police but when he walked alone he wouldn't be bothered when he was with his white friends. This is unacceptable on every level.

Malchijah Hoskins stated he echoes the statements already made. You all must do much better advocating for black people beyond acknowledging Solomon Northup's name.

Isa Hage stated her comment goes to everyone who is working for the Saratoga County. She urged everyone to look at the community beyond North Broadway. It is disappointing that you do nothing for the black and brown communities here and respond to peaceful protest by militarizing the police force.

Sophie Cramer stated in the statement issued by SSPD, seven instances were given of explicit language, hate speech, and road blocking used by the Black Lives Matter protestors. None of these points mentions the use of any language, road blocking, etc. during the black and blue rally. How can you justify blatant bias and incorrect reporting of the events that transpired?

Evan McDonagh stated his comment relates to the history of silencing black voices. Is there any plans to listen to those voices rather than ignoring them?

Ellie McDonald stated she echoes a lot of the comments. She wants to know what SSPD and Saratoga Springs going on a go forward basis to support and protect black lives and protesters in general.

Emily Kane stated she agrees with everything that has been said previously. Dialogue does need to happen. She was at the protest on the 30th and she was scared for herself and her friends. It was clear the black people were being targeted.

Michael Sulzman stated he too echoes a lot of what has been said. He finds it disappointing that Saratoga Springs has not taken their part regarding the escalation that occurred on July 30th. He was close to where the violence began from his perspective it appeared the police became violent first. There were chemical balls that were fired. There was no actual physical harm or property damage executed by protestors.

Emily D'Angelica stated she wanted to know regarding a post on Facebook by Commissioner Dalton how can she say she is proud of their mounted unit when that mounted police force threatened to run over protesters, many were minors and young adults.

Jane Cole stated she is a Skidmore student and has many of the same students that have already been expressed. She was at the protest and witnessed people being exposed to pepper spray and intimidation tactics. She's infuriated that the police press release tells lies.

Kimberly Nee stated Blue Lives Matter protesters blocked streets and parks. Why were only Black Lives Matter protesters treated with violence and abuse by SSPD?

Sadie Mills stated she sees the police almost every day outside the Police Department in large groups and not wearing masks. You should make them wear masks as people look up to them. She also called on Commissioner Dalton's immediate resignation.

Sara Marlin stated there were 7 instances given in the statement issued by SSPD regarding explicit language, road blocking, etc. by young activists but none of this was mentioned being used by the Back the Blue Rally.

Mayor Kelly closed the public comment period at 7:26 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

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Ayes – All

MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT

Proclamation: Saratoga Hospital's 125th Anniversary

Mayor Kelly read the proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS back in the 19th century most Americans received medical treatment at home. Doctors visited their patients in their homes and even performed surgeries there. There were few hospitals outside of larger cities and often they were poorly equipped and served patients who could not afford a personal doctor. To most Americans, a hospital was a place people went to die. The Village of Saratoga Springs was no exception. For years, if a sick or injured person was deemed untreatable home, he simply was taken to a designated room at the city police station.

WHEREAS in 1895, a group of Saratoga Springs women had decided that there was a better way. The first Saratoga emergency hospital opened that year in the former residential home at the corner of West Harrison and Division Streets. In the years to follow, Saratoga Hospital would become a leading healthcare provider in our county, consistently ranking high in our state for award winning high quality care. It features the best and newest technology and highly skilled practitioners. Above all, it is a place of professionalism, innovation, and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Meg Kelly, mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs am pleased to join with my fellow Saratogians in expressing our thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses, technicians, medical professionals, administrators, volunteers, and staff of Saratoga Hospital and congratulate them on the hospital's first 125 years of invaluable service to our community.

Discussion and Vote: Support Saratoga County's Grant Application to the Capital District Trails Plan Implementation (20-325)

Mayor Kelly advised this is to support the Saratoga County Planning Department's application for funding under the 2020 – 2021 Capital District Trails Plan Implementation Program.

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded that the City Council votes to support the Saratoga County grant application to the Capital District Trails Plan Implementation as included with this agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Revocable License for Use of City of Saratoga Springs Ice Rinks (Ice Rinks Agreement) Template with Updates Revised (20-326)

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the revocable license for the use of the City of Saratoga Springs ice rinks – ice rinks agreement template as include with this agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Contract with Postler & Jaeckle Corp. for Ice Rink Chiller (20-327)

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Postler & Jaeckle Corp. for ice rink chiller as included with this agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Lease Agreement with National Business Technologies – Civil Service (20- 328)

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the printer lease agreement with National Business Technologies – civil services as included with this agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to Sign Printer Lease Agreement with National Business Technologies – Building/Planning (20-329)

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to authorize the mayor to sign printer lease agreement with National Business Technologies - building/planning as included with this agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program (20-330)

Mayor Kelly advised Lindsay Connors e-mailed details of this to the Council on Monday. The COVID Emergency Housing Assistance Program was funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development via the City's CARE Act Block Grant. The program will fund up to 3 months of emergency housing needs for low to moderate income Saratogians.

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to approve the COVID-19 emergency housing assistance program as included with this agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Template Memorandum of Understanding for COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program Participating Providers (20-331)

Mayor Kelly advised this template is related to the previous item. Program providers will provide program applicants with application assistance.

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to approve the template memorandum of understanding for COVID-19 emergency housing assistance program participating providers as included with this agenda.

Ayes - All

Announcement: Executive Order 203 NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

Mayor Kelly announced on June 12, 2020 Governor Cuomo issued executive order 203 – NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. This order was issued in response to the protests throughout New York State. Municipalities with a police department must perform a comprehensive review of police force. She is responsible for convening a group including our police chief and stakeholders in the community to develop a plan. Each commissioner was asked to provide 2 names to serve on this committee along with 4 people the mayor has selected and the police chief for a total of 13 members. These members include:

- Chief Crookes
- Vince DeLeonardis – appointed by Mayor Kelly. He will chair committee.
- Winston Grady-Willis (Skidmore College Director of Black Studies) – appointed by Mayor Kelly
- Terri Diggory (Saratoga Immigration Coalition) – appointed by Mayor Kelly
- Chuck Caputo (Saratoga Pride) – appointed by Mayor Kelly
- Daesha Harris (Martin Luther King Association) – appointed by Commissioner Madigan
- Kristin Dart – appointed by Commissioner Madigan
- Jason Golub – appointed by Commissioner Dalton
- Andrew Sephas – appointed by Commissioner Dalton
- Cecila Hayes – appointed by Commissioner Franck
- Camille Daniels – appointed by Commissioner Franck. She will serve as vice-chair.
- Steven Boxley – appointed by Commissioner Scirocco
- Kimberly Galvin – appointed by Commissioner Scirocco

The Committee will create a plan to improve police force, deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. The Committee will present to the Council and public their recommendations. The City Council will be required to adopt a plan by local law or resolution on or before April 1, 2021 and implement the recommendations.

2021 – 2026 Requested Capital Program – Materials for Public Hearing

Mayor Kelly advised the materials that can be reviewed for the capital program public hearing are all attached here.

Mayor Kelly moved and Commissioner Madigan seconded to add an item appointment Zoning Board of Appeals. (20-332)

Ayes - All

Appointment: Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Kelly appointed Terrance Giloggi to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He will complete the term of Suzanne Morris. His term will run 8/4/2020 – 12/31/2021.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Madigan will be running Commissioner Franck's agenda in his absence.

Discussion and Vote: Approval of Resolution to Appoint Marriage Officer (20-333)

Commissioner Madigan advised this resolution is to allow Matthew J. Jones to officiate a wedding in October 2020.

The resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

Mayor Meg Kelly
Commissioner John P. Franck
Commissioner Michele Madigan
Commissioner Anthony Scirocco
Commissioner Robin Dalton

WHEREAS, Section 11-C of the Domestic Relations Law of the State of New York provides that the governing body of any village, town or city may appoint one or more marriage officers who shall have the authority to solemnize a marriage in accordance with other provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Jones, resident of the City of Saratoga Springs and being over 18 years of age, has requested the Council to duly appoint him as marriage officer for the purpose of performing a marriage in accordance with the applicable provisions of law;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED as follows;

1. That this Council hereby appoints Matthew J. Jones of Saratoga Springs, New York, to be a marriage officer as provided in Section 11-C of the New York State Domestic Relations Law,
2. That the term of the appointment is for two weeks, Saturday, October 3, 2020 through Saturday, October 17, 2020 , for the purpose of solemnizing one marriage, specifically the Walczak/Ford marriage,
3. That the appointee shall receive no salary, wage or compensation of any kind from the City of Saratoga Springs, New York.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to approve the resolution allowing Matthew J. Jones to officiate a wedding in October 2022.

Ayes - All

Appointment: Commissioner of Deeds

Commissioner Franck appointed 5 police officers. Their names were listed with the agenda.

Discussion and Vote: Resolution to Extend Temporary Outdoor Seating Areas to October 5, 2020 (20-334)

Commissioner Madigan advised due to the success of the temporary outdoor seating, the Accounts Department would like to extend the resolution until October 5, 2020.

The resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020 this Council enacted an ordinance to add a new Article IV-A to Chapter 136 of the City Code. The new Article allowed persons and entities holding valid permits to operate eating and drinking establishments to apply for an additional permit to use certain specified public property as a temporary outdoor seating area; and

WHEREAS, Section 136-33.1-9 of that Article specified that all permits issued thereunder would expire at midnight on September 7, 2020, but that expiration date may be extended from time to time by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the City Council extended the expiration date in Section 136-33.1-9 of the City Code to midnight, October 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the said permit procedure continues to have a positive impact on our City's local economy, that it has provided a convenience and benefit to members of the public, and that its extension at this time would be in the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby extends the expiration date in Section 136-33.1-9 of the City Code to midnight, October 31, 2020.
2. All other laws, ordinances, rules, policies and regulations of the City of Saratoga Springs shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed so as to amend, replace or supersede any law or regulation of the State of New York, or any Executive Order of the Governor.
4. This authorization shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the City Clerk.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded for the City Council to approve the resolution to extend the temporary outdoor seating through October 5, 2020 as attached to the agenda.

Ayes - All

Award of Bid: Vernon Ice Rink Chiller Replacement to Postler and Jaeckle Corp. (20-335)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Commissioner Dalton seconded to award the bid for the Vernon Ice Rink chiller replacement to Postler and Jaeckle Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$99,000.

Ayes - All

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Announcement: City and Community "Mask-Up Saratoga" Campaign

Commissioner Madigan announced she presented at yesterday's pre-agenda meeting for vote for this. They already have material to look at. They will be doing a public service announcement with various people. They are hoping this campaign will unite everyone. They will do an unveiling and press conference once they have all the prototypes.

Presentation: 2nd Quarter 2020 Financial Report

Commissioner Madigan advised the 2nd quarter financial report includes information as of June 30, 2020. As of this date, \$11,450,000 in taxes has been collected. Many of the larger revenue items are received by this time. We received VLT Aid in the amount of \$1,860,473, a 20% reduction. We are not sure when or if we will receive the remaining 20%. Sales tax includes only 4 months and as of June 30th is down 22% from 2019. Occupancy tax receipts are down 12% from 2019. We are not expecting to receive any admissions tax from NYRA, as there are no fans this year. Franchise tax receipts are up 2% from 2019. Ambulance transport fees are down from 2019 and are not expected to meet budgeted amounts. Mortgage tax most likely will meet budgeted amounts. First quarter water and sewer bills were due May 15th and second quarter bills will be mailed in July for an August 15th due date. Liability insurance has been paid in full for the year. This information is on the City's website.

Update: 2021 City Budget and City Finances

Commissioner Madigan advised Saratoga County and the City have seen a slight uptick in COVID numbers. Federal action will dictate what New York does next. If federal government fails to provide the requested funding, the state will need to consider revenue raising concepts and spending reductions. Things remain fluid for the City's budget. We can't expect revenues to rise to former levels even though downtown has been busy. We used fund balance to absorb expenditures and issued a tax anticipation note. The City's next break point will be November/December. It's projected that the ending balance after revenue collection and expenditure disbursements will not be sufficient to meet payroll and pay bills owed in November. The deficiency anticipated in the last month of the year is \$5.3 million.

Discussion: Budget Transfers – Contingency

Commissioner Madigan advised \$11,000 is for electronic signs to be placed at the gateways into the City; \$6,160 is for Baker Public Relations for the Mask-Up Program, and \$5,000 for printing. The contingency balance prior to the transfer is \$90,145.39 and \$67,985.39 will remain after the transfer.

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll for Unemployment (20-336)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Mayor Kelly seconded to approve budget transfers – payroll for unemployment as included with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Transfers – Payroll (20-337)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Mayor Kelly seconded to approve budget transfers – payroll as included with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Budget Amendments – Payroll (20-338)

Commissioner Madigan moved and Mayor Kelly seconded to approve budget amendments – payroll as included with the agenda.

Ayes – All

Discussion and Vote: Standard Workday Resolution (20-339)

Commissioner Madigan advised this is to establish the standard workday for each Council member or appointee.

Commissioner Madigan moved and Mayor Kelly seconded to approve the standard workday resolution as included with the agenda.

Ayes - All

Discussion: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Agreement with Baker Public Relations for Saratoga Springs and Community Mask-Up Program

Commissioner Madigan advised this was voted on at the pre-agenda meeting yesterday. This firm was hired to create the Mask-Up program and design signage.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order #3 with Bellamy Construction for Kaydeross Ave West and Nelson Ave Water Main Replacement (20-340)

Commissioner Scirocco advised this change order adjusts the contract price for unused quantities. The savings is \$52,192.73.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Mayor Kelly seconded for the mayor to sign change order #3 with Bellamy Construction for the Kaydeross West Avenue and Nelson Avenue water main replacement for a credit to the City in the amount of \$52,192.73.

Ayes - All

Discussion and Vote: Establish Title & Grade for Department of Public Works Dispatch Supervisor (20-341)

Commissioner Scirocco advised this position will provide overall supervision of the DPW dispatch operation and assist the DPW administration with meeting departmental goals. One of the duties will be ensuring the security cameras are constantly monitored and make sure dispatchers are trained and responsible for monitoring and logging the camera live feed and contacting the Police Department immediately to prevent damage. The job description was attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Mayor Kelly seconded for the Council to approve establishing the title DPW Dispatch Supervisor at a starting pay of \$29.65 an hour.

Commissioner Dalton asked if this is a new position.

Commissioner Scirocco stated it is a new position but he has someone already doing this working out of grade.

Commissioner Madigan stated this is usually done through the budget. This wasn't approved in 2020 budget. The IT security position was actually approved in the budget and that didn't make it through the agenda.

Commissioner Scirocco stated neither was the budget director. We got an e-mail from the Police Department that they're not watching the cameras. We've had numerous acts of vandalism that costs the City a lot of money and we need someone to watch the cameras.

Commissioner Dalton stated she feels there is a necessity for this position and not against it. She would like to discuss how this position will interact with the Police Department before she votes on it.

Ayes – 3

Nays – 1 (Commissioner Madigan)

Discussion and Vote: Approval to Pay Invoice #INO1049446 in the Amount of \$2,348.02 to Ross Valve (20-342)

Commissioner Scirocco advised this invoice was for an emergency repair at the Geyser Crest pump station.

Commissioner Scirocco moved and Mayor Kelly seconded approval to pay invoice #INO1049446 in the amount of \$2,348.02 to Ross Valve.

Ayes - All

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Discussion and Vote: Authorization for Mayor to Sign Lease Agreement with Ricoh (20-343)

Commissioner Dalton advised this lease is for a copier in their office that broke and could not be repaired.

Commissioner Dalton moved and Mayor Kelly seconded to authorize the mayor to sign the lease agreement with Ricoh.

Ayes – All

Announcement: Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation Award

Commissioner Dalton announced the project to replace the doors at fire station #1 has been completed. The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation has selected this project for a restoration initiative award.

Announcement: Demonstrations in Saratoga Springs

Commissioner Dalton announced read through the press release that went out today. When groups are willing to contact the City and work with the City regardless of the topic, it is easier to keep people safe, block streets if necessary. When you take it upon yourselves to do this, you endanger yourself and others around you. Going forward, if you block streets, we will warn you. If you do not go to the sidewalk, we will arrest you. This is for your safety and the safety of those around you. She does stand by the actions of the Police Department on the night of the 30th. They have hosted 30 protests from Black Lives Matter and All of Us groups in the past 2 months. They did their best to protect all lives and make sure no one was injured.

Commissioner Madigan stated police officers need to be ready to protect themselves and all around them. The goal is to keep people safe. One protest (Back the Blue) coordinated with the City and the counter protest did not coordinate with the City. Everyone really needs to come together with less force and less threatening behavior.

Mayor Kelly advised she reached out to the MLK Organization and they will be meeting. She also reached out to Skidmore to meet with them.

Commissioner Dalton stated she put together an outreach group to work on this.

SUPERVISORS

Matt Veitch

Reopening Committee Update

Supervisor Veitch reported the Sherriff's Office is still receiving mask compliance calls and some quarantine complaints. The County is happy to work with Commissioner Madigan on the Mask-Up campaign.

Saratoga County Public Safety Facility Update

Supervisor Veitch reported the facility is largely completed. The Probation Department and Public Health Department have moved in. The Sherriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services are next to move into the building. The last to move will be the 911-call center. That is scheduled for October. The grand opening/ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 20, 2020.

Saratoga Casino Hotel Foundation

Supervisor Veitch reported they will not be doing their program this year due to COVID-19. The casino has been closed since March.

National Association of Counties Update

Supervisor Veitch reported they held the Northeast Regional conference region. They elected their representative.

New York State Association of Counties Update

Supervisor Veitch reported their Public Safety Committee met today. The resolution passed urges the governor and the Division of Budget to help with the financial assistance and aid counties with the compliance and implementation measures.

Tara Gaston

COVID-19 Update

Supervisor Gaston reported the COVID hospitalization rates have remained stable and the number of positive tests is dropping.

NACO Updates

Supervisor Gaston reported she was appointed to the Immigration Task Force and the Geo Spatial Information Systems Committee.

NYSAC Updates

Supervisor Gaston reported she is a member of the Public Health and Mental Health Committee. She put forward a resolution for a task force for trauma for first responders.

Public Forum

Supervisor Gaston reported she has cancelled her public forum scheduled for this week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ribis
Clerk

Approved: 10/6/2020
Vote: 4 - 0