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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.

2           Ten, is a discussion and vote to appoint  
3           a chair to the Ethics Board. And as you  
4           know, Brendan Chudy is what -- has -- is  
5           leaving and we're replacing him. This  
6           11th item it's a discussion and vote  
7           appointment to the Ethics Board and that  
8           is Bob Bissonette. And I'm sorry, I --  
9           I didn't mention, and the chair to the  
10          Ethics Board is -- is gonna -- we're --  
11          we're appointing our -- a staff person,  
12          it's Sue Barden. Our 12th item is  
13          authorization to sign baseball camp co-  
14          sponsor agreement with the Saratoga  
15          American Legion. These are all Rec  
16          Department issues coming up now.  
17          Discussion and vote authorization for  
18          mayor to sign the tennis co-sponsor  
19          agreement with the Saratoga Regional Y  
20          and the 14th is -- item is authorization  
21          to sign agreement with Saratoga tents  
22          and events for camp Saradac.

23                 The 15th item is an authorization  
24                 for the mayor to sign a contract with  
25                 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.

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

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Oh, okay.  
19 Thank you, sir. I appreciate that. So,  
20 that be -- if -- if we're -- if  
21 everyone's had their piece on this just  
22 real briefly, we're gonna give you an  
23 update on Grievance Day. We have an  
24 announcement on new voting -- early  
25 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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1 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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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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