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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

June 6, 2022

Held at
474 BROADWAY
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

PRESENT:

- RON KIM, Mayor
- DILLON MORAN, Commissioner of
Accounts
- ANGELA RELLA, Deputy Mayor
- JASON GOLUB, Commissioner of Public
Works
- MINITA SANGHVI, Commissioner of
Finance
- JASON TETU, Deputy Commissioner of
Public Safety

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2 MAYOR KIM: I'll call --

3 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Yeah, I got
4 it.5 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thanks. I'll
6 call the meeting order -- to order at
7 9:09. We're being taped and
8 livestreamed. And Angela why don't you
9 take the -- okay.10 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Sure.
11 Commissioner Moran, do you wanna do roll
12 call?13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Sure. Mayor
14 Kim.

15 MAYOR KIM: Here.

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
17 Golub.

18 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Here.

19 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
20 Sanghvi.

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I'm here.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Commissioner
23 Moran is here, and I don't see any other
24 supervisors. So I think that's

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everybody. Commissioner Montagnino is -
2 - is not present.

3 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Okay. Great.
5 Thank you. Mayor, let me know if you
6 wanna take over, but I'll just start.

7 MAYOR KIM: I've got it now. So
8 we've got several public hearings to
9 start out with that are -- begin at
10 6:45. We have one for the amendment to
11 the capital budget for the Skate Park,
12 then an amendment to Chapter 136, the
13 temporary outdoor seating area permits.
14 Then an amendment to 199A, Special
15 Events. Then four UDO -- I'm sorry,
16 three UDO amendments, two, for land use
17 criteria, three, for enhancing stream
18 and wetland protections and four, the
19 amendment to the land disturbance
20 activity permit. And then finally we
21 also have the Amendment 1. So those are
22 the public hearings. Excuse me. Then
23 we'll move on to public comment as
24 usual. Then we have presentation on the
25 Skate Park project that John Hirliman

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will be giving us. The next is a
2 presentation also by John Hirliman on
3 the Veterans Memorial Park Playground
4 present proposal. The third
5 presentation is from SLPID, the Saratoga
6 Lake Protection Improvement District.
7 And then finally there is a
8 presentation, I believe Tina Carton's
9 gonna be doing this with NYPA on the LED
10 Streetlight Conversion Project and
11 Missing Sidewalk Links.

12 We move on after that to the
13 consent agenda. And any questions or
14 comments about the consent agenda?
15 Hearing none, we'll move on to the
16 Mayor's Department. Excuse me. An
17 announcement that we've been voted best
18 city in the capital district. Another
19 announcement of the work that Angela
20 Rella and Christy Spadaro have done on
21 the Employee Parking and City Center
22 Garage, agreement with the City Center.
23 Third announcement is on Paul Tonko's --
24 Congressman Paul Tonko's support of the
25 RISE project and -- and home -- home

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2 based project. And we'll talk a little
3 bit about that. The fourth is there is
4 gonna be this week, a June 8th Public
5 Forum on strategies and responses to
6 homelessness. And then there is an
7 announcement of an appointment to
8 Saratoga Springs Arts Commission. That
9 is to reappoint our chair, Sue Kessler.
10 The sixth announcement is an appointment
11 to the Zoning Board of Appeals. We're
12 adding a member, Brendan Daley. The
13 seventh announcement is the -- we're
14 gonna change the pre-agenda and City
15 Council meetings timing because it looks
16 like we're gonna be going to live
17 meetings.

18 And so we'll probably push this
19 later, happy to hear from people as to
20 their thoughts of the best timing for
21 the pre-agenda. We're gonna set a
22 public hearing on Section 103A of the
23 Open Meetings Law. Our ninth, is to
24 discuss the capital program and budget
25 amendment for the Skate Park renovation
 there earlier, as I said, John Hirliman

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will be doing a presentation on that.

Ten, is a discussion and vote to appoint
a chair to the Ethics Board. And as you
know, Brendan Chudy is what -- has -- is
leaving and we're replacing him. This
11th item it's a discussion and vote
appointment to the Ethics Board and that
is Bob Bissonette. And I'm sorry, I --
I didn't mention, and the chair to the
Ethics Board is -- is gonna -- we're --
we're appointing our -- a staff person,
it's Sue Barden. Our 12th item is
authorization to sign baseball camp co-
sponsor agreement with the Saratoga
American Legion. These are all Rec
Department issues coming up now.

Discussion and vote authorization for
mayor to sign the tennis co-sponsor
agreement with the Saratoga Regional Y
and the 14th is -- item is authorization
to sign agreement with Saratoga tents
and events for camp Saradac.

The 15th item is an authorization
for the mayor to sign a contract with
Camiro for the UDO amend

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implementation. Just for the City
2 Council's edification on this. When the
3 UDO was passed, there always was
4 recognition that we had to do training
5 both for the staff to implement this and
6 also for, you know, to help -- so that
7 they could in turn help people to --
8 that -- that obviously will be using it.
9 That's what Camiros would be doing. And
10 we're -- we're asking the City Council
11 approval for that. The 16th item is an
12 authorization for the mayor to sign a
13 contract to SLPID. On this, we normally
14 do -- donate -- support the efforts to
15 SLPID and --and that's what this
16 contract does for the city. The 17th
17 item is the mayor to sign engineering
18 plans for the missing sidewalk links,
19 which again was a presentation that
20 we'll have earlier for the city. The
21 18th item is also construction
22 management plan for the same project.
23 And the 19th item is the -- the
24 clearance certificate. So those just
25 move those -- that project forward. The

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20th item is a discussion vote. It's a
2 resolution on the risk and safety
3 position and moving that to city
4 attorney's office. And that concludes
5 this mayor's agenda. I don't know if
6 there are any questions or comments on
7 any of those. Hearing -- hearing none,
8 we can move on the Council Department
9 and Commissioner Moran. You still
10 Dillion have to turn on.

11 COMMISSINER MORAN: Sorry, Mr.
12 Mayor. I'm on -- I've got an
13 assessments class I'm in, so this
14 meeting's about juggling devices. First
15 thing I'm gonna ask for is an executive
16 session as it relates to your Item
17 Number 20, if that's still on the
18 agenda. We have yet to have a
19 conversation about what this means, how
20 it would take place. Further assurance
21 is mentioned as being the purview of the
22 Accounts Department. And so I don't
23 know how a resolution's going to change
24 that aspect of the responsibilities of
25 the Accounts Department and the

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Commissioner of Accounts. Further, if
2 there's a -- if there's a transfer of a
3 person and that's what the
4 conversation's about -- there's a --
5 there's a civil service process to -- to
6 -- to go through to do that, so I think
7 this resolution is completely
8 inappropriate. The lack of conversation
9 around the issue is really disturbing
10 from a standpoint of a collaboration
11 standpoint and I think this is a type of
12 conversation that really warrants face
13 to face discussion about what we're
14 trying to accomplish, so that we can do
15 that as a team. So that being said, any
16 comments about that? Is there a problem
17 with me having a --

18 MAYOR KIM: Well, I think like
19 anything we would have a vote on whether
20 or not it's appropriate to go to
21 executive session.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I thought it'd
23 be -- I thought --

24 MAYOR KIM: If you're making a
25 motion -- if you're making motion to do

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that, then we would have, you know, a
2 discussion and vote on that.

3 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay. I
4 appreciate that.

5 MAYOR KIM: I'm -- I'm not sure
6 there are grounds to do that. I think
7 that this -- this discussion can be done
8 in the public and -- and, you know, we
9 are a public body and should make sure
10 that voters and support -- Saratogans
11 are informed. So I -- I certainly think
12 we could have a discussion. I'm not
13 sure it should be an executive session.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Well, I
15 believe anyone on the City Council has
16 the right to call for an executive
17 session and if there needs to be a vote,
18 that's fine. I'm okay with --

19 MAYOR KIM: No. I'm saying that.
20 I'm saying has to be a vote.

21 COMMISSINER GOLUB: No. That's
22 fine. If we have an executive session,
23 I would like to understand the
24 ramifications of the Civil Service Law
25 as they relate to what's being discussed

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and voted on. The last thing I want to
2 do, Mayor Kim, is vote on something and
3 then realize that we ran afoul of the
4 Civil Service Law.

5 MAYOR KIM: And --

6 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: So for me, at
7 least that would be a critical component
8 of, you know, can we do this? Should we
9 do this? And doing it in -- in -- in a
10 way that makes sense.

11 MAYOR KIM: Absolutely Commissioner
12 and -- and I'm not -- I'm pretty sure
13 this is not a Civil Service Commission
14 position. So I'm not sure what role the
15 Civil Service Commission has in -- in --
16 in this, but certainly we -- we'll have
17 a discussion. But as I said, I'm not
18 sure that discussion should be behind
19 closed doors. I think it -- I think it
20 should be, you know, basically in front
21 of the public.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'd like a
23 motion to add an executive session to
24 discuss this.

25 MAYOR KIM: I think you can -- you

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1 can add right now without any vote. I -

2 - I think you - correct, Angela?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Yes. We can
4 issue a -- a revised agenda as we
5 normally do on -- on Monday afternoon.

6 MAYOR KIM: And then there'll be a
7 vote as to whether or not we go into
8 executive session, or we just talk about
9 this in the public.

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay.
11 Whatever the right way to handle that
12 is. I appreciate that Mr. Mayor and --
13 and Deputy Mayor.

14 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: And Angela, we
15 -- we -- we can talk offline or online,
16 just, you know, if there are legal
17 issues that we need to evaluate. Who is
18 the Department (unintelligible)--

19 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Yeah. I think
20 that's probably the role the City
21 Attorney. But I'm happy to weigh in on
22 it.

23 MAYOR KIM: And -- and this issue
24 came up when we were redefining the role
25 of the city attorney was Civil Service

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2 sort of jumped in and said, hey, we have
3 to be a part of this. And then when I
4 went back to them and said, well, it is
5 not a Civil Service position,
6 immediately, they sort of backed away
7 and said, yeah, you're right. So I -- I
8 --

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN: For instance,
9 safety director took a civil service
10 exam.

11 MAYOR KIM: Okay. So that --
12 that's -- well actually Commissioner
13 Moran, that's what we should talk, and
14 we should talk about that in the public.
15 I'm not sure we do that behind closed
16 doors.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Again, I'm
18 just looking to -- to have a
19 conversation so that --

20 MAYOR KIM: Great.

21 COMMISSIONER MORAN: -- we so --

22 MAYOR KIM: Great. I love to have
23 that conversation and fully disclose why
24 we think this is so important to do. So
25 that -- that's great. Looking forward

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to it.

CITY ATTORNEY IZZO: If -- if I --
if -- if I may very briefly. I -- I'm
not gonna comment on the civil service
aspects of this. I'm not sure how they
apply, how they've gone. I'll have to
research that. But if you do go on
executive session, please keep in mind
there -- there's a list of topics for
which a body can go into executive
session. It has to -- you have to state
the item from that list. There is -- I
believe there's an item from the list
that fits the circumstance you're
discussing, but that should be in the --
in the notice and also in your motion
when you make it.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Oh, okay.
Thank you, sir. I appreciate that. So,
that be -- if -- if we're -- if
everyone's had their piece on this just
real briefly, we're gonna give you an
update on Grievance Day. We have an
announcement on new voting -- early
voting location in the city. We are

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bringing forward discussion and vote to
2 approve the resolution for a fee on
3 limited sidewalk seating area. We did -
4 - we conducted a survey throughout the
5 community or throughout the areas
6 affected by outdoor dining and we have
7 some dimensional parameters that I think
8 will better inform everybody and I think
9 will go to the -- the question that was
10 raised last time. Next one is
11 discussion and vote, Chapter 136. This
12 is related to allowing temporary outdoor
13 seating in -- in private lands adjacent
14 directly to the establishment. The next
15 one is amending 199A, special events.
16 That's essentially offering, or rather
17 creating the ability to provide that
18 single point invoice at the -- at the
19 time of the permit issuance. We have a
20 discussion and vote to authorize, to
21 reimburse employees for conference. And
22 then just again, a brief update. And at
23 this point in time, it's really about
24 encouraging people to get vaccinated and
25 boosted for COVID. So that's everything

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on my agenda. Thank you.

2 MAYOR KIM: Thank you,
3 Commissioner. Next is Commissioner
4 Sanghvi with the Finance Department.

5 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Hello Mayor
6 and all the Commissioners.

7 MAYOR KIM: Good morning.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: We just have
9 a couple of things. We have the
10 announcement for Pride Month which is
11 what I did last time too or just letting
12 people know what's happening. Update on
13 participatory budgeting and update on
14 city finances. The fourth item is a
15 discussion and vote on city fees. DPW
16 has a correction that requires an update
17 and finance has improved the format to
18 make it easier for users to find the
19 city fees of interest. The fifth item
20 is a discussion and vote for the
21 resolution for the use of the Recreation
22 Trust Skate Park ramps. This was also
23 on the mayor's agenda. So it's part of
24 the, you know, finance needs to fund it
25 and all. This -- sixth item, discussion

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and vote for the debt service amendment
2 for the Skate Park rank -- Skate Part --
3 Skate Park ramps. The seventh item is a
4 discussion and vote on capital budget
5 amendment for Skate Park ramps. And
6 then we have discussion and vote for
7 budget transfers for payroll and
8 discussion and vote for budget transfers
9 for city center contingency. That's
10 basically it.

11 MAYOR KIM: Commissioner, were you
12 gonna also in -- in one of these items,
13 talk about your meeting with the
14 attorney general and -- and her housing
15 suggestions.

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yes. I can
17 -- you know what, I can add that as a
18 separate agenda.

19 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Great. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So --

21 MAYOR KIM: I think that would be
22 great for the public too.

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Can -- can
24 we add an item Angela here to just say
25 an announcement update from the meeting

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with Saratoga County organizations for
2 homelessness and affordable housing and
3 with Attorney General Letitia James.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR RELLA: Of course,
5 yes. I'll work with your staff to do
6 that. Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you so
8 much.

9 MAYOR: KIM: If that's all for you,
10 Commissioner. Next is Commissioner
11 Golub with the Public Works agenda.

12 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Thank you,
13 mayor. Sorry. We have an echo here.
14 We're gonna get rid of that. All right.
15 I think we should be good now. The
16 first item on my agenda is discussion
17 and vote, authorization for mayor to
18 sign contract with Resurfix for the
19 zamboni ice resurfacer service. This is
20 a battery replacement and services. In
21 brief, the equipment there is nearly ten
22 years old and has needed regular
23 maintenance performed mostly in house by
24 our recreation staff. Resurfix is a
25 Zamboni factory authorized servicer.

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1 One of our machines is out of service
2 because of an expired battery which was
3 really the impetus for kind of
4 holistically addressing the zamboni
5 issues. Number two, on my agenda item
6 is discussion and vote, authorization
7 for mayor to sign change order number
8 three, with Jersen Construction for
9 general -- general construction on the
10 water intake improvement project. This
11 is the -- the raw water intake project.
12 It's a time extension only until July
13 31st. Number three on my agenda
14 discussion and vote, authorization for
15 mayor to sign Addendum Number 2 with CT
16 Male, for professional hydrogeological
17 and construction services for Geyser
18 Crest Well Number 2 -- sorry. Sorry,
19 Well 7, I said, Well 2, it's Phase 2.
20 Number four, discussion and vote,
21 approval to adopt Department of Public
22 Works contractual template for the
23 Waterfront Park rental agreement. We
24 have apparently not had a template for
25 renting Waterfront Park before, and we

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2 are now getting requests to do so and so
3 we wanna make sure we have a consistent
4 template. In terms of announcements,
5 number five is an announcement regarding
6 Sifi Project update. I know we've
7 gotten a lot of requests from the public
8 around where we are with Sifi. What
9 happened with the original test and --
10 and what's the path forward. So this
11 will not be a comprehensive update. On
12 the second meeting of June, we will have
13 Sifi come and present and give us a
14 comprehensive update of where we are.
15 How the first test went and the path
16 forward? And so this will -- this will
17 just be a -- a -- a brief where we are
18 today update followed by the more
19 comprehensive update in the following
20 meeting. I'd like to add three
21 additional items to the agenda.
22 Discussion and vote, authorization for
23 the mayor to sign change order number
24 two, with Brunswick -- Brunswick
25 Electric for electrical construction
 services on the water intake improvement

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project. This is a time extension only
2 'til July 31st. Number seven is
3 discussion and vote, authorization for
4 mayor to sign a contract with ChemRite
5 for water treatment plant chemicals.
6 This is for fluoride, our yearly
7 chemicals for the water treatment plant.
8 And then the last item on my agenda is
9 an announcement regarding construction
10 of a park to commence next to the city
11 center garage.

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: One add to --
13 to just -- to support Commissioner
14 Golub's agenda item on ChemRite. This
15 came up late Friday where we needed to -
16 - to work on some contractual things
17 with Department of Public Works, so
18 we'll be adding the award of that bid to
19 our agenda. Thank you, Deputy Connors
20 for reminding me.

21 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: Thank you,
22 Commissioner.

23 MAYOR KIM: Anything else,
24 Commissioner?

25 COMMISSIONER GOLUB: No. Thank

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you, Mayor.

2 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Next we
3 move on to the Public Safety agenda.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TETU: Thank
5 you, Mayor. We'll have three items to
6 add to the agenda and apologize for the
7 delay on getting those in there on
8 Friday. The first is a discussion and
9 vote for the mayor to sign a memorandum
10 of agreement with the Saratoga PBA for
11 lateral transfers. That is a basically
12 a talent management initiative to make
13 our police department more appealing to
14 other officers that are within New York
15 State. We want a lateral transfer in,
16 bring their training and experience from
17 other parts of New York into Saratoga
18 Springs. The details of that since you
19 don't have it in front of you is a one
20 to one service equivalent. So for every
21 year of service they have at another
22 agency, they will get credible service
23 with the City of Saratoga Springs.
24 There will also be a 15-year cap or --
25 excuse me, threshold that they have to

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2 meet in order to receive the healthcare
3 benefit that goes along with the -- the
4 other -- the other employees who start
5 here and finish here. It's a two-page
6 document. It's -- there's not a lot to
7 that.

8 The second is a discussion and vote
9 on the authorization to -- for the mayor
10 to sign a contract with Greenman-
11 Pedersen Incorporated and that is for
12 intelligent transportation system
13 evaluation. You'll have a copy of that.
14 The funds comes from the capital budget.
15 The amount that's being asked for is a
16 \$120,000. And again, that's already
17 been -- it's coming from capital budget.
18 The intelligence transportation system
19 is an initiative that comes all the way
20 from the -- the US Department of
21 Transportation. They have a whole
22 strategic plan and basically it's --
23 it's smart streets if you will and it
24 involves really safety infrastructure
25 and innovation in traffic management.
 And the ultimate goal is to save lives,

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1 improve access mobility, and increase
2 economic productivity within the -- the
3 network of roadways that we have in the
4 city. Let me see. The third item is a
5 discussion and vote for the council to -
6 - for the mayor to sign or council to
7 approve change orders numbers one
8 through five to CHA Consulting for Fire
9 Station 3 Capital Projects. If you'd
10 like me to go through each change orders
11 now, I can, otherwise you'll receive a
12 copy of it. You already have a copy of
13 it in the agenda. And then there is one
14 add request for Commissioner Moran
15 regarding Greenman-Pedersen on my Item
16 Number 2. We've sent a memo,
17 Commissioner, to you that I signed on
18 Friday, that's requesting the award of
19 bid for RFP 2022-05 for the intelligent
20 transportation system engineering to
21 Greenman-Pedersen. So we request that
22 if you could put that -- add that to
23 your agenda, we would appreciate that.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Absolutely. No
25 problem.

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1 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER TETU: Thank
2 you, Commissioner. And that is all I
3 have, and mayor, since you'll be reading
4 these, I'll make sure that I package up
5 a summary for you to read at tonight --
6 at tomorrow night's council meeting.

7 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anything
8 else on the Public Safety? Anything
9 else on -- anything relating to the
10 agenda? Any questions, comments?
11 Seeing none, we're adjourned. It's
12 9:33. Thank you all for getting on.
13 Thanks.

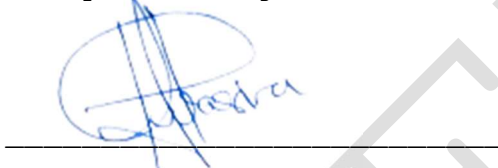
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