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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA

June 1, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Lisa Ribis, Secretary
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner
- Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
- John P. Franck, Commissioner
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- Matthew Veitch, Supervisor
- Tara N. Gaston, Supervisor
- Vincent DeLeonardis, City Attorney

1           MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome  
2           to our City Council Meeting. Today is  
3           June 1st, 2021. We have two public  
4           hearings this evening. The first public  
5           hearing is capital budget amendment for  
6           the city buildings. And I'll turn it  
7           over to Commissioner Scirocco.

8           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,  
9           Mayor. This is a public hearing. This  
10          is to amend the capital budget for city  
11          buildings. This public hearing is to  
12          amend the capital budget for City Hall --  
13          for the City Hall project because there  
14          are remaining insurance funds that can be  
15          allocated to the building.

16          The city buildings capital account  
17          and the City Hall project were utilized  
18          for the renovation and the restoration  
19          project. However, as the council is  
20          aware, these accounts are used to  
21          maintain capital projects in both City  
22          Hall and -- and city buildings. This  
23          capital budget amendment adds the  
24          remaining insurance funds and funds that  
25          were not encumbered into city buildings

1 capital account for Project Number 1141  
2 City Hall, and will be transferred into  
3 budget line H3031492-52000-1141.

4 The total amount of the budget  
5 amendment is \$135,329.30. It includes an  
6 insurance reimbursement -- reimbursement  
7 of \$132,326.36; 1,500 dollars that was  
8 not encumbered from the 2018 to 2019;  
9 \$1,346.30 that was not encumbered from  
10 2020 to 2021; and \$156.64 that had not  
11 been -- that had not been voided and was  
12 available for transfer.

13 These amounts do not require bonding  
14 or any additional funds from the  
15 taxpayers but all -- but are amounts  
16 already determined that the bulk of the  
17 amend -- amendment being a leftover from  
18 the larger insurance reimbursement total.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that's  
21 it.

22 MAYOR KELLY: If anybody is here to  
23 comment on capital budget amendment for  
24 city buildings, please raise your hand at  
25 this time.

1           Can -- nope, okay. So you're  
2           standing, (indiscernible)?

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yep.

4           MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So  
5           Commissioner, we're closing this this  
6           evening.

7           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

8           MAYOR KELLY: Okay, great. Then  
9           we'll move on to our second public  
10          hearing, and that is on the CDBG CARES  
11          Act funding. Following a consultation  
12          with the New York State Office of Homes  
13          and Community Renewal, the Community  
14          Development Department has been  
15          encouraged to submit a full application  
16          to HCR for Community Development block  
17          grants CARES Act funding to support an  
18          additional round of City's COVID-19 Small  
19          Business Grant Program. If anybody would  
20          like to comment on this, please raise  
21          your hand.

22          Okay. We will be closing this  
23          public hearing and voting on this this  
24          evening also. So at this time we have  
25          about two minutes to wait to start our

1 meeting, so we'll be back in two minutes.

2 Thank you.

3 (Off the record)

4 MAYOR KELLY: We are back. At this  
5 time I'd like to ask for roll call,  
6 please.

7 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
8 Franck.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Present.

10 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
11 Madigan.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

13 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
14 Scirocco?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.

16 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
17 Dalton?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

19 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Veitch?

22 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

23 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Gaston?

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Please rise for the

1 Pledge of Allegiance.

2 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

3 MAYOR KELLY: Next on the agenda is  
4 our public comment period. I'd like to  
5 ask you to keep your comments brief, up  
6 to two minutes. We will have a timer.  
7 Public comment period will be up -- for  
8 fifteen minutes.

9 As a reminder, public comment is not  
10 a dialogue or discussion with the  
11 council; however, at the end of public  
12 comment, any council member may respond  
13 to a comment.

14 Please raise your hand on Zoom if  
15 you'd like to address the council, and  
16 look for this button in the reactions  
17 area of the tool bar on your Zoom window.  
18 We will call your name and ask you to  
19 unmute and start your video. Before you  
20 begin, please state your name and the  
21 city or town where you reside.

22 If you'd like to speak, please raise  
23 your hand. Is anybody looking for public  
24 comment this -- this evening?

25 Darlene McGraw, please unmute and

1 put your video on.

2 MS. MCGRAW: Hi. My name is Darlene  
3 McGraw.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Do you have a video,  
5 Darlene?

6 MS. MCGRAW: City of Saratoga  
7 Springs. I am -- I do. What -- what do  
8 you mean? I'm -- I have a video. Can  
9 you --

10 MAYOR KELLY: You're cutting in and  
11 out. Can you -- can you just speak  
12 without your video maybe?

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: I think she's  
14 frozen.

15 MAYOR KELLY: She's coming back in,  
16 I believe.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Darlene, you need to  
19 sign off and sign back in. Thank you.

20 We'll give Darlene a minute here to  
21 try it again.

22 Anybody else that wants to speak for  
23 public comment tonight, please raise your  
24 hand.

25 Oh, she's trying again. Hold on,

1 please. Be patient.

2 Can you hear me, Darlene? Darlene,  
3 can you hear me? Hi, Darlene, can you  
4 hear me?

5 MS. MCGRAW: I can hear you. Can  
6 you hear me?

7 MAYOR KELLY: I can hear you. Yes,  
8 go ahead.

9 MS. MCGRAW: Okay. My name is  
10 Darlene McGraw. I live here in the City  
11 of Saratoga Springs. I am appreciative  
12 that DPW has started with the potholes  
13 but our streets need to be flat and even  
14 surface. One street that is -- had  
15 significant impact is Wright Street, and  
16 that's close enough to the track. And  
17 obviously, you know, we don't -- we only  
18 care about the people that come here for  
19 the summer racetrack season. So that's  
20 why the City probably doesn't really care  
21 about that section.

22 I am -- I -- I don't -- I don't even  
23 know how to begin to say anything else  
24 except the water problem. Our water is  
25 disgusting. I'd rather drink out of a



1           damn toilet or eat out of the -- the  
2           Hudson River and drink out of the Hudson  
3           River that's got a ton of feces in it  
4           than drink our water.  And obviously, I  
5           saw that you guys have water containers  
6           inside your offices.  So obviously, you  
7           guys don't like drinking our water either  
8           because you guys like to pay for other  
9           water.  So thanks for wasting our  
10          taxpaying dollars.

11                   And the City is expecting clean  
12          water.  So please give us clean water and  
13          better streets.  Thank you.

14                   MAYOR KELLY:  Thank you.

15                   MS. MCGRAW:  Bye.

16                   MAYOR KELLY:  Anyone else for public  
17          comment?

18                   Okay.  Then we're closing public  
19          comment period.  And we're going to move  
20          right on to our presentations.  We have  
21          two presentations tonight.  The first one  
22          is Complete Streets.  And I'll turn it  
23          over to Tina Carton.

24                   MS. CARTON:  Hi, my name is Tina  
25          Carton, and I'm the Administrator of

1 Parks, Open Land, Historic Preservation  
2 and Sustainability for the City of  
3 Saratoga Springs.

4 Tonight I'd like to introduce Ken  
5 Grey and Ted Orosz. Both are cochairs of  
6 the Complete Street Advisory Board. And  
7 they are going to be giving a  
8 presentation on Complete Streets in  
9 Saratoga Springs.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

11 MR. GREY: All right. Thank you,  
12 Mayor Kelly, and thank you, Council  
13 People, for allowing us this opportunity  
14 tonight. Ted's manning the screens and  
15 I'll be yapping so -- but again, we -- we  
16 appreciate the opportunity to let you  
17 know what we've been up to this past year  
18 and -- and what we're thinking about in  
19 the near future and in the distant  
20 future.

21 First of all, moving to what  
22 Complete Streets is. I know the council  
23 and the mayor know that we have the New  
24 York State DOT definition --

25 Ted, if we can move up to the

1 definition. There we go all right.

2 -- of what a complete street is.

3 And if you can look at -- if you're  
4 looking at it, basically it talks about  
5 accessibility to everyone. Safe  
6 accessibility, connecting yourself from  
7 point A to point B for all types of  
8 transportation.

9 And what we've seen over the last  
10 year going through COVID, certain things  
11 have just really stuck out as things that  
12 are important to our community. And what  
13 we've learned is that streets are not  
14 just for drivers. And we've also learned  
15 about the importance of open space, so  
16 that's part of our focus tonight.

17 If we didn't have proper planning in  
18 all the Complete Streets plans that have  
19 been updated over the years, we wouldn't  
20 be ready, as you'll hear some of the  
21 projects that have happened or planning  
22 to be happened. You -- you'll see that  
23 some of the investment, how it's coming  
24 to benefit the City of Saratoga Springs.  
25 How collaboration is going to help us by

1 working with the county and the  
2 neighboring communities. The importance  
3 of moving our plans to something that is,  
4 quote/unquote, shuffle ready. And  
5 looking at equitable type of projects to  
6 make our projects more feasible for the  
7 future in terms of opportunities for  
8 grants and everything else.

9 What we're hearing is that Congress  
10 very potentially will have some great  
11 grant opportunities at the end of the  
12 year. And if we're ready for them, the  
13 City of Saratoga for the short and the  
14 long term can really benefit.

15 So 2020, some of the progress. The  
16 mayor, the -- many of the council, and if  
17 you'll notice -- let's see, where --  
18 where are the -- the police in this  
19 picture. I guess our picture changed.  
20 But a lot of our police came on a cold  
21 later winter day -- or early spring day  
22 on their bicycles to celebrate the  
23 completion of the Geysers Road Trail.

24 We'll hear more about the Missing  
25 Links Project, which is a 1.9 million

1 investment in our Community Sidewalk  
2 Program.

3 Significant progress has been made  
4 for the Downtown Connector Trail in terms  
5 of rights-of-way. So we're getting near  
6 completion and ready to bring that out to  
7 bid for construction in 2022.

8 And we'll talk about the piloting of  
9 Henry Street and Phila Street.

10 So the Missing Links Project, this  
11 is one that had -- had city council and  
12 the mayor not had the foresight to do  
13 this investment in our community, and  
14 I'll underline the word investment, we  
15 wouldn't be able to expand our sidewalks  
16 to many of the areas that were identified  
17 in Complete Streets. Neighborhoods that  
18 were looking for sidewalks to get people  
19 safely from point A to point B and also  
20 to Downtown.

21 Tina -- our Tina Carton, she'll be  
22 conducting at least four community  
23 meetings this summer on site, question  
24 and answers, to people in each of the  
25 communities to let them know about, you

1 know, how it's going to happen, how it's  
2 going to benefit, and all those kind of  
3 good things. But again, by identifying  
4 these things in Complete Streets, it's a  
5 real benefit.

6 The Greenbelt Trail we're all  
7 familiar with. And some of these  
8 projects are all linked to that Greenbelt  
9 Trail. Geysers Road, the Downtown  
10 Connector, Crescent Avenue Extension,  
11 which we're getting ready; it's been pre-  
12 engineered. And we think there's some  
13 great opportunities there.

14 Tina, Planning Board, and all, we  
15 went out to Loudon Road to take a look at  
16 that to connect to the Downtown Connector  
17 eventually to get us out to Wilton and  
18 possibly even Saratoga Lake.

19 The Henry Street Project. And the  
20 whole point here is looking at the plans  
21 that we have in place, and then moving  
22 them to the next step so that we can take  
23 advantage of these grant opportunities.

24 Okay. There's the pictures of the  
25 police on bikes, the mayor, some of the

1 council people, and some of the kids from  
2 the elementary school.

3 But the big celebration for Geysers  
4 Road is that it's a, I believe, 2.8 mile  
5 corridor that gets people from -- where  
6 over twenty percent of our city's  
7 population can get safely to the  
8 elementary school and safely to the  
9 Saratoga State Park. Our goal, again,  
10 with the Greenbelt Trail is to get now  
11 people safely through Railroad Run and  
12 down to Downtown and connect people  
13 throughout the city.

14 This is a visual of what we see the  
15 Downtown Connector to look like next  
16 year. So this is over by High Rock Park,  
17 taking us out to Exit 15.

18 So goals for 2021. We talked late  
19 summer, early fall last year about  
20 reducing speed limits with some of the  
21 commissioners and the county supervisors.  
22 And there was genuine agreement that  
23 people drive too fast. That there's  
24 opportunities for safety and better  
25 living environment if we look at slowing

1           our speeds down.

2                   So we're looking at updating the  
3           Complete Streets plan again.  
4           Coordination with the Planning Board has  
5           been happening. Allen Drive and Louden  
6           Road and some other projects, we're going  
7           to continue that.

8                   Tina Carton's been working with the  
9           ADA Transition Plan.

10                   Again, a lot of these things  
11           advancing the Greenbelt Trail, and more  
12           and more it'll start making sense to the  
13           community in terms of the benefit.

14                   We'll be looking at education  
15           programs, bike safety programs. The  
16           importance of Flat Rock Park and other --  
17           other pop-up parks throughout the  
18           community that we can take advantage of.  
19           And also discussion about the entrance to  
20           Congress Park.

21                   And there's a visual of the Pride  
22           crosswalk, which I believe DPW just  
23           installed. It looks beautiful. And  
24           thank you.

25                   So reducing speed limits. I thought



1           about it the other day. A lot of our  
2           speed limits were created when cars  
3           had -- had clutches and we couldn't get  
4           to zero to 40 in less than four -- four  
5           seconds. I think we really need to look  
6           at it again. I know there's a lot of  
7           challenges and obstacles to how we get  
8           this done, but I think there's general  
9           agreement that people need to slow down;  
10          they need to stop at stop signs. So  
11          that's something I think that -- that's  
12          the kind of culture that I hope that the  
13          City leaders are -- are looking and will  
14          try to find ways to help us achieve that.

15                 And then looking at maybe reducing  
16          speeds in the arterials.

17                 Updating the Complete Streets Plan.  
18          We're looking at -- Tina is looking at  
19          trying to get a number of interns to help  
20          update the Complete Streets map on -- on  
21          the City website. And by doing so, it'll  
22          identify Complete Street completed  
23          projects, projects that are underway,  
24          projects that are being proposed, and let  
25          people that are just generously --

1 genuinely curious to look at the maps and  
2 say, all right, this is an opportunity;  
3 we really should be looking at those kind  
4 of things.

5 And we also want to kind of narrow  
6 down our plan. It's kind of voluminous,  
7 I guess the best way to describe it.  
8 We've identified thirteen priority  
9 streets, and I could bet nobody could  
10 recite these things. So we want to look  
11 at that. Adopt some new best practices.

12 Certainly look at how do we maintain  
13 things, and we have to tie budgeting to  
14 that. So again, we want to make this  
15 report accessible to all. And we've  
16 been, again, setting -- we've been  
17 working with the Planning Board. And  
18 that's been very effective in some of the  
19 work that we've been doing.

20 Moving to the Allen Street slide.  
21 And this is a picture of Ted Orosz on the  
22 left. And I believe that's our Susan  
23 Barden. I thought it was Tina but I  
24 think it's Susan.

25 This was when we were going over the

1 Church Street Bridge. And we had -- we  
2 were looking at the Allen Drive  
3 development area. And it's an area where  
4 there's going to be affordable housing  
5 projects, and there's a lot of people  
6 right now that are crossing either the  
7 Church Street Bridge or Washington Avenue  
8 Bridge. It was a lot more dangerous.  
9 It's now a little bit more safe. But  
10 ways -- how can we make it more safe for  
11 people to get in through bicycle,  
12 through -- well, bicycle, through  
13 pedestrian walking.

14 The other area that we need to start  
15 taking a look at is there's going to be  
16 the advent, which is already happening,  
17 with electric bikes and all those kind of  
18 motorized elements. So again, looking at  
19 the next five or ten years,  
20 transportation is going to be a lot  
21 different. And a lot of people that  
22 can't afford to live in Downtown  
23 Saratoga, how do we get them safely into  
24 Saratoga is going to be part of our goal.

25 Again, Tina's working on an ADA

1 Transition Plan with the Capital District  
2 Transportation Committee to look at  
3 making our bus stops more ADA compliant,  
4 and also looking at our streets and  
5 having them more ADA compliant.

6 So coordination and collaboration  
7 with communities outside of ourselves.  
8 So namely, the county, Greenbelt Trail,  
9 open spaces.

10 On an informal basis, we've been  
11 working the Matt Veitch, and Tara Gaston  
12 has joined us on this. And COVID kind of  
13 got in the way. But we identified a bike  
14 trail system throughout the county.

15 I know I -- I reached out to -- to  
16 the -- the folks that handle the  
17 insurance for the County. It happens to  
18 be Travelers Insurance, who also I  
19 believe still insures the City. And  
20 Travelers was very, very interested and  
21 very positive towards setting up bike  
22 routes that were safe throughout the  
23 whole county. And again, with the advent  
24 of the Empire State Trail, there's going  
25 to be more activity of people trying to

1           come into our community from all  
2           different areas. Obviously, we want to  
3           try to connect the Zim Smith Trail, and  
4           get ourselves out to the Palmertown  
5           Ridge, the Adirondacks.

6                        So again, we're trying to work  
7           together. If we work together, we can  
8           get larger grants. We can get greater  
9           opportunity for being selected for  
10          grants. And we think we'll be smarter in  
11          what we're trying to accomplish if we  
12          work together with different communities.

13                       The design of the trail connection  
14          from Crescent Avenue from the State Park  
15          to Nelson Avenue and the Northway, that's  
16          been engineered. And we think that's  
17          ready. And we have some possibilities  
18          for grant money in the near future, so  
19          stay in tune.

20                       And working with Public Safety.  
21          Bikeatoga, the YMCA, the school  
22          districts, years ago we had actually met  
23          with the Geyser Road Elementary School  
24          and we were going to start doing some  
25          bike safety training. Well, now we can

1 start doing those kind of things. And  
2 the thing that I'll throw out is that  
3 when we work with our kids and we educate  
4 them, they educate us. And I think  
5 they'll help us when we go to projects  
6 such as lowering our speed limits, why  
7 should we do these kind of things. So  
8 it's going to be good for all.

9 The Flat Rock Park, we want to make  
10 sure that it's secure and that it -- it  
11 gets beautified for what -- lack of  
12 better words. But you know, some of the  
13 possibilities now with the -- the track  
14 opening up in Downtown, if we attract  
15 people from out of the area, from inside  
16 the area to come down to Downtown.  
17 Hopefully we can get a trolly system  
18 that's reliable that gets us to the track  
19 on a regular basis and back to Downtown.

20 If people are bringing their  
21 families to lunch, they want to have an  
22 area that they can sit and have their ice  
23 cream after -- after lunch or after  
24 dinner, that type of thing. Kick a  
25 soccer ball, read a book, stay in the

1 shade.

2 But I think pocket parks have to be  
3 something that the City really starts  
4 taking a serious look at, and I think we  
5 found for COVID how important the outside  
6 and the outdoors is to us, to our  
7 restaurants, just to our general health  
8 and our mindset. And also, I encourage  
9 City leaders to be looking at even the  
10 possibility, rather than developing some  
11 of these open space, parking lots that we  
12 have that maybe not be utilized in the  
13 future or just areas on a park -- or land  
14 tracts on our tax roll, that maybe we can  
15 make these into pocket parks so that  
16 people can utilize them in all areas of  
17 the city. So that's our goal.

18 Let's see. And Congress Park.  
19 We've been talking to several of the  
20 businesses in the area, to Saratoga Arts.  
21 And we're looking at opportunities  
22 that --

23 And if you move to the next slide.

24 -- of how we can kind of beautify,  
25 maybe slow down traffic. If you've

1 driven from the south, you'll know that  
2 it's a little bit dangerous coming into  
3 that -- that area right there. You know,  
4 it's not the most attractive entrance to  
5 an entrance that is really beautiful --  
6 or to an area of Congress Park which is  
7 really outstanding, really beautiful.

8 And maybe many of you don't know  
9 that this area is also part of the  
10 Greenbelt Trail connecting areas. You'll  
11 see a concept design here of what a pilot  
12 project might look like if we narrowed  
13 the roadways and had some -- a little bit  
14 of activity there. If streetways on  
15 Broadway are slowed down, the gentleman  
16 that's riding his bicycle illegally on  
17 the sidewalk, maybe they'll be feeling a  
18 little bit more safe and they'll go on  
19 the streets. That's my sense of humor.  
20 Okay, pretty bad.

21 In conclusion, we're here to help.  
22 We've got a lot of talent. We think  
23 there's been a lot of good things that  
24 have been happening, but I'd like to  
25 start seeing us -- a lot of the things,



1           like the priority streets, that we can  
2           start maybe escalating so that we have a  
3           vision that it's -- instead of twenty-  
4           five years from now, that we really try  
5           to get the priority streets in place  
6           within the next five years. And you can  
7           only do that through planning and you can  
8           only do that through cooperation and  
9           identifying the government grants.

10                    I give my compliments to the mayor's  
11           team and Tina Carton, and really all of  
12           city council for looking at these grant  
13           opportunities. But again, collaborating  
14           between departments and between  
15           neighboring communities I think's going  
16           to help.

17                    So we hope that you take this  
18           vision, and we seriously take a look at  
19           how can we implement Complete Streets so  
20           that we make a great community even  
21           better of Saratoga Springs.

22                    Thank you again for the opportunity  
23           to speak tonight.

24                    MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. Thank you,  
25           Ken and Ted.

1           Any comments from the council? I  
2           just want to say that it looks like a lot  
3           of things going on, and even with COVID,  
4           you kept moving forward a little bit. So  
5           that's pretty good. So congrats to you  
6           all.

7           But I do believe that, you know, we  
8           need to continue along these lines. And  
9           I like that you did mention the -- the  
10          maintenance piece of all of this, because  
11          that's always been a little bone of  
12          contention, you know, when they --  
13          everybody talks about doing a project,  
14          that we -- we really need to have funding  
15          somewhere in our budget for how to  
16          maintain all these things that we're  
17          creating. So --

18                 MR. GREY: Yeah.

19                 MAYOR KELLY: -- that was good.  
20           Thank you.

21           Any other comments from the council?

22                 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, I have a  
23           comment. I thought that was fantastic.  
24           And a long -- it feels like a long time  
25           coming. It's been a long time since

1 Complete Streets has been on the agenda.  
2 And it was just a terrific, you know --  
3 you know, very high level, you're doing a  
4 lot, but you know, you hit all the major  
5 topics. I thought it was very good.

6 I do look forward to hearing more  
7 about the -- the partnership or the  
8 potential project down there with the Art  
9 Center, maybe the Visitor's Center. I  
10 thought -- I thought you showed a great  
11 photo of, you know, that -- all that  
12 concrete and blacktop that you see as you  
13 come in off Route 9 into the City of  
14 Saratoga Springs. I think we could make  
15 that more inviting.

16 And I know with talking to the Art  
17 Center and Louise Kerr, like, she's got  
18 these ideas. I think she already sort of  
19 does this now, but if she had a little  
20 more room, kind of rolls out a piano,  
21 rolls out a giant bass, you know, and --  
22 I -- I can envision music. You know, our  
23 own little Paris down there in that  
24 little corner. That's -- that's what I  
25 sort of see down there. But the --

1 MR. GREY: Does --

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- Missing

3 Link's --

4 MR. GREY: -- Skip have guitars?

5 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- project --

6 well, does Paris have guitars?

7 MR. GREY: No, does Skip?

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Skip does

9 have guitars. Sometimes he shows them

10 when he's at city council meetings on

11 Zoom. So he's got lots of very nice

12 guitars.

13 So I did enjoy seeing that vision

14 and hearing about all the great work

15 you've been doing. And it's good to know

16 that you're updating the plan as well.

17 It is a really dense plan. It's

18 difficult for people to get through.

19 It's an important plan. So you know,

20 it's probably time for a much needed

21 update.

22 And I just wanted to thank you. And

23 I hope you'll stick around because we

24 have a presentation coming up on public

25 space recycling.

1           As you mentioned children, these  
2           are -- these are young adults. But we  
3           have our young adults, high school  
4           children that are going to do a  
5           presentation on recycling coming up --

6           MR. GREY: Excellent.

7           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: -- so.

8           MR. GREY: Excellent. We will.

9           MAYOR KELLY: Any -- any other  
10          comments from the council?

11          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks and  
12          appreciation. You did a great one.

13          MAYOR KELLY: Right. Okay. Then,  
14          thank you, guys. I appreciate it.

15          And we'll move on to our second  
16          presentation --

17          MR. GREY: Thank you.

18          MAYOR KELLY: -- which -- thank  
19          you. -- which is -- which is recycling.

20          Commissioner Madigan.

21          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

22          So this evening we are going to have, I  
23          believe, four students from Saratoga  
24          Springs High School joining us to make a  
25          brief presentation on public space

1 recycling. They have formed their own  
2 group called Fridays for the Future New  
3 York Capital Region. Presenting tonight  
4 with Ciara Meyers is Mira Diggery, am I  
5 saying your name right? I hope.

6 MS. DEGREGORY: It's DeGregory.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Jade Helal --

8 MS. DEGREGORY: DeGregory.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: What was it?

10 MAYOR KELLY: It's DeGregory.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: DeGregory.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: DeGregory.

14 DeGregory, thank you. I've got two  
15 different spellings here. Jade Helal and  
16 Maddie Cook. And they're going to give  
17 us a little bit of a -- what?

18 MAYOR KELLY: Can we have them  
19 unmute themselves and turn their videos  
20 on?

21 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes, I hope  
22 that they were doing that with -- yes.  
23 I -- so first I want to say, these  
24 students have final exams. They have  
25 been working diligently since they last

1 visited with us. Basically that was just  
2 during public comment, and they sort of  
3 went one after another and made a very  
4 good presentation to us on public space  
5 recycling. It felt like a presentation  
6 to me. So they're here tonight actually  
7 on the agenda as -- as a presentation,  
8 and they're going to show us a few  
9 different ideas of what the garbage bins  
10 could look like in Downtown Saratoga  
11 Springs, as well as give us an idea of  
12 what it might cost to do something like  
13 that.

14 So with that, I will turn it over to  
15 the group to start how -- however you see  
16 fit. Thank you.

17 MS. MEYER: Hi, so --

18 MAYOR KELLY: Can I -- can I ask, do  
19 you have a presentation or are you just  
20 going to speak?

21 MS. MEYER: We have a presentation.  
22 So I can --

23 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

24 MS. MEYER: -- Screen Share that in  
25 a second.

1           MAYOR KELLY:  Who -- who has it?

2           MS. MEYER:  I --

3           MAYOR KELLY:  -- who has it?

4           MS. MEYER:  -- have that.

5           MAYOR KELLY:  Okay.  Ciara has it.

6           Yep.  We're just making you a cohost  
7           right now so you can -- you can put it  
8           up.

9           Are you all set, Lis?  Okay.  There  
10          you go.

11          MS. MEYER:  Okay.  Thank you so much  
12          for having us.  We've been able to talk  
13          with Commissioner Madigan and  
14          Commissioner Scirocco a bit previously  
15          about the importance of Downtown  
16          recycling, and with Commissioner Madigan  
17          a bit about specific bin design ideas.

18          So we're going to give a little bit  
19          of background on the importance of public  
20          space recycling, and then we'll get into  
21          some specific ideas of what bins in the  
22          Downtown area could actually look like.

23          MS. DEGREGORY:  Okay.  So there has  
24          been an increase in single serve plastic  
25          use coming from restaurants and local



1 businesses, and without public space  
2 recycling, we are contributing to more  
3 waste and more damage to our environment.  
4 In Tuscaloosa, Alabama, sixty public  
5 space recycling bins were installed and  
6 have since collected approximately  
7 twenty-three tons of waste per year.  
8 That's twenty-three tons of waste that  
9 would likely would have ended up in the  
10 trash if not for Tuscaloosa's public  
11 space recycling programs.

12 Keep America Beautiful reported that  
13 in a study of eight communities, seventy-  
14 five percent of materials brought into  
15 downtown spaces and parks are recyclable  
16 or compostable. And so without public  
17 space recycling bins, more of these  
18 materials enter landfills than in cities  
19 that provide accessible public space  
20 recycling.

21 The same Keep America Beautiful  
22 report showed that communities that  
23 provided recycling in public spaces had  
24 less litter than those that had no public  
25 recycling bins. So if we were to

1           implement recycling bins Downtown, there  
2           would be less litter, reduced waste, and  
3           a cleaner, greener community that  
4           promotes sustainable decisions.

5           MS. COOK: Okay. So Saratoga cares  
6           about recycling. In a Skidmore survey  
7           conducted in 2018, half of the  
8           participants said that they threw out  
9           recyclable waste downtown but over eighty  
10          percent said they would recycle it if  
11          bins were available.

12          In the same survey, over sixty  
13          percent of respondents said that the  
14          responsibility for recycling downtown  
15          lies in the hands of our local  
16          government.

17          And lastly, nearly ninety percent of  
18          respondents said they were supportive of  
19          downtown recycling initiatives. This  
20          overwhelming majority cited the economic  
21          and environmental benefits of recycling  
22          as their reasons for support.

23          MS. HELAL: Our recent change.org  
24          petition got over 150 signatures. We had  
25          many individuals leaving comments in

1 support for the twenty-eight bins. For  
2 example, Zoe, who believes recycling bins  
3 can make a big difference in the amount  
4 of waste our community produces every  
5 year, or Eli, who thinks that we need to  
6 save this earth, and that this is a small  
7 step towards that.

8 MS. MEYER: So the benefits of  
9 public space recycling really extend  
10 beyond the obviously important  
11 environmental impact and into the impact  
12 on, you know, tourism and the perception  
13 that local residents have of our  
14 community.

15 It can reenforce our values as an  
16 inviting, clean and environmentally  
17 conscious place to visit. And given  
18 that, again, more and more cites like  
19 Tuscaloosa and New York City and even  
20 Albany, so very diverse places, have been  
21 implementing public space recycling  
22 programs. Our tourists are used to  
23 having recycling in their hometowns, and  
24 you know, it's in a nice accommodation  
25 that we could have to make their

1           experience in Saratoga even more  
2           enjoyable.

3                     In addition, people, especially  
4           young people, are overwhelmingly  
5           supportive of recycling. Ninety-two  
6           percent of eighteen to thirty-four year  
7           olds say that they recycle. And the  
8           climate concern and concern for pollution  
9           are major issues amongst young people.  
10          So young people in the community and  
11          young tourists are really, you know,  
12          aware of what our city is doing to be  
13          green or is not doing that we could be  
14          doing to be greener.

15                    It's not only young tourists,  
16          though. In a Keep America Beautiful  
17          study, eighty percent of respondents of  
18          all ages said that public space recycling  
19          was an issue that mattered to them and  
20          that they thought was important.

21                    In addition, seventy-nine percent of  
22          people surveyed at a Texas park said that  
23          they expected recycling in public parks.  
24          So in places like Congress Park,  
25          recycling has become an expectation.

1           So really, investing in public space  
2           recycling would make a difference for our  
3           tourists and for our residents.

4           MS. COOK: So there's this popular  
5           theory called twin the bin, and basically  
6           what it is, is you place a recycling bin  
7           right next to a garbage bin so it forces  
8           everyone who goes up to it to make a  
9           decision between recycling and just  
10          throwing something in the trash. For  
11          example, if I walk up to it with a  
12          recycling -- or a plastic bottle, and I  
13          would be more likely to recycle it than  
14          to just throw it in the trash because the  
15          recycling bin's right there.

16          A study by the University of  
17          Michigan found that switching from  
18          identically colored bins to different  
19          colored bins increased the recycling rate  
20          from fifty-five percent to eighty-eighty  
21          percent. So by making the trash bins  
22          green or the recycling bins blue, it  
23          makes it easier for your brain to  
24          differentiate between the two as you walk  
25          up to it.

1           The key to ensuring the success of  
2           public space recycling is to keep the  
3           message brief and clear. So labeling  
4           what goes in the bins, like, cans or  
5           bottles or just even the recycling  
6           symbol. Most people are willing and  
7           inclined to recycle as long as it's made  
8           as easy and simple as possible.

9           MS. MEYER: So now that we've seen,  
10          you know, the importance of public space  
11          recycling as a whole, and also ways to  
12          make public space recycling more  
13          effective, we've put together a list of  
14          different bin design options to look at  
15          to possibly implement in our Downtown  
16          area.

17          Obviously, all of the following bins  
18          are pretty effective when it comes to,  
19          you know, being easy to differentiate,  
20          what's recycling, what's trash, et  
21          cetera, but the aesthetic and the visual  
22          component of our Downtown area is  
23          obviously important to you. So after  
24          we've gone through these bins, we'd love  
25          to hear your input on what you think best

1 fits the vision for the Downtown Saratoga  
2 area.

3 MS. DEGREGORY: Okay. So this is  
4 the first bin. This is called the Split-  
5 Two Stream Recycling and Waste Barrel  
6 with a Lift-Off Lid. And you can see  
7 that it has a bunch of different  
8 customizable covers on the bottom. So  
9 you see the, like, blue and black. You  
10 could also switch those up with the ones  
11 on the bottom that you can see.

12 What are the -- a couple of pros of  
13 this bin is that it's made of recycled  
14 plastic. It comes with heavy dual  
15 aligners. It has fading prevention. And  
16 it's made for outdoors. It meets LEED  
17 requirements and is ADA compliant. And  
18 it won't absorb moisture. It has limited  
19 maintenance needed, and there's clear  
20 labeling on it. And it's the similar  
21 size to our current bins.

22 Some of the cons is just that  
23 there's no room for signage. So if we  
24 wanted to instruct people how to use the  
25 bins or what to put where, we wouldn't

1           really be able to do that with these  
2           bins.

3           MS. HELAL:   So this bin is very  
4           similar to the previous one with the same  
5           pros and cons.  It is a little more  
6           expensive due to its hinged doors instead  
7           of the lift-off lid, and it's also a  
8           little taller.  So it really depends on  
9           what's more convenient for the DPW  
10          workers.

11          MS. COOK:   This is the doubled --  
12          Double Recycled Plastic Trash Can, and  
13          it's sixty-four gallons.  So pros are  
14          with this that it comes with connecting  
15          brackets and labeled lids.  It can  
16          withstand harsh weather.  It's natural  
17          looking, and there's no need for sealant.

18          But some cons are that the recycling  
19          trash look very similar.  So with that  
20          twin the bin theory, there's not  
21          different colors so it might be difficult  
22          for people to figure out which is the  
23          recycling and which is the trash.  And it  
24          comes unassembled.

25          MS. DEGREGORY:  Okay.  So this is



1           the Manchester Sideload Double Recycling  
2           Station. This also has a bunch of  
3           different color options. It's  
4           maintenance free. It has heavy duty  
5           liners. It's used -- it's made of  
6           stainless steel. And it has hinged doors  
7           for access. It has rust resistant  
8           hinges. And it can come with restrictive  
9           openings; nobody can get into it. And  
10          it's rot resistant.

11                 But some of the cons are that  
12           they're very expensive, and they're  
13           larger than the usual bins.

14                 MS. HELAL: This is the Dorset  
15           Sideload Double Recycling Station. This  
16           is similar to the last bin and this bins  
17           pros and cons vary based on the  
18           customizations made.

19                 It has multiple color options, as  
20           shown in the picture. It's more  
21           expensive as it's taller and wider than  
22           the previous bin. These bins are the  
23           ones that closest resemble the bins that  
24           are in currently in Albany.

25                 MS. COOK: This is the ArchTec

1 Parkview Trash & Recycling Receptacle  
2 Combo. Some pros about this one is that  
3 it won't rust and it won't dent or chip.  
4 There are decals available that we can  
5 get. It has a built-in divider. It's  
6 weather proof and has a fire safe finish.  
7 And there's built-in stability.

8 Some cons about it are is that it's  
9 not as aesthetically pleasing as we'd  
10 like it to be with our Downtown and our  
11 vintage aesthetic and it's less  
12 modifiable.

13 MS. MEYER: So this is the  
14 Transition TXZ from Clean River. This is  
15 another bin that really is truly  
16 customizable to meet whatever needs we  
17 have. So obviously size varies, color  
18 varies, all of that stuff. The color  
19 options are right here to the right of  
20 the pictures. So depending on if we  
21 wanted a more natural look, we can go  
22 with browns and greens. If we wanted  
23 something more bright and colorful, we  
24 could go with blues and greens, all of  
25 that good stuff.

1           There's also, obviously, room for  
2           signage and really clear labeling. One  
3           thing that's particularly helpful about  
4           these bins is a lot of their labels come  
5           with images, which is useful because some  
6           people who won't necessarily take the  
7           time to like read a list of what can go  
8           in the bins will, like, see a picture and  
9           know, oh yeah, I have that in my mind,  
10          now I know where to put that in the bin.

11          Because of the customizations, the  
12          price does vary, and so we would need to  
13          get a quote if we wanted to go with this  
14          bin for the exact, you know, version  
15          you're looking for. However, Sustainable  
16          Saratoga a couple years ago got a quote  
17          for a similar model that's no longer  
18          sold. But as you can see, pretty similar  
19          color, pretty similar size, pretty  
20          similar signage. So I can't imagine the  
21          pricing would be that different.

22          And this one is for thirty bins, so  
23          not twenty-eight like the others, costs  
24          just over 37,000 dollars, and that  
25          includes shipping, handling and tax. So

1           this is definitely a pretty good option  
2           to look into.

3                     And then these are the Albany's bins  
4           that we referred to previously. The  
5           really good thing about this is it just  
6           gives you a sense for what these bins  
7           would look like in a actual, you know,  
8           street setting. We're not exactly sure  
9           where these bins are from but they're  
10          obviously very similar looking to the  
11          Dorset Sideload Bins that we looked at  
12          earlier.

13                    Overall, regardless of what bin you  
14          decide to go with, obviously, the price  
15          varies a lot. The lower end bins are  
16          about 20,000 dollars total for all  
17          twenty-eight. Higher end is more like  
18          55,000 dollars total for all twenty-  
19          eight. But either way, regardless of  
20          what price point we land at, exactly what  
21          customizations we go with, really  
22          Downtown recycling is just such an  
23          important part of being a sustainable  
24          city.

25                    So we'd love to hear your input on

1 the different bin designs and clarify any  
2 questions you may have. We're planning  
3 on meeting with the Special Assessments  
4 District soon and discussing different  
5 bin designs with them per Commissioner  
6 Scirocco's suggestion. So hear their  
7 input as well. But again, we'd just love  
8 to hear your thoughts and answer any  
9 questions you may have.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any comments from the  
11 council?

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I want to  
13 thank you guys again. I mean, you know,  
14 for -- for being the (indiscernible) of  
15 the -- especially a downtown, and you  
16 know, with this presentation again, it's  
17 a good presentation. I'd be curious to  
18 see what -- what Albany, what their  
19 recycling program is like and -- and how  
20 much use that it actually gets and how  
21 they -- you know, how they actually do  
22 it.

23 Again, we -- you know, going into  
24 it, we really don't have a plan going  
25 into it. By putting together, you know,

1 the -- the bins out there and -- and that  
2 sort of thing, I think we need a plan  
3 like -- like we discussed in the past to  
4 actually make it happen.

5 But again, you know, I think it's  
6 going to be something that we're going to  
7 have to put in the 2022 budget, the  
8 capital budget. They're -- they're  
9 pretty expensive items. I think it's a  
10 great idea. I -- I introduced something  
11 similar to this back in, I think it was,  
12 2013. As a matter of fact, I still have  
13 the barrel, and it's similar to -- you  
14 know, to one of those -- one of those  
15 barrels. And I was thinking about just  
16 for the heck of it sticking it out there  
17 to see who would use it and who wouldn't  
18 use it.

19 Again -- but -- thanks for doing it.  
20 And I look forward to, you know, working  
21 with you in the future.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah, I think it was a  
23 great presentation. Thank you for  
24 coming. And you know, I would defer to  
25 Commissioner Scirocco on this. I support

1 recycling but it's -- you know, it's his  
2 department. And I appreciate  
3 Commissioner Madigan working with you  
4 also.

5 So Commissioner Franck or Dalton, do  
6 you have any other comments?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I -- I think  
8 the -- I know they're more expensive, but  
9 the models that have tops to them would  
10 probably be better because of the  
11 weather. You know, we have -- we have  
12 these, especially in the summer, tons of  
13 rain, storms, and things of that nature.  
14 So the ones that tend to have an angle  
15 top to them, whether it be the Manchester  
16 or a few ones that you showed later, I  
17 think would be -- one, I think they --  
18 they're more visually pleasing, but I  
19 think also they would be more functional.  
20 They seem to be a little bit larger.  
21 That's just from -- you know, ones I have  
22 seen when I'm in, like, Maine and -- and  
23 different places up north, that that's  
24 what I tend to see is the ones with the  
25 top on an angle versus the ones in Albany

1           that were flat with the top. Because  
2           what I've seen with the ones with the  
3           flat on the top is sometimes when they  
4           got full, then they start putting stuff  
5           on the top flat area, like, for the ones  
6           in Albany. But I think it's a great  
7           idea.

8                         And I -- and I think going to the  
9           Downtown Assessment District was a good  
10          idea from Commissioner Scirocco because  
11          I -- I think you'll get some -- some play  
12          there too.

13                        COMMISSIONER DALTON: I thought you  
14          guys did an excellent job. That was a  
15          super thorough presentation, detailed.  
16          The compare and contrast of all the  
17          different designs was awesome. And I'm  
18          just so happy to know that there is a  
19          group of people out there and residents,  
20          especially younger ones, who are  
21          passionate about recycling and are  
22          pursuing this project. So I think it is  
23          like incredibly, incredibly needed  
24          Downtown. So I just applaud your  
25          efforts, and I'm here to support whatever



1 decision you all land on. So thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: So I'll  
3 finish up by thanking you all very much.  
4 It was a great presentation. None of  
5 those garbage cans are cost prohibitive.  
6 I don't think we would make this a  
7 capital project because it's not a very  
8 significant amount of money. We usually  
9 capitalize really expensive -- much more  
10 expensive machinery or you know,  
11 infrastructure type projects.

12 So if we could get a determination  
13 on a bin that we liked, we could make  
14 sure that we were including those funds  
15 in the budget, and potentially sooner  
16 than later because I think it is time to  
17 move forward on public space recycling.

18 I'm not sure what kind of plan we  
19 need. I don't know if it should be up to  
20 high school students necessarily to come  
21 up with the plan. And so I don't know  
22 what it takes to get the garbage out of  
23 the bins and get it over to the Transfer  
24 Station.

25 I know we had talked about

1           potentially using two different colored  
2           bags; one for -- like, if we did one of  
3           those dual bins -- and you know which one  
4           I like, right. I like the top -- the  
5           tall one that's on an angle that we can,  
6           you know -- I think we all like that one,  
7           right. I know when I met with you  
8           guys -- I don't know what the rest of the  
9           council like. I think Commissioner  
10          Franck is leaning toward that one too,  
11          trying to give you some feedback on the  
12          bin that he likes. Because we can use  
13          some cool signage there. We can even  
14          swap out the signage at times.

15                 It could even be a revenue  
16          generator. Like the flags, you know.  
17          Maybe when we do the flags, we could put  
18          something, you know, that coordinates  
19          with the flags for different events and  
20          whatnot in that front part of the  
21          signage. I don't know. And then it  
22          still leaves room up at the top for, you  
23          know, what we want to recycle and where  
24          we want other waste to go.

25                 So you know, if we can come to a

1 decision, meet with the Special  
2 Assessment District, I think that is a  
3 good idea. Get some input from them.  
4 They seem to care about the garbage cans  
5 and the look and the feel of the  
6 Downtown, and maybe we can come up with a  
7 plan and a cost.

8 And I don't -- you know, I -- I'll  
9 leave it to Commissioner Scirocco to tell  
10 us what -- what it takes to bring two  
11 different colored garbage bags to the --  
12 I'm thinking the Transfer Station. I  
13 know County Waste stops at the Transfer  
14 Station. I've had many conversations  
15 with them about this. And one goes into  
16 the typical waste, and then maybe the  
17 other one goes to them to go to the  
18 single street -- single stream plant.

19 So I thought it was terrific. We're  
20 moving forward. And I look forward to  
21 hearing, you know, how -- how it goes. I  
22 would actually like to attend your  
23 presentation to the Special Assessment  
24 District.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I will say

1 from a fairly visual perspective,  
2 actually I think it was the second option  
3 would be the best if just from what  
4 people are used to seeing now. Just from  
5 a visual perspective, that would be my  
6 feedback on the design.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Any other  
8 comments?

9 Well, thank you, girls, for coming  
10 this evening, and I'm sure we'll be  
11 seeing you again soon. Thank you.

12 MS. MEYER: Thank you for having us.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

14 MS. COOK: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you  
16 very much. It was great.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Moving on to  
18 our agenda -- consent agenda. I -- I  
19 move that the city council approve the  
20 consent agenda as included with this  
21 agenda. This a motion. Is there a  
22 second?

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
25 those in favor say aye?

1           IN UNISON: Aye.

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

4           On to the mayor's department. My  
5 first item is an Announcement:  
6 Implementation of Independent Advisory  
7 Committee, New York State Police Reform  
8 and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.  
9 Tonight I will be announcing the  
10 Independent Advisory Committee which will  
11 assist us with the implementation of the  
12 New York State Police Reform and  
13 Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

14           On March 31st, 2021, the council  
15 adopted a resolution in compliance with  
16 Executive Order 203. The work of this  
17 advisory committee is the next step. The  
18 committee has a dual role. Members will  
19 research and analyze how a citizens  
20 review board will be implemented in  
21 Saratoga Springs, and then provide the  
22 council with their findings for  
23 deliberation and decision this year.

24           The second item is members will  
25 advise the police chiefs and the

1 Commissioner of Public Safety in  
2 implementing the recommendations adopted  
3 in the resolution.

4 The Advisory Committee will report  
5 the progress of their work to the council  
6 and the public at the first regular  
7 council meeting each month. The members  
8 of the advisory committee are: Charles  
9 "Chuck" Caputo. Chuck has -- has worked  
10 most of his career in human service field  
11 in senior management for a large complex  
12 organization, and also worked with U.S.  
13 and Canadian public and private  
14 organizations to establish and be best  
15 practice operating standards in their  
16 organizations.

17 Chuck spent two years working with  
18 the military in a similar training and  
19 consulting role.

20 He helped redesign the health care  
21 delivery in Nassau and Eastern Queens to  
22 create a new health and wellness  
23 opportunity for Medicaid beneficiaries.  
24 In addition, he was the executive  
25 director of a children's day treatment

1 program in Queens, New York for several  
2 years at Lifeline Center for Child  
3 Development.

4 Chuck has volunteered with several  
5 community groups and has lent a hand to  
6 help plan fundraisers, implement new  
7 programs, establish systems, write  
8 policies, and complete strategic plans.  
9 He has been on the board of Saratoga  
10 Pride for the last two years. Most  
11 recently he has served on the Saratoga  
12 Police Reform and Reinvention Task Force  
13 to help the city comply with Executive  
14 Order 203.

15 My second choice of -- my second  
16 appointment to this committee is Kimberly  
17 A. Galvin. Kim is a lifelong resident of  
18 Saratoga Springs. She graduated from  
19 Saratoga High School and from Union  
20 College and Vermont Law School. As a  
21 lawyer, all but one of the thirty years  
22 has been in public service.

23 She has been the assistant public  
24 defender in Albany County, the chief  
25 assistant district attorney in Rensselaer

1 County, the assistant attorney general in  
2 the criminal division, and the chief of  
3 staff in the legislature to the Assembly  
4 Minority. Kim currently serves as  
5 counsel to the New York State Board of  
6 Elections.

7 She has served as Commissioner of  
8 Public Financing Statewide Task Force in  
9 2019, and on the Civil Service Commission  
10 and the Police Reform Task Force in  
11 Saratoga Springs.

12 My third appointment and my final  
13 appointment is Jason Golub. Jason is VP  
14 and Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
15 Officer for Walker & Dunlop. Prior to  
16 joining Walker & Dunlop, Jason was a  
17 senior leader at GE where he was chief  
18 compliant officer and ran global and  
19 legal corruption investigations for the  
20 power business.

21 He was a security enforcement lawyer  
22 for a number of years before that,  
23 focusing on security fraud and insider  
24 trading investigations.

25 Jason served as a cochair of the



1 Police Reform and Reimagination Task  
2 Force for Saratoga Springs. He holds a  
3 bachelor of arts from Connecticut College  
4 and a JD from the -- from Columbia  
5 University School of Law.

6 The work of this committee is  
7 important to the community. And the city  
8 council appreciates the dedication and  
9 generous commitment of time from each of  
10 these members of the advisory committee.

11 My second item is Discussion and  
12 Vote: Authorization to Submit New York  
13 State CDBG-CV Application to Support the  
14 Second Round of the COVID-19 Small  
15 Business Grants.

16 In the winter of 2020 to 2021, the  
17 Community Development Department utilized  
18 a portion of the City CDBG-CV entitlement  
19 allocation to the fund -- Small Business  
20 Grant Program. Though the program proved  
21 successful, it -- the evident needed  
22 to -- it was evident it needed additional  
23 grant based assistance amongst small  
24 business owners persisted.

25 The Community Development Department

1 proposes to seek additional funding  
2 through New York State CDBG-CV funding to  
3 support an additional round of this  
4 program to preserve jobs held by persons  
5 of low income which would otherwise be  
6 lost to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

7 Relief to small businesses through  
8 the provision of fourteen grants of  
9 15,000 dollars in working capital will  
10 facilitate this job retention. The total  
11 grant request is 250,000 and no match is  
12 required.

13 I move that the city council  
14 authorize the submission of the New York  
15 State CDBG-CV application to support a  
16 second round of COVID-19 small business  
17 grants. This is a motion. Is there a  
18 second?

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 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 third item is a Proclamation:

1           Saratoga Pride Month 2021.

2                       With that, I hereby proclaim whereas  
3           the City of Saratoga Springs is well  
4           known and enjoyed for many reasons, in  
5           recent times, our citizens have added to  
6           our good representation by providing a  
7           supportive and understanding community  
8           for many diverse groups. Although it is  
9           not part of our -- our city's motto,  
10          health, history, and horses, a fourth H,  
11          human rights, is extremely important to  
12          us.

13                      Whereas Saratoga Pride is a local  
14          group of LGBTQ-plus citizens, there are  
15          families, allies, and supporters who work  
16          to increase their visibility and safety  
17          as members of our community. They  
18          conduct events, provide resources,  
19          information, education, and advocacy, and  
20          maintain a positive image and a positive  
21          outlook.

22                      Now, therefore, I, Mayor Meg Kelly,  
23          Saratoga Springs, am pleased to recognize  
24          the work of Saratoga Pride and extend  
25          them my very best wishes for a happy and

1           successful Saratoga Pride month.

2                   I hereby proclaim the month of June  
3 as Saratoga Pride Month.

4                   My next item is an Announcement:  
5 Mayor's Food Drive.

6                   My office will be conducting a food  
7 drive in partnership with the SPA Program  
8 to benefit the SNACpack Program. SPA is  
9 a Saratoga Pathways Academy of Saratoga  
10 Springs High School. Students enrolled  
11 in this program have worked with local  
12 businesses on authentic real world --  
13 real world problems and continue to  
14 expand these community relationships.

15                   The SNACpack Program provides  
16 backpacks full of food directly to  
17 children at the school.

18                   The snack -- the -- the SNACpack  
19 Food Drive will be held at the Rec Center  
20 on Monday, June 7th from 3 to 6:30 p.m.,  
21 and on Tuesday, June 8th, from 9 to noon.  
22 Food drop off boxes have been placed at  
23 various locations at different schools in  
24 the city. And that concludes my agenda.

25                   On to Accounts. Commissioner

1 Franck.

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,  
3 Mayor. The first item is an Award of  
4 Bid: Bid Extension of Polyaluminum  
5 Chloride to Holland Company, Inc.

6 Upon the recommendation of the  
7 Department of Public Works, I move to  
8 extend the award of bid for polyaluminum  
9 chloride to Holland Company, Inc. for an  
10 additional year under the same terms,  
11 conditions, and prices as set in Bid  
12 2019-24. And that's a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 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: Thank you,  
21 Mayor. The second Award of Bid -- item  
22 is Award of Bid: Copper Sulfate to Amrex  
23 Chemical Company, Inc.

24 Upon the request of the Department  
25 of Public Works, I move to award the bid

1 for copper sulphate to Amrex Chemical  
2 Company, Inc. for a total not to exceed  
3 6,900 dollars. And that's a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

11 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,  
12 Mayor. The third item is Award of Bid:  
13 Emergency Medical Supplies to Bound Tree  
14 Medical, Henry Schein, Inc., McKesson  
15 Medical Surgical Government Solutions,  
16 LLC, and Life-Assist, Inc.

17 Upon the recommendation of the  
18 Department of Public Safety, I move to  
19 award the bid for emergency medical  
20 supplies to Bound Tree Medical, Henry  
21 Schein, Inc., McKesson Medical Surgical  
22 Government Solutions, LLC, and Life-  
23 Assist, Inc. for various products and  
24 prices as quoted in Bid 2021-04. And  
25 that's a motion.

1           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

2           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 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 FRANCK: Thank you,  
9 Mayor. The fourth item is Discussion and  
10 Vote: Rescind the Health and Safety  
11 Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

12           Employees and visitors who are fully  
13 vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer  
14 required to wear a facial covering or  
15 socially distance. Anyone who is not  
16 fully vaccinated must continue to adhere  
17 to previous mask and distance  
18 requirements.

19           Additionally, city departments are  
20 no longer required to manually check  
21 temperatures. It is the responsibility  
22 of the employees and the visitors of city  
23 buildings to follow this new guidance.  
24 Anyone who does not wear a face covering  
25 affirms they have been fully vaccinated.

1           Employees and visitors may choose to  
2           continue wearing a mask regardless of  
3           vaccination status, including those who  
4           are public facing, who are immune  
5           compromised, or those who are  
6           uncomfortable around unmasked  
7           individuals.

8           The City of Saratoga Springs reminds  
9           anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of  
10          COVID-19 or is feeling unwell should stay  
11          home, get tested, and seek appropriate  
12          medical treatment.

13          The City's efforts to combat COVID-  
14          19 have been done in conjunction with the  
15          cooperation of our city staff and unions.  
16          We ask that you continue to do your part  
17          to mitigate the spread of this virus.

18          Therefore, pursuant to the changing  
19          mandates of New York State Department of  
20          Health, the CDC, and the recommendation  
21          of the Safety Committee, I move to  
22          rescind the City September 10th, 2020  
23          Health and Safety Policy during the  
24          COVID-19 pandemic and mask mandate. And  
25          that's a motion.



1           MAYOR KELLY: 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           COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,  
9 Mayor. The fifth item is Award of Bid:  
10 Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades  
11 to -- for Electrical Construction to  
12 Stilsing Electric, Inc.

13           Upon the recommendation of the  
14 Department of Public Works, I move to  
15 award the bid for sanitary wastewater  
16 pump station upgrades for electrical  
17 construction to Stilsing Electric, Inc.  
18 in the amount not to exceed 80,300  
19 dollars. And that's a motion.

20           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 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 FRANCK: Thank you,  
3 Mayor. Item Number 6 is Award of Bid:  
4 Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades  
5 - General Construction to GF -- I'm  
6 sorry, CFI Contracting, Inc.

7 Upon the recommendation of the  
8 Department of Public Works, I move to  
9 award the bid for sanitary wastewater  
10 pump station upgrades to general  
11 construction to CFI Contracting, Inc. in  
12 an amount not to exceed 956,200 dollars.  
13 And that's a motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,  
22 Mayor. 7, and the last item for this  
23 evening on my agenda, would be Award of  
24 Bid: Tree Inventory and Forest Management  
25 Plan to PlanIT Geo, LLC.

1           Upon the recommendation of the  
2           Department of Public Works, I move to  
3           award the bid for tree inventory and  
4           forest management plan to PlanIT Geo,  
5           LLC, not to exceed the amount stated in  
6           Bid 2021-06. And that's a motion.

7           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

8           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

9           MAYOR KELLY: Any 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. That concludes my agenda.

16          MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
17          Commissioner.

18          We're on to finance. Commissioner  
19          Madigan.

20          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,  
21          Mayor. The first item on my agenda is an  
22          update on city finances.

23          This is our ongoing report on city  
24          revenues, expenses, cash flow, as well as  
25          the status of federal and state funding.

1           And based on involving information as  
2           well as our carefully considered and  
3           well-coordinated budget actions, the  
4           future is looking more financially stable  
5           and healthy.

6           The 2021 budget was designed to be  
7           amended as the pandemic economy evolved  
8           when and if the City's revenue and cash  
9           flow is able to support the changes. So  
10          I have been meeting and have met with  
11          most departments to discuss those  
12          amendments. And each department --  
13          actually, I guess, I -- we've met with  
14          everybody, you know, whether it was at  
15          Zoom or one on one. And so we have been  
16          discussing with each department, you  
17          know, what they would like us to try to  
18          be able to do as we're going forward with  
19          the rest of the year.

20          Priorities were stated, you know,  
21          somewhat from the beginning. First and  
22          foremost, I wanted to be able to address  
23          employee wages. And we had a meeting to  
24          discuss that this morning. And it is my  
25          intention to make our employees whole in

1 terms of 2021 wages effective -- it's all  
2 our intention based on our meeting,  
3 effective August 1 of 2021. And to let  
4 City employees and the public know that  
5 we -- we will be effectively coming out  
6 of our hiring pause a little bit early.

7 I had asked for the pause through  
8 June 15th, but we have timing issues,  
9 especially with police and fire in terms  
10 of getting candidates ready for their  
11 various police and fire academies. So  
12 coming out of this, you know, a little  
13 bit early, but I had enough time to do  
14 some level of analysis, so that was very  
15 helpful.

16 And we've also received some other  
17 good news, which I'll discuss as I, you  
18 know, move forward on this agenda item.

19 So next -- so that -- that basically  
20 means rehiring. This isn't about new  
21 hires, but you know, we've been putting  
22 off replacements for people who have  
23 retired or maybe we had the census for  
24 certain employees but we haven't -- we  
25 don't have full funding for certain

1 employees to replace them. And we're not  
2 going to be able to do all of them but  
3 we're going to try to do what we can do  
4 to get through the rest of the year.

5 The next priority that I wanted to  
6 address was essential services that may  
7 be suffering due to reduced pandemic  
8 budget. To date we have compiled about  
9 2.3 to 2.5 million dollars in expense  
10 budget increases. About half of this  
11 would be the reinstatement of the 2021  
12 employee contracts. Some of these  
13 requests, again, may -- may move to  
14 consideration in the 2022 budget.

15 Regardless, we're doing our best to  
16 meet employee department and city needs  
17 all in compliance with the Office of the  
18 State Comptroller, state and federal  
19 advice regarding how to best manage the  
20 budget, and how to best expend the  
21 federal funds, and how to best come out  
22 of this pandemic economy in a financially  
23 healthy and strong way.

24 We have had several revenue updates  
25 based on recent disbursement, as well as

1 year to date amounts received. These  
2 actually total about 2.4 million dollars,  
3 and I'm not going to go into the details  
4 on every one of them that it -- it  
5 includes. But sales tax will be revised  
6 by about 2 million dollars. You know, we  
7 budgeted 1.16 NVLT. We're getting 2.3  
8 million.

9 Mortgage tax is very strong.  
10 Planning Board fees will be going up.  
11 Building depart -- building permit fees  
12 are going up. You know, the one -- the  
13 one that we sort of had a real decrease  
14 on really was federal aid. We budgeted 5  
15 million and we're going to get 3.9  
16 million. But looking at other revenues,  
17 you know, the budget's looking healthy,  
18 as is our cash flow outlook in the here  
19 and now.

20 So on May 27th, the City did receive  
21 a reimbursement of 1 million -- 1.67  
22 million in a long awaited cash  
23 disbursement for the Geyser Road Trail.  
24 We put the money out, and then we wait to  
25 get reimbursed. And so that

1 reimbursement has come, and that  
2 absolutely helps with cash flow.

3 This added to the recent  
4 disbursements of VLT aid, the fair -- the  
5 American Rescue Act Fund, made it much  
6 more likely that we may be able to clear  
7 the books on at least one of the two  
8 short-term loans that we took last year  
9 to cover payroll and other expenses when  
10 annual revenue stalled. And since June  
11 is a month in which the City makes a much  
12 greater than usual number of  
13 disbursements, including remittance to  
14 the county and school tax amounts that  
15 the City's collected, it's good timing.  
16 And this is also when we make a big  
17 payment on debt service.

18 So thanks to good cooperation from  
19 each of the departments, working with the  
20 Finance Department, our improved  
21 financial situation allows us some  
22 options and a positive outlook as we  
23 consider the rest of 2021 and consider  
24 these budget amendments and prepare for  
25 the 2022 budget season. Thank you.



1           My remaining items are Budget  
2           Transfers and Amendments. The second  
3           one, my item is Discussion and Vote:  
4           Budget Transfers - Payroll.

5           Lines 1 through 4, transfer to 207A  
6           and 207C budgets for active but disabled  
7           firefighters and police officer wages  
8           from firefighter and police officer  
9           regular wages in the amount of \$6,640.12  
10          for firefighters, and \$9,501.72 for  
11          police officers. I move that the city  
12          council approve the budget transfers -  
13          payroll as included with the agenda.  
14          This is a motion.

15                 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16                 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17                 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

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

20                 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

23                 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

24                 Item number 3 is a Discussion and Vote:  
25                 Budget Amendments - Payroll.

1           Lines 1 through 3 amend the budget  
2           to include reimbursements received from  
3           the Capital District Drug Enforcement  
4           Task Force covering overtime and Social  
5           Security. I move that the City Council  
6           approve budget amendments - payroll as  
7           included with the agenda. This is a  
8           motion.

9           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
12          those in favor say aye.

13          IN UNISON: Aye.

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

16          COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Item number 4  
17          is a Discussion and Vote: Budget  
18          Amendments - Capital for Project 1141.

19                 This will also be on Commissioner  
20          Scirocco's agenda and was the subject of  
21          a public hearing this evening. Lines 1  
22          through 4 amend the budget to include  
23          reimbursements received for repairs to  
24          City Hall. These will be used to  
25          complete various City Hall building

1 projects associated with the post-fire  
2 renovation of City Hall. I move that the  
3 city council approve the budget  
4 amendments - Capital Project 1141 as  
5 included with the agenda. This is a  
6 motion and it does require a four-fifths  
7 approval and a roll call vote. But we do  
8 need a second. So this is a motion.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Roll call, please.

12 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
13 Franck.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

15 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
16 Madigan.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

18 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
19 Scirocco.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

21 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner  
22 Dalton.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

24 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Aye. The matter

1 passes.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

3 Item number 5 is a Discussion and Vote:  
4 Budget Transfers - Contingency.

5 Lines 1 through 4, transfer to the  
6 IT Department to cover an encoder that  
7 will enhance City Hall's security, and  
8 transfer to risk and safety for security  
9 improvements to the 5 Lake Avenue  
10 entrance. Each in the amounts of 16,414  
11 dollars and \$11,980.13 respectively. The  
12 total transfer is \$28,394.13.

13 Prior to the transfer, this  
14 expenditure appropriation for contingency  
15 held \$220,045.83. Subsequent to these  
16 transfers, there will remain \$191,651.70.  
17 I move that the city council approve the  
18 budget transfers contingency as included  
19 with the agenda. This is a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

3           COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.  
4 And that concludes my agenda.

5           MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner.

7           On to Public Works, Commissioner  
8 Scirocco.

9           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Thank you,  
10 Mayor. First item on my agenda is  
11 Discussion and Vote. This is Approval  
12 for the Capital Budget Amendment for City  
13 Buildings.

14           On this capital budget amendment, as  
15 remaining insurance funds and funds that  
16 were not encumbered into city buildings  
17 capital account for Project number 1141,  
18 City Hall, and will be transferred into  
19 budget line H3031492-5200-1141. The  
20 total amount of the budget amendment is  
21 \$135,329.30.

22           Therefore, I move for approval -- or  
23 I move to approve the capital budget  
24 amendment for city buildings in the  
25 amount of \$135,329.30. And I put that in

1 the form of a motion.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

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

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The next  
10 item is Discussion and Vote:  
11 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
12 Contract with Amrex Chemical Company for  
13 Water Treatment Plant Chemicals. That's  
14 for Copper Sulfate.

15 Again, the next four items on my  
16 agenda are for the Water Treatment Plant  
17 chemicals. The original bid proposal was  
18 April 28th, 2021 is extended to June 1st,  
19 2022.

20 Amrex will be supplying the City  
21 with copper sulfate in the amount of -- I  
22 don't have the amount. It's not on here.  
23 Unit bid price for proposal.

24 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
25 sign an agreement with Amrex Chemical

1 Company for copper sulfate chemicals for  
2 the Water Treatment Plant. And I put  
3 that in the form of a motion.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

6 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: We had 6,900  
8 on our -- on the award of bid.

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Is it 60 --  
10 yes. I think you're right. Yes.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
12 Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: 6,900,  
14 that's correct.

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yep.

16 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say  
17 aye.

18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second item  
22 on my agenda is the Authorization for the  
23 Mayor to Sign a Contract with Amrex  
24 Chemical Company for Water Treatment  
25 Plant Chemicals - Hydrofluorosilicic and

1 Sodium Silico. The original bid proposal  
2 was May 18th, 2019. Has been extended to  
3 June 1st, 2022. Amrex will supply the  
4 City with hydrofluorosilicic acid and  
5 fluoride power in the amount not to  
6 exceed the bid price for proposal.

7 Therefore I move for the mayor to  
8 sign an agreement with Amrex Chemical  
9 Company for hydrofluorosilicic acid and  
10 sodium silicofluoride chemicals for Water  
11 Treatment Plant. And I put that in the  
12 form of a motion.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 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 SCIROCCO: Next item on  
21 my agenda, Discussion and Vote:  
22 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
23 Contract with Surpass Chemical Company,  
24 Incorporated, for Water Treatment Plant  
25 Chemicals.



1           And again, the original bid proposal  
2           was May 17th, 2019, as it extended to  
3           June 1st, 2022.

4           Surpass Chemicals will supply the  
5           City with sodium hypochlorite for the  
6           Water Treatment Plant in the amount of  
7           the unit bid price per proposal.

8           Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
9           sign a contract with Surpass Chemical  
10          Company, Inc. for the sodium hypochlorite  
11          chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant.  
12          Put that in the form of a motion.

13          MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

14          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 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 SCIROCCO: Next item on  
21          my agenda, Discussion and Vote:  
22          Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
23          Contract with Holland Company,  
24          Incorporated, for Water Treatment Plant  
25          Chemicals.

1           The original bid proposal was May  
2           19th, 2019, and it extended to June 1st,  
3           2022. Holland Company supplies us with  
4           our polyaluminum chloride in the amount  
5           of the unit bid price per proposal.

6           Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
7           sign an agreement with Holland Company  
8           for polyaluminum chloride chemicals for  
9           the Water Treatment Plant. Put that in  
10          the form of a motion.

11          MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

12          COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 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          COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on  
19          my agenda, Discussion and Vote:  
20          Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
21          Contract with Kubricky Construction  
22          Corporation of Equipment Rental for  
23          CHIPS.

24          This contract is to cover payment  
25          services -- payment services for work

1 being performed with funds received from  
2 CHIPS.

3 Kubricky has equipment for paving  
4 that does -- that the City does not own,  
5 and this is an item historically bid out  
6 by Saratoga County. We are able to  
7 piggyback off of their bid but are  
8 required to bring forward a contract  
9 specifically between the City of Saratoga  
10 Springs and Kubricky.

11 Totally -- total spent in 2020 was  
12 approximately 87,000 dollars, and all  
13 expenses were paid for using the CHIPS  
14 funding.

15 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
16 sign to a contract with Kubricky  
17 Construction Corporation for equipment  
18 rental for CHIPS. And I put that in the  
19 form of a motion.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: 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: Next item on  
3 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
4 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
5 contract with PlanIT Geo for Phase I  
6 Street Inventory and Management Plan.

7 The City of Saratoga Springs  
8 received a grant as a part of the DEC's  
9 Urban and Community Forest Program, which  
10 works to increase public awareness of the  
11 importance of trees amongst communities  
12 developed, and implement comprehensive  
13 tree management plans to create healthy  
14 forests while enhancing the quality of  
15 life for residents.

16 The City of Saratoga Springs has  
17 selected PlanIT Geo to complete Phase I  
18 of the street inventory and forest  
19 management plan in the City of Saratoga  
20 Springs, New York. The certified  
21 arborist chosen for the project is  
22 required to have an internal --  
23 International society of Arboriculture  
24 (ISA) confection certification.

25 Task 1 is a GIS based street

1 inventory will be performed to collect  
2 tree data and various sites attributes.  
3 The certified arborist will complete a  
4 tree inventory that will include all  
5 street trees on public property within  
6 the Phase I project and within the city  
7 right -- city right-of-way, approximately  
8 ninety miles of city right-of-way.

9 Task 2 is create and complete a  
10 forestry management plan for the City of  
11 Saratoga Springs, New York for approval  
12 and adoption by the City of Saratoga  
13 Springs City Council.

14 The certified arborist will work in  
15 partnership with the City of Saratoga  
16 Springs to collect, analyze, and use data  
17 to adopt a completed forest management  
18 plan after fully understanding the  
19 findings of the tree inventory.

20 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
21 sign a contract with PlanIT Geo for Phase  
22 I Street Tree Inventory Management Plan.  
23 And I put that in the form of a motion.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?  
25 Second. Any discussion? All those in

1 favor say aye.

2 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

5 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on  
6 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
7 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an  
8 Agreement with CFI Contracting,  
9 Incorporated, for Sanitary Wastewater  
10 Pump Station Upgrades - General  
11 Construction Contract in the amount of  
12 956,200 dollars.

13 In 2014, CT Mill Engineering  
14 evaluated seven pump stations for  
15 upgrades to their aging infrastructure.  
16 The current upgrades include Excelsior  
17 Springs Pump Station, Quad 2 Pump  
18 Station, and a Hathorn North Pump  
19 Station.

20 Excelsior Springs Pump Station at  
21 the intersection of Excelsior Springs  
22 Avenue and Victoria Lane. Access to the  
23 pump station was in the middle of the  
24 roadway, and the valve pit is only  
25 accessible from the pump station wet

1 well. Vehicles must drive over the wet  
2 well hatch, and it is very noisy and not  
3 designed for traffic loading.

4           Additionally, electric and control  
5 systems are located in a below grade  
6 structure with insufficient access and  
7 ventilation. The proposed upgrade will  
8 consist of a newly constructed precast  
9 concrete pump station and valve pit to be  
10 located outside of the roadway while  
11 reusing the existing pump station as a  
12 manhole to collect wastewater. The  
13 existing pump control, kiosk, and control  
14 panel will be demolished and removed  
15 while a new kiosk with -- with a concrete  
16 slab and pump control panel will be  
17 constructed.

18           Quad 2 is located at the  
19 intersection of Duplainville Road and  
20 Cady Hill Boulevard within the Saratoga  
21 County right-of-way. The existing pump  
22 rails have been damaged, and control  
23 valves can only be accessed from within  
24 the pump station wet well.

25           The upgrade will need a newly

1           constructed precast concrete pump station  
2           and valve pit while removing and -- and  
3           demolishing the existing pump station.  
4           The existing pump control kiosk and  
5           control panel will be demolished and --  
6           and removed while a new kiosk with a  
7           concrete slab and pump control panel will  
8           be constructed. We are also adding a new  
9           emergency generator to this station.

10                   Hathorn North is located at the  
11           intersection of Hathorn Boulevard and  
12           Tamarack Trail. The upgrade will need a  
13           new pump package assembly with pumps,  
14           rails, hatch, and controls off the road,  
15           while reusing the existing pump station  
16           structure. The existing pump control  
17           kiosk and control panel will be  
18           demolished and removed while a new kiosk  
19           with a concrete slab and pump control  
20           panel will be constructed.

21                   Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
22           sign an agreement with CFI Contracting,  
23           Inc., for sanitary wastewater pump  
24           station upgrades - general construction  
25           contract in the amount of 956,200



1           dollars. And I put that in the form of a  
2           motion.

3                   MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

4                   COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

5                   MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
6           those in favor say aye.

7                   IN UNISON: Aye.

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

10                   COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on  
11           my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
12           Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an  
13           Agreement with Stilsing Electric, Inc.  
14           for the Sanitary Wastewater Pump Station  
15           Upgrades - Electrical Contract in the  
16           amount of 80,300 dollars.

17                   Stilsing Electric is a low bidder  
18           for the electrical contract work. All  
19           three pump stations will now have new  
20           electrical supplies and new energy  
21           efficient high performance equipment.  
22           The controls will now be accessible  
23           outside the wet wells to meet the  
24           requirements of the National Electrical  
25           Code and 10 State Standard.

1 All equipment enclosures will have  
2 NEMA 3R weatherproof ratings. Alarms  
3 will be used to notify DPW personnel via  
4 telephone dialers twenty-four hours a  
5 day.

6 Stilsing will also provide the  
7 electrical hookup for the new emergency  
8 generator at Quad -- at the Quad 2  
9 Station.

10 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
11 sign an agreement with Stilsing Electric,  
12 Inc. for sanitary wastewater pump station  
13 upgrades, an electrical contract in the  
14 amount of 80,300 dollars. And I put that  
15 in the form of a motion.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

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

20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on  
24 my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
25 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign an

1 Application for the High Hazard  
2 Mitigation Rehabilitation Grant. DPW is  
3 requesting the mayor's signature to apply  
4 to the High Hazard Mitigation  
5 Rehabilitation Grant for the Loughberry  
6 Lake Dam embankment stabilization and  
7 spillway project.

8 The New York State Department of  
9 Environmental Conservation High Hazard  
10 Dam Rehabilitation Grant program  
11 provides assistance for technical,  
12 planning, design, and other  
13 preconstruction activities associated  
14 with rehabilitation of an ineligible high  
15 hazard potential dam.

16 The City's engineering department is  
17 requesting 100,000 in state funding, and  
18 will be showing a 245,000 dollar match.  
19 The City match has already been extended  
20 through in kind services. And with this  
21 grant application is not incurring any  
22 new expenses.

23 Therefore, I move for the mayor to  
24 sign an application for High Hazard  
25 Mitigation Rehabilitation Grant, and I

1 put that in the form of a motion.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

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

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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

9 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The last  
10 item on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
11 Authorization for the Mayor to Accept a  
12 Donation from Colonel George L. Willard  
13 Camp Number 154, Sons of the Union  
14 Veterans of the Civil War in the Amount  
15 of \$9,823.46.

16 The City of Saratoga Springs will be  
17 accepting a donation of \$9,823.46 from  
18 the Colonel George Willard Camp Number  
19 154, Sons of the Union Veterans of the  
20 Civil War. On Thursday, July 16th, 2020,  
21 vandals destroyed the historic 77  
22 Infantry Regiment monument that resides  
23 in Congress Park. This donation will be  
24 used for assistance with landscaping, a  
25 plaque and other upgrades of the Civil

1 War monument in Congress Park.

2 The Sons of the Union Veterans of  
3 Civil War was established by the Grand  
4 Army of Republic to perpetuate in memory  
5 of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, Marines,  
6 and Revenue Cutter Service Veterans of  
7 the Civil War. It is a national  
8 organization composed of direct male  
9 descendants of those who served.

10 Although males who are not descendants  
11 may also join as associate members. We  
12 work closely with our allied orders that  
13 include the Daughters of Union Veterans  
14 of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand  
15 Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief  
16 Corporation, and the Auxiliary to the  
17 Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil  
18 War.

19 The Sons of the Union Veterans of  
20 the Civil War is dedicated to preserving  
21 the history and legacy of veterans heroes  
22 who fought and worked to save the Union  
23 in the American Civil War. Part of that  
24 mission involves protecting, recording,  
25 and saving our nation's endangered

1           memorials raise in monuments. Memorial  
2           Day with its origins rooted in the Civil  
3           War. It is the principle day for the  
4           SUVCW to honor fallen Union veterans and  
5           veterans of all U.S. conflicts.

6                     And again, I want to -- I want to  
7           personally thank the Colonel George  
8           Willard Camp Number 154, Sons of the  
9           Union Veterans of the Civil War for their  
10          generous donation and their continued  
11          efforts on helping preserve our history.

12                    Therefore, I'd move for the mayor to  
13          accept the donation from the Colonel  
14          George L. Willard Camp Number 154, Sons  
15          of the Union Veterans of the Civil War in  
16          the amount of \$9,823.46. And I put that  
17          in the form of a motion.

18                    MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

19                    COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

20                    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

21                    MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion? All  
22          those in favor --

23                    COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: It's very  
24          generous.

25                    COMMISSIONER DALTON: Yeah, that is

1           incredibly generous.

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: And I  
8           believe that concludes my agenda.

9           MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
10          Commissioner.

11          On to Public Safety. Commissioner  
12          Dalton.

13          COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,  
14          Mayor. The first item on my agenda is to  
15          Set a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter  
16          225, Sections 225-87 of the City Code  
17          entitled Vehicle & Traffic, Schedule XXII  
18          Time Limit Parking.

19          This is to make the west side of  
20          High Rock Avenue two hour parking, which  
21          is what is on the east side of High Rock  
22          Avenue and keep them both consistent.

23          MAYOR KELLY: Is that a next  
24          meeting, five minutes?

25          COMMISSIONER DALTON: That would be

1 great.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Okay, thank you.

3 Lisa Ribis, do you have that?

4 SECRETARY RIBIS: We've got it.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

7 The second item on my agenda is  
8 Discussion and Vote: Authorization for  
9 the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with MVP  
10 Health Plan.

11 This agreement allows MVP to pay our  
12 fire department for the telemedicine  
13 services that they provide. If there are  
14 any additional insurance companies that  
15 want our department to provide these  
16 services, we will have an agreement with  
17 each one.

18 I make a motion for the -- for  
19 the -- I make a motion to authorize the  
20 mayor to sign an agreement with MVP  
21 Health Plan. This is a motion.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

24 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: 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 DALTON: Thank you.  
6 The third item on my agenda is Discussion  
7 and Vote: Authorization for the Mayor to  
8 Sign a Contract with Bound Tree. This is  
9 a contract for medical supplies for the  
10 fire department.

11           I make a motion to authorize the  
12 mayor to sign a contract with Bound Tree  
13 Medical. This is a motion.

14           MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15           COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

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

18           IN UNISON: Aye.

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

21           COMMISSIONER DALTON: The fourth  
22 item on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
23 Authorization for the Mayor to sign a  
24 Contract with Henry Schein.

25           This is a contract for emergency

1 medical supplies for the fire department.

2 I make a motion for the mayor -- to  
3 authorize the mayor to sign a contract  
4 with Henry Schein. This is a motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

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

10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed?

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The la --  
13 sorry.

14 MAYOR KELLY: The matter passes.

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: The last item  
16 on my agenda is Discussion and Vote:  
17 Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a  
18 Contract with Life-Assist.

19 This is also a contract for  
20 emergency medical supplies for the fire  
21 department.

22 I make a motion to authorize the  
23 mayor to sign a contract with Life-  
24 Assist.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: 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 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.  
9 That concludes my agenda.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,  
11 Commissioner.

12 On to Supervisors. Supervisor  
13 Veitch, do you have anything tonight?

14 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Mayor, I have  
15 nothing at this time. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

17 Supervisor Gaston, do you have  
18 anything this evening?

19 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Yes.

20 MR. DELEONARDIS: There you go.

21 SUPERVISOR GASTON: We're good now,  
22 okay.

23 Do you mind if I add a quick  
24 announcement to my agenda?

25 MAYOR KELLY: Go ahead. Go ahead.

1           SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay. Sorry, I  
2           can't hear you. I just wanted to let  
3           everyone know that Saratoga Springs is  
4           going to be hosting a vaccination pod.  
5           The County Health Department, we had  
6           hoped to do it in Congress Park and work  
7           with the City on that, but that is not an  
8           option. However, we are going to be  
9           holding one in Downtown Broadway either  
10          the 15th or the 17th. We're waiting for  
11          the final dates on that. And that will  
12          be a walk-in vaccination clinic.

13                 And I just want to thank all of our  
14          local businesses, the City Center, Ben &  
15          Jerry's, Fingerpaint. All of them are  
16          donating supplies and assistance to this.  
17          So I just wanted to thank them.

18                 As soon as we have the date final, I  
19          will make sure to let you know so that it  
20          can be posted hopefully on the City  
21          website, as it will also be on the County  
22          website as well.

23                 MAYOR KELLY: Great.

24                 SUPERVISOR GASTON: And that's all I  
25          had. Thank you.

1                   MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

2                   Any other business from the Council?

3 Thank you all. We are adjourned.

4                   (Meeting adjourned.)

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