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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2022

Held at

474 BROADWAY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK 12866

PRESENT:

RON KIM, Mayor

DILLON MORAN, Commissioner of

Accounts (via Zoom)

JAMES MONTAGNINO, Commissioner of

Public Safety

ANGELA RELLA, Deputy Mayor

MINITA SANGHVI, Commissioner of

Finance

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MAYOR KIM: Alcohol sales. Is there any member of the public that wishes to be heard on amending the city code relating to alcohol sales?

COMMISSIONER MORAN: If I may preface the conversation Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR KIM: Sure.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Great. I appreciate that. Just a couple of comments and -- and I'm going to read through the ordinance as well for everybody's benefit.

But first off notices have been put out as were required by law prior to tonight's meeting. The actual language of the proposal has run in the paper in consecutive days. It is also available and has been available on the public hearing section of the City's website.

The legislation has been written by the City Attorney. The legislation has been available in the Accounts Department for a week and a half. This

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2           act provides for local control over our  
3           outdoor dining program, which continues  
4           to remain in a temporary state.

5                     There are three -- there are three  
6           steps that were required in order to  
7           facilitate this local control.

8                     The first was the extension of the  
9           permissive four outdoor dining, which  
10          was passed about a month ago by the City  
11          Council.

12                    The second is the issuance of the  
13          authority to sell and use alcohol on  
14          these lands that we are now making  
15          available to our local businesses.

16                    The third step in the process is  
17          for them to apply for an amended  
18          license. That process is currently  
19          taking six to nine months, has been for  
20          a while since the advent of COVID.

21                    This is the best approach that we  
22          can take to provide for our local  
23          businesses and us to have control over  
24          the circumstance with which we allow  
25          them to operate.

                    Once it is a permanent process or -

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2           - or we've determined that it should be  
3           a permanent program for the city, this  
4           will be merged with the -- with our  
5           existing sidewalk cafe legislation.  
6           It's important to note that that's been  
7           around for over two decades and has gone  
8           through these steps initially back then.

9           That being said, I'm very sorry if  
10          you're a member of the public and you've  
11          heard misinformation about what the  
12          intent of this act is to do. There are  
13          numerous people both within our  
14          community and outside our community who  
15          seem to have intent to harm the  
16          reputation of our community.

17          To lie about the activities of our  
18          government. And quite frankly, at a  
19          time where we are right now, this  
20          conduct is -- is regretful, to say the  
21          least.

22          Given the multitude of ways with  
23          which you could access this information  
24          in person, online, through local  
25          publications, I can only gather that  
26          you're either lazy or you're a social

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2           deviant whose intent on harming our  
3           community with your lies. And I for one  
4           will not stand for it.

5           That being said, in ordinance to  
6           amend chapter 61 of the code of The City  
7           of Saratoga Springs, New York, entitled  
8           alcoholic beverages. Be it ordained by  
9           the city of city -- be it ordained by  
10          the City Council of the City of Saratoga  
11          Springs, New York as follows.

12          Section 1, chapter 61 of the code  
13          of The City of Saratoga Springs, New  
14          York entitled alcohol -- alcoholic  
15          beverages, is hereby amended to add a  
16          new section 61-1.5 as follows. 61-1.5  
17          exceptions effective through December  
18          31st of 2024.

19          Provisions of this section 61-1  
20          shall not be applicable to public places  
21          in the following circumstances provided  
22          all licensing and regulatory  
23          requirements of the State Liquor  
24          Authority are complied with.

25          A, sale, possession and consumption  
26          of alcoholic beverages at a temporary

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2           outdoor seating area licensed under the  
3           provisions of city code, section 136,  
4           article IVA.

5           B, possession and consumption of  
6           alcoholic beverages by guests invited to  
7           an event at the Canfield Casino in  
8           Congress Park, for which a rental  
9           agreement has been obtained from the  
10          city. This can occur at the War  
11          Memorial or at the Italian Gardens spat  
12          area in Congress Park during the hours  
13          that the rental agreement is in effect.

14          C, sale, possession and consumption  
15          of alcoholic beverages at one or more  
16          approved designated -- excuse me,  
17          designated areas at an event for which a  
18          special permit has been issued under the  
19          provision of chapter 199A of the city's  
20          code. Such areas shall be designated on  
21          a plan, or a map submitted with a  
22          special permit application and shall be  
23          separately approved in writing.

24          One last point, as I did receive  
25          public comment on this. This comes from  
26          Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga

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2           Saratoga Springs County Chamber of Commerce,  
3           cosigned by Ryan McMahon, the Executive  
4           Director of the City Center Authority,  
5           as well as Darryl Leggieri, the CEO of  
6           Discover Saratoga.

7           "I cannot attend tonight. If you'd  
8           like to read these comments into the  
9           report, that is fine with me. The  
10          Chamber continues to appreciate the  
11          direct dialogue from the account's  
12          office with local business leaders and  
13          the collaboration forged so far to  
14          expand outdoor dining and to approve  
15          events, both new and returning ones.

16          We've long sought flexibility in  
17          the law that would allow approved event  
18          organizers to use some appropriate  
19          spaces for alcohol to be served. This  
20          is a common practice for many convention  
21          events and road races and other  
22          communities.

23          I am sure with input from all of  
24          the departments involved in reviewing  
25          these applications, that any issues  
            which may come up with specific

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2 locations, vendors or products can be  
3 rectified before the application is  
4 approved.

5 While I can't comment on the legal  
6 language you provided. We are  
7 definitely supportive of the intent to  
8 help local event organizers and local  
9 businesses by providing them with this  
10 flexibility as a part of their  
11 application with kindness, Todd  
12 Shimkus."

13 With that said, I'd love to hear  
14 from the community. Thank you.

15 MAYOR KIM: Anyone wish to be heard  
16 on the amendment to the city Code  
17 alcohol sales and use?

18 MR. MATHIESEN: Is this on? Yes,  
19 it is. Okay. I'm Chris Mathiesen. I  
20 live at 28 Friar Tuck Way. I'm neither  
21 lazy -- well I was -- I forgot the other  
22 characterization lazy or something -- I  
23 -- sorry. But I'm neither of those.

24 I do think that if you're amending  
25 a city code, it's important to note what  
the city code is that you're amending.



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1 There is no city code titled alcohol  
2 sales and use. So it is hard for people  
3 to understand what this is all about  
4 without being more specific. It would  
5 be very helpful.

6 I don't have any real problem with  
7 the -- with this amendment. I certainly  
8 don't have a problem with expanding the  
9 use of -- of restaurants into the --  
10 into the sidewalks and into the right of  
11 ways, etcetera. I -- I see we -- we're  
12 already doing that over on Violet  
13 Street. I think -- I -- I think that's  
14 fine.

15 I do think that some of the  
16 limitations that are associated with the  
17 sidewalk ordinance, the -- the -- the --  
18 the cafe -- cafe ordinance with  
19 limitations on service after 2:00 a.m.,  
20 would make sense to be incorporated into  
21 the ordinance regarding the expansion of  
22 these restaurant -- these restaurants  
23 for the same purpose into other parts of  
24 -- of -- of the area into the -- the  
25 right of ways and onto the sidewalks.

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1 That would make sense to me. I don't  
2 know why that would be missing.

3 Otherwise, I don't have a lot of  
4 problems with that, but I think the  
5 characterizations are -- are unfair.  
6 And I do think that it is important to  
7 be specific when you're doing -- when  
8 you're amending these codes. Thank you.

9 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Is there  
10 anyone else that wishes to be heard on  
11 amending the city code regarding alcohol  
12 sales and use? Anyone else?

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Mr. Mayor, if  
14 I may just address Mr. Mathiesen.  
15 Chris, you are not out on the internet  
16 spreading misinformation. Those  
17 comments were not intended for you, sir.  
18 And I appreciate your feedback. Thank  
19 you.

20 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else wish to be  
21 heard on amending the city code, alcohol  
22 sales and use? Being none. I'm going  
23 to move to the second public hearing,  
24 which is an amendment to the UDO.

25 Amendment one, it's removing uses

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from -- oh Commissioner Moran this is --  
2 are we keeping this public hearing open?

3 COMMISSIONER MORAN: The alcohol  
4 sales and use?

5 MAYOR KIM: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: We have spoken  
7 about the fact that because the city  
8 lands are -- are a component of the --  
9 the permissive here and certainly the  
10 authorizing language of the temporary  
11 outdoor dining legislation, speaks to  
12 the involvement of the Department of  
13 Public Works.

14 It would be my intent that we leave  
15 this open until next week at -- at which  
16 time hopefully there is a -- an  
17 opportunity to have those conversations  
18 and bring this forward as a unified City  
19 Council.

20 MAYOR KIM: Great. Thank you. So  
21 we will leave the public hearing for  
22 amending the city code, alcohol sales  
23 and use open.

24 And we'll move on to the second  
25 public hearing, which is on UDO

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amendment one, which is an amendment  
2 that would remove uses from the  
3 Greenbelt. I'll just briefly go through  
4 those uses.

5 Amendment one would remove from the  
6 RR District, the country club and  
7 educational facility uses. It would  
8 remove from the Gateway Rural District,  
9 community centers, medical, dental,  
10 office, multifamily residential  
11 structures, townhouses, eating and  
12 drinking establishments with more than  
13 40 seats, educational facilities that  
14 are vocational and hotels with more than  
15 20 occupancies.

16 That is the UDO amendment one. And  
17 if anyone would like to be heard, please  
18 come forward.

19 MR. MATHIESEN: Chris Mathiesen.  
20 28 Friar Tuck Way. My only comment is  
21 that I don't understand why you're  
22 taking out the -- I -- I'm assuming by  
23 country club you're talking about golf  
24 courses. I'm assuming that, and I'm not  
25 sure why you would be taking that out.

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1                   Historically, that's been part of  
2                   the Greenbelt for years, and there are  
3                   two golf courses within the city that  
4                   exist in the Greenbelt. And I don't see  
5                   any -- any negative consequences from  
6                   that. And so I'm not quite sure what  
7                   the rationale was behind -- behind that.  
8                   Otherwise I have no -- no problem with  
9                   that -- that suggestion. Thank you.

10                   MAYOR KIM: Anyone else wish to be  
11                   heard?

12                   MR. JONES: Your Honor, members of  
13                   the City Council, I'm Matt Jones. I'm a  
14                   lawyer. I practice here in Saratoga  
15                   Springs with Jones Steves, and I'm here  
16                   on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce  
17                   tonight. They gave me a short statement  
18                   to cover all four amendments. So in a  
19                   matter of efficiency, I'll -- I'll just  
20                   read this short statement and then I  
21                   have a couple of specific comments with  
22                   regard to the first public hearing.

23                   COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Did you say  
24                   you're representing the Chamber of  
25                   Commerce?

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1 MATT JONES: Chamber of Commerce.

2 Yeah. Saratoga County Chamber of  
3 Commerce. I should hold that a little  
4 closer.

5 A Chamber priority this year is to  
6 work with the City and other partners  
7 both to find suitable properties for  
8 building workforce housing and to expand  
9 public transportation services in the  
10 City.

11 The Chamber wants to help more  
12 people who already work here to live  
13 here as well. The UDO already includes  
14 a myriad of rules and requirements and  
15 regulations that make it very difficult  
16 and expensive to build anywhere -- to  
17 build anything anywhere.

18 Taken together, these amendments  
19 will further erode the flexibility of  
20 property owners and the City to do  
21 things we want, not just the things we  
22 don't want. The more limits we impose,  
23 the more costly projects become, and  
24 that will only make the city less  
25 inclusive.

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1           If you share the chamber's priority  
2           in this area and be very careful when  
3           adding new restrictions, until we see  
4           how the UDO works first as written.

5           With respect Your Honor, to the  
6           amendment number one, which is -- which  
7           is up behind you. I think there is a  
8           second slide that maybe -- the theory  
9           that a picture is worth a thousand  
10          words.

11          So this members of the council is  
12          from the UDO and it -- it depicts the --  
13          the GCR and the light green here up at  
14          the top. And it did work. How about  
15          the top? So the light green along South  
16          Broadway Crescent Avenue is -- is to the  
17          top and down to the State Park lands in  
18          the middle. And then from there on down  
19          is the second part of the GCR. And it  
20          goes essentially from Columbia all the  
21          way to the south. So that's the light  
22          green area. And that's the GCR that's -  
23          - that's referenced in -- in this  
24          proposed amendment.

25          The next slide will show you the

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country overlay. The country overlay by  
2 definition in the -- in the  
3 comprehensive plan consists of those  
4 areas. And they -- they refer to it as  
5 the Greenbelt, the common parlance now,  
6 it's more technically known as the  
7 country overlay area. What you can see  
8 is toward the top up at Crescent Avenue  
9 and down to the former golf driving  
10 range, those areas are a part of the  
11 GCR, but they're not part of the  
12 Greenbelt.

13 So the amendment as its proposed  
14 ought to -- consistent with its intent  
15 as is stated, ought to exclude those  
16 parcels in the white area, Crescent  
17 Avenue and down to the former driving  
18 range. Just as a matter of consistency  
19 with the -- the amendment itself.

20 The parcels below the white -- the  
21 rectangle -- kind of within a rectangle  
22 there, that's the -- the Homewood  
23 Suites, that was built following the  
24 enactment by the City Council in 2014 of  
25 an amendment to the zoning ordinance,



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changing that parcel from OMBD to a  
2 tourist related business district. I  
3 recall Commissioner Mathiesen being on  
4 the council at that time when -- when it  
5 considered it.

6 That change of zoning allowed the  
7 Homewood Suites to construct its hotel.  
8 I don't know the number of -- of rooms,  
9 I should. But I'm -- somewhere between  
10 80 and 100 rooms is -- is my  
11 recollection. So it would fall into  
12 this category of over -- a hotel over 20  
13 rooms. And it would render it after  
14 being in business for seven years to the  
15 status of preexisting nonconforming use.

16 Your Honor, you're familiar with  
17 those, having chaired the zoning board  
18 of appeals. Having run into  
19 circumstances in which a preexisting  
20 nonconforming use comes in because  
21 zoning was changed and -- and seeking  
22 relief. So that -- that parcel as well,  
23 would be significantly affected in a  
24 negative way by this. The remaining  
25 parcels, the one that's kind of L-shaped

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1 there and then the long and thin one,  
2 are undeveloped there.

3 But for those reasons, should you  
4 determine that the amendment has a merit  
5 for -- for review. I -- I -- I would  
6 urge you to call out those issues of  
7 inconsistency with -- with amendment  
8 number one. Thank you, Your Honor.

9 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Any other  
10 public comment on the UDO amendment one  
11 removing uses from the Greenbelt?

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Could I just  
13 ask a question, Mr. Mayor --

14 MAYOR KIM: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: -- of Mr.  
16 Jones. Matt, I -- I -- I was jumbling  
17 and I had to get my iPad set up and I  
18 don't have the greatest resolution on  
19 your image. The GCR, is that the Route  
20 50 or -- or is that Route 9?

21 MR. JONES: Route 9, Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay, great.  
23 Thank you, Sir.

24 MR. JONES: You bet.

25 MAYOR KIM: Is there anyone else

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2           who wishes to be heard on UDO amendment  
3           one, which is to remove uses from the  
4           Greenbelt? Being none. I'll move on to  
5           our next public hearing, which is on UDO  
6           amendment two. These are an amendment  
7           that would subscribe certain land use  
8           board criteria for the Greenbelt. I  
9           will paraphrase sort of the amendment,  
10          but essentially in the Gateway  
11          commercial law, it will impose design  
12          standards for that district that  
13          essentially provide design review board  
14          and the planning board, some standards  
15          when they vary from the design standards  
16          that are -- that are prescribed.

16                 Essentially, they would require the  
17                 -- those boards to find that the uses in  
18                 the structure are unique and preclude  
19                 meeting the rule of design standards of  
20                 the ordinance. Or the lot configuration  
21                 is unique and precludes meeting the rule  
22                 of character of the ordinance. Or see  
23                 there are extraordinary circumstances  
24                 unique to the parcel that demonstrates  
25                 the design standards cannot meet the

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rule of character objectives of the  
2           ordinance.

3           A similar almost identical standard  
4           is proposed as an amendment for suburban  
5           and rural residential districts.  
6           Essentially the -- the purpose of these  
7           is to give the planning board and the --  
8           and the design review board some  
9           standards when they do seek to -- seek  
10          to exempt from the current design  
11          standards that are in those districts.

12          Anyone wish to be heard on  
13          amendment two, the land use board's  
14          criteria for a Greenbelt?

15          If there are -- is no one, I will  
16          move on to the next public hearing,  
17          which is UDO amendment three, this is to  
18          enhance stream in wetland protections.  
19          Again, I'll sort of paraphrase what this  
20          does. It -- there is certain buffers  
21          that are required when any project in --  
22          in -- in our city goes to construction  
23          to -- to -- from perennial streams and  
24          intermittent streams. It's a 100 --  
25          it's a 50-foot buffer. We would

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increase that to a 100 feet buffer.

2 This is essentially both for  
3 perennial streams and also for wetlands  
4 and would essentially increase just the  
5 -- where the -- the allowable buildable  
6 lots. Is there anyone who wishes to be  
7 speak -- speak on UDO amendment three to  
8 enhance stream and wetland protections?

9 Seeing no one. I will move on to  
10 the next public hearing, which is UDO  
11 amendment four, which would amend land  
12 disturbance activity permit. This is an  
13 amendment that would reduce the  
14 possibility that tree cutting on  
15 undeveloped land will be undertaken in a  
16 way that would circumvent the tree  
17 preservation requirements of -- of the  
18 zoning code. Essentially this just  
19 requires a -- a more restrictive permit  
20 for removing trees when there is a  
21 development, a proposed development.

22 Is there anyone that wishes to be  
23 heard on amendment four, amending the  
24 land disturbance activity permit?

25 Seeing none. I will move to our final

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public hearing, which is on the civilian  
2 review board. I don't know -- oh, I'm  
3 sorry for all the -- thank you -- for  
4 all the UDO amendments. We are keeping  
5 them open because we will be -- I -- I  
6 believe referring these to the City and  
7 County Planning Boards.

8 So the next hearing -- public  
9 hearing is on the civilian review board.  
10 I don't know, Commissioner Montagnino,  
11 if you want to say any prefatory words  
12 or just open?

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes.  
14 Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Just a couple of  
15 things. I -- I'd like to note for the  
16 record and for the public that, I've  
17 incorporated some relatively minor  
18 changes to the draft that was published  
19 in the agenda at the last meeting.

20 We had a public hearing at that  
21 time and one of the changes that I  
22 incorporated is based upon a suggestion  
23 made by Dr. Mathiesen. The residency  
24 requirement is proposed to be extended  
25 from six months to one year. The only

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1 other changes involve just adding title  
2 headings, paragraph numbering, section  
3 numbering.

4           There's an additional provision  
5 that if there is a proposal to remove a  
6 member of the CRB, it'll appear as an  
7 agenda item with the alleged cause for  
8 removal prior to the meeting at which  
9 the removal is to be considered. There  
10 are a couple of grammatical changes, but  
11 beyond that, there's nothing of any  
12 substance.

13           MAYOR KIM: I'll ask, is there any  
14 member of the public that wishes --  
15 wishes to be heard regarding the  
16 civilian review board. Please come up,  
17 state your name and --

18           MR. MATHIESEN: Yes. Chris  
19 Mathiesen, 28 Friar Tuck Way. As I've  
20 said before, I don't really think that -  
21 - having become extremely familiar with  
22 how difficult it is for people to become  
23 members of our police department. I  
24 don't really think there's a big problem  
25 with bias or prejudice in that

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1 department. However, I do think -- I  
2 don't think there's thing -- anything  
3 here in this proposal that is -- is  
4 something that the department can't work  
5 with. I don't think it's -- it's  
6 certainly isn't terrible. I think -- I  
7 think it's certainly something that is  
8 workable. It's -- as long as the people  
9 who are appointed to this body are  
10 mature and are fair. I think it can  
11 work fine.

12 I do have a question though. On  
13 paragraph 37/6 section B it says, upon  
14 receiving a complaint from -- from a  
15 resident of the City, do you have to be  
16 a resident of the City to make a  
17 complaint? I -- I'm not -- I wasn't  
18 aware of that being the case, and I'm  
19 not sure why that would be the case, and  
20 maybe there are some answers to that.

21 Otherwise again, going back to the  
22 fact that I don't think there's a really  
23 big reason for this. I don't think it's  
24 going to be an awfully very -- very busy  
25 body. I don't think people who are put



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into this body should expect to see an  
2 awful lot of action. I -- I don't think  
3 it's -- there's nothing terrible here  
4 either. Thank you.

5 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else  
6 wish to be heard regarding the civilian  
7 review board proposal on the agenda this  
8 evening? Any other public comment?  
9 Being none, I will close the public  
10 hearing because we will be voting on  
11 this tonight, and it is -- we can call  
12 our meeting to order. I'd ask Barbara  
13 to take the attendance.

14 MS. BRINDISI: Commissioner Moran?

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Here.

16 MS. BRINDISI: Commissioner  
17 Sanghvi?

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Here.

19 MS. BRINDISI: Mayor Kim?

20 MAYOR KIM: Here.

21 MS. BRINDISI: Commissioner  
22 Montagnino?

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Present.

24 MAYOR KIM: If -- if we could all  
25 rise to salute the flag.

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(Indiscernible)

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2           MAYOR KIM: So I'm going to take  
3 privilege of the chair and move an item  
4 up to -- on the mayor's agenda because  
5 we have this special group here tonight  
6 that I want to recognize. And so I'd  
7 like to go to my agenda item two, and we  
8 can honor our Saratoga High School  
9 gymnastics team. Can you -- can you all  
10 come up and -- can you all just come on  
11 up?

12           So I was contacted by one of your  
13 big boosters who said we have this gem  
14 of a team in -- in Saratoga, and I want  
15 to talk to you a little bit about some  
16 of your accomplishments, which are  
17 really quite amazing.

18           You've won 20 consecutive section 2  
19 championships. This is over 21 years  
20 and the only reason they didn't do 21  
21 was they didn't have a competition one  
22 year for COVID. They've had two coaches  
23 Andrea Snyder-Peterson and Deb Smarro  
24 (phonetic), and I believe they're here  
25 tonight. And if you could just --

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(unintelligible).

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2           And while -- while it's a team  
3 sport, there's some great individual  
4 championships. 13 out of 20 sectional  
5 vault champions are -- have been part of  
6 the team. 16 out of 20 uneven bar  
7 champions. 16 out of 20 beam champions.  
8 16 out of 20 floor champions. And 17  
9 out of 20 double A sectional champions,  
10 which is the last nine champions in a  
11 row, which really is incredible.

12           And then we have six top five state  
13 competition winning finishers and a lot  
14 of these individuals are all scholars  
15 and -- and are recognized also in the  
16 classroom.

17           So I don't know if one of the  
18 coaches could come up and maybe  
19 introduce the -- the -- the people.  
20 There's a mic right there, but we'd love  
21 to know who you are and -- and say  
22 hello.

23           MS. SMARRO: Thank you. Hello all.  
24 I'm coach Deb Smarro. I've been with  
25 the program for 16 years now. And these

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2 are some of our athletes from -- mostly  
3 from this year, and then we have a  
4 couple of alumni hiding in the back.

5 We have Carly Ruschak, we have Ang  
6 Damiano, Charlie Gleeksman, Sydney  
7 Austin. We've got Hannah, we have Lola,  
8 we have Karina, we have Ala, Mia, Tessa,  
9 Alexis, Paige, Katie, Erica, Maddie,  
10 Lily.

11 And in the back we have one of my  
12 former assistant coaches Tiffany Hogben.  
13 She was also an all-around champion for  
14 us. And next to her, we have one of our  
15 famous alumni as well and that's Miss  
16 Emily Fisher.

17 MAYOR KIM: Well, thank you. And I  
18 won't -- I -- I -- you don't need any  
19 good luck because you guys are so great,  
20 but good luck in all -- all of your  
21 future endeavors and thank you for  
22 coming. We really appreciate seeing you  
23 all and being able to recognize the  
24 great success that you've given Saratoga  
25 Springs High School. Thank you.

So we will return to our, the order

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of our agenda. The next item of  
2           business is public comment period. As  
3           we have mentioned previously, our public  
4           comment period is -- got one rule, three  
5           suggestions. You have two minutes to  
6           speak to the City Council. So come up  
7           and -- and give us your name and your  
8           address.

9                     We have three suggestions. First,  
10           remember you're speaking as a part of a  
11           community to a community. You're --  
12           please be kind, no act of kindness is  
13           ever wasted. Be factual and accurate.  
14           Those are our suggestions.

15                     Anyone wish to be heard on --  
16           during the public hearing, please come  
17           up to the mic and identify -- oh, where  
18           is the mic. Oh, is it there? Okay.  
19           Oh, okay. I -- I can't see it, but if  
20           it's there, go ahead. Anyone who wants  
21           to speak step up.

22                     MR. BOYD: Thank you Mayor and  
23           Council members. My name is Gordon  
24           Boyd. I live at 99 State Street. And I  
25           come tonight to inform you about a

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situation where a number of young  
2           parents in the school district have been  
3           receiving unwanted e-mails from an  
4           organization, I believe it's called  
5           Moving Saratoga Forward.

6                   And in discussion with my daughter-  
7           in-law who's one of those individuals  
8           and another mother. We believe that --  
9           and they use e-mails so little, that  
10          they have never given their e-mail  
11          address to anybody outside the family.  
12          And the only time they had to use it was  
13          to sign up for a program at the  
14          Recreation Department of the City.

15                   So I want to read you the two notes  
16          that I have. Neither of these mothers  
17          could be here tonight because of family  
18          illnesses and other extenuating  
19          circumstances.

20                   So from my daughter-in-law, "My  
21          name is Kate Boyd, 72 Kurt Boulevard. A  
22          few weeks ago I began getting  
23          unsolicited e-mails from a group called  
24          Moving Saratoga Forward. The last time  
25          this happened was about two years ago.

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1 This time, the e-mails from this group  
2 seem to be promoting issues regarding  
3 the schools and City Government, and  
4 they contain disturbing content that has  
5 racial overtones. In any case, I find  
6 these messages disturbing and I did  
7 nothing to request them. The only time  
8 I gave my e-mail address to any kind of  
9 contact list was a couple of years ago  
10 when I signed up my son for a program at  
11 the City's Recreation Department.

12 If that's the source of the  
13 messages coming from Moving Saratoga  
14 Forward, then I would hope the City  
15 Council would investigate how that group  
16 was allowed to use a city e-mailed list.  
17 Thank you for your attention to this  
18 issue."

19 Second letter is from Rebecca  
20 Lynch. 24 Outlook Avenue. "To the City  
21 Council. As an active member of the  
22 community. I correspond regularly with  
23 people I know who have a wide variety of  
24 viewpoints. However, I wish to report  
25 that I have received numerous

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2           unsolicited e-mails from a group called  
3           Moving Saratoga Forward. This group has  
4           a right to hold whatever opinions it  
5           wants.

6                         However, I do not believe it has  
7           the right to my e-mail address and  
8           certainly not a right to send me e-mails  
9           that are racist, misogynistic and  
10          obnoxious. I bring this to your  
11          attention because I believe that the  
12          only way Moving Saratoga Forward might  
13          have obtained my e-mail information is  
14          from the City Recreation Department.  
15          When I signed up my child for a  
16          recreation program, I did not think I  
17          was -- my -- I was signing myself up for  
18          unwanted and obnoxious e-mails.

19                         I respectfully request the City  
20          Council investigate how the Receptions  
21          Department -- Department's contact list  
22          came into the hands of Moving Saratoga  
23          Forward. Thank you for your attention  
24          to this matter. Rebecca Lynch, 24  
25          Outlook Avenue."

                          MAYOR KIM: Thank you.



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1 MR. BOYD: I bring this to your  
2 attention. I will e-mail these to the -  
3 -

4 MAYOR KIM: Great.

5 MR. BOYD: -- Finance Commissioner  
6 later. Thank you very much.

7 MAYOR KIM: Thanks.

8 MS. BRINDISI: Thank you.

9 MAYOR KIM: Anyone else wish to be  
10 heard, public hearing?

11 MR. MCTYGUE: Yes. Can you hear  
12 me?

13 MAYOR KIM: Yes.

14 MR. MCTYGUE: Tom McTygue. I think  
15 most of you know who I am. I certainly  
16 don't want to be here tonight, but there  
17 is a reason why I am here.

18 32 years I sat at that table. I  
19 want to congratulate Jason Golub on  
20 being interested in running, and I  
21 understand Mayor you considered to run  
22 for this office for -- for the city and  
23 also Mr. Scirocco who was interested in  
24 running.

25 But my purpose of being here

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2           tonight is the fact that there shouldn't  
3           have been a committee who made a  
4           recommendation to this City Council.  
5           Each one of you members got elected on  
6           your own, you are the individuals  
7           outside of the mayor, because a mayor  
8           knows how things function here.

9           You people should have been talking  
10          to these candidates to know and make the  
11          decision on your own, not a committee  
12          other than John Frank, that really knew  
13          nothing about it to make a  
14          recommendation. And I understand it was  
15          not a unanimous decision. It was a  
16          split decision on who would take that  
17          seat.

18          Now, the reason I'm here, not just  
19          because the fact that it's my brother,  
20          Bill. He was interested in bringing  
21          this along because he could step into  
22          the office, and he could step into  
23          running. Running the office of many  
24          important things that need to be done.  
25          Now, the unfortunate thing with Jason  
            coming up, he has to run for the office,

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1 he has to work for the office, he has a  
2 family, and he has a full-time job. He  
3 cannot possibly get these things done.

4 I would like to see you members  
5 here make your own decision 'cause you  
6 got elected by the people, of what is  
7 important for the City of Saratoga  
8 Springs to get this up and running are  
9 the Public Works Department.

10 You got some serious things that  
11 got to be done. He could step in there  
12 and bring you to the end. And then when  
13 they have the election, the thing that  
14 you got away from -- you got away from  
15 of the democratic chairperson and the  
16 republican chairperson, who's in charge  
17 of the committees. You're putting these  
18 people in their place. Didn't even have  
19 an opportunity to talk to them. To see  
20 who they thought may run.

21 What if all of a sudden Bill  
22 McTygue decides now to run for the  
23 office because of the situation? What  
24 if he decides and he goes before the  
25 democratic committee? And the

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1 democratic committee likes him because  
2 of the knowledge he has for the  
3 department. Jason wouldn't be on the  
4 ballot. Bill McTygue would be. And I'm  
5 going to encourage him. I'm going to  
6 encourage him to run, and I will finance  
7 his campaign. Thank you.

8 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

9 MR. MCTYGUE: And really consider  
10 what you do. You should go on executive  
11 session, and you should talk about this  
12 tonight before you make the decision.  
13 Vote your conscience, vote for Saratoga  
14 Springs.

15 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else  
16 wish to be heard? Step up. Reminder  
17 there is two minutes, and I will  
18 basically give you a signal.

19 MR. REED: The bottom line, I just  
20 want to go back.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

22 MR. REED: Can you hear me -- can  
23 you hear me?

24 MAYOR KIM: Yes.

25 MR. REED: I'm Bob Reed. I live at

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2           36 Allen Drive, here in Saratoga  
3           Springs. What I would like to suggest  
4           if you're not already considering it,  
5           that the City Council and the mayor,  
6           honor those students, those who know me  
7           know that I'm kid orientated 'cause  
8           they're the future. I'd like to see the  
9           City Council and the mayor to give them  
10          a proclamation for this particular  
11          achievement. If you haven't done it  
12          already.

12                   MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

13                   MR. MILLIS: Good evening. I'm  
14                   Robert Millis. I'm a resident of  
15                   Saratoga Springs. I'd like to speak on  
16                   the subject of Caroline Street tonight.  
17                   I implore this council to fix this  
18                   problem that we call Caroline Street.  
19                   Finally fix it.

20                   We know there's a problem. We can  
21                   identify what that problem is. We know  
22                   what the causes of the problem are. And  
23                   we know that there are solutions out  
24                   there. This council has the tools to  
25                   make that happen. There's things they

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can do with city code. There's things  
2 they can do with economic development.  
3 There are tools this council has to fix  
4 it. I -- I call for the end of this  
5 myth that getting the bars to cooperate  
6 with each other, communicate with each  
7 other that they're the solution. I -- I  
8 call for that myth to be put aside and  
9 to end.

10 The problem I think in making this  
11 happen is this council, this city as a  
12 whole have long misidentified what these  
13 problems are. I -- I would say take an  
14 analysis. Take a decision tree  
15 methodology to going through these  
16 things and realize first off that  
17 there's been some things that have  
18 happened in the past of couple days, the  
19 past couple of hours regarding  
20 Gaffney's.

21 I congratulate you for the hardball  
22 tactics you took with the alleged check  
23 bounce. And I know in the past couple  
24 of hours, the SLA has just acted to  
25 suspend their license. I know how that

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works. I've been in those proceedings,  
2 defending a local bar in those. And I  
3 know that they generally require city  
4 input. Assuming that happened, I  
5 congratulate you for getting actively  
6 involved, which has never happened.

7 But again, this is a Caroline  
8 Street problem. It's not a Gaffney's  
9 problem. I think we have to fix the  
10 environment. We have to fix the culture  
11 down there. When we start at that  
12 point, we can make it happen. Thank  
13 you.

14 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else  
15 wish to address the City Council for  
16 public comment?

17 MR. MATHIESEN: Chris Mathiesen, 28  
18 Friar Tuck Way. You're probably tired  
19 of hearing from me. I understand that.  
20 I'm retired now. I have a lot more time  
21 on my hands, but I promise I will not  
22 keep coming back and -- and -- and  
23 torture you with my comments.

24 I do -- I certainly want to  
25 congratulate, I guess Mr. Goldis

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(phonetic) will be taking the chair

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tonight and I certainly want to  
congratulate him for stepping forward.

I did want to mention some things  
on the record for everyone to hear one  
last time regarding some issues that  
have come up over the years and we'll  
talk about Darryl Mount, and we'll talk  
about the police reform task force.

And I took the time -- now I have  
lots of time. I took the time to go  
back and look at some of those -- those  
meetings and -- and saw so many things  
that were being said and just being  
assumed that were not true. And as we  
talk about these new attempts to keep  
the improved relations between the  
police and -- and -- and our citizens.

Sadly, I think that a lot of that  
is based upon a lot of falsehoods. The  
fact of the matter is, there was no  
bias, there was no racism involved in  
what happened on October -- on August  
31st, 2013. That wasn't racism. That  
was abuse. That was a physical abuse,



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basically domestic violence that took  
2 place in the -- in the -- in the  
3 presence of two police officers. That's  
4 what happened. And those two police  
5 officers that attempted to intervene,  
6 didn't matter what the background was of  
7 Mr. Mount. Whether he had ADHD or  
8 whether he had a -- a plate in his neck  
9 or whatever. Their -- their job was to  
10 intervene and not to sit there and say,  
11 well, I wonder if we should intervene.  
12 They did what they were supposed to do.  
13 He didn't take responsibility for what  
14 he was doing. He ran away.

15 And so sadly this person who  
16 demonstrated a great cowardice in the  
17 last minutes of his life or not of his  
18 life, he didn't die for months later,  
19 but became a hero for a large group of  
20 people. This is very sad. There's  
21 misrepresentation here.

22 The police did not murder Darryl  
23 Mount. The -- the incident was very  
24 thoroughly investigated by this  
25 department, very thoroughly

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1 investigated. And -- and Greg Veitch

2 did not lie to Caitlin Morris about  
3 anything. He tried very hard --

4 MAYOR KIM: Your time is up?

5 MR. MATHIESEN: -- to make her  
6 understand something regarding the  
7 description of the investigation that  
8 was taking place. There was no lie.

9 MAYOR KIM: All right. Just finish  
10 up, you're way behind.

11 MR. MATHIESEN: I'm done -- I'm  
12 done.

13 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Thanks.

14 MR. MATHIESEN: I promise, I won't  
15 even be back next week. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KIM: Thanks. Anyone else  
17 wish to be heard at public comment  
18 period? Just a reminder, you have two  
19 minutes, and I will signal you when that  
20 time is up. And I appreciate you wrap  
21 up within five seconds of that. Thanks.

22 MS. DALTON: Hey. Robin Dalton, 78  
23 Caroline Street. Two things. One, I  
24 wanted to follow up on Commissioner  
25 Montagnino's plan that he announced back

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2           in March when he defunded the assistant  
3           police chief line -- budget line and  
4           announced that he was starting a new  
5           phase staffing initiative for the Police  
6           department. I have not heard any follow  
7           up about what that staffing plan is  
8           going to be.

9                         Since then, I have heard  
10           Commissioner Montagnino reference  
11           relocating more of the police  
12           department's budget, but I haven't heard  
13           to where and when. We're coming up on  
14           the summer season and all we've seen is  
15           an exodus of people from the police  
16           department.

17                         And I think there's a great concern  
18           in the community for our safety and  
19           security this summer and how we're going  
20           to manage the increase of our population  
21           from 29,000 to 75,000 people this  
22           summer. Overtime is not going to be the  
23           solution here. There's simply not  
24           enough people.

25                         And I'm waiting on this plan from  
26           Commissioner Montagnino, and I hope he

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2           shares it with us as soon as possible  
3           for all Saratogians to hear and feel  
4           comfortable and confident going into the  
5           summer season.

6                       Secondly, there have been public  
7           hearings scheduled for a civilian review  
8           board for weeks and weeks, months, and  
9           months now. But there has not been a  
10          proposal that's been given out to the  
11          public about the civilian review board  
12          until this meeting. As far as I know.

13                      I saw it attached to the agenda  
14          yesterday, when I saw it on the agenda  
15          yesterday, it was not a discussion and  
16          vote. And now I'm hearing that you're  
17          voting on it tonight. I just don't know  
18          why you wouldn't let the public read  
19          this proposal and actually have an  
20          opportunity to weigh in with feedback.  
21          You gave them an opportunity to weigh in  
22          on it in general.

23                      COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: The --  
24          the proposal -- I'm sorry. The proposal  
25          was on the agenda at the last meeting as  
                well.

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1 MS. DALTON: I did not see the  
2 proposal on the last meeting. If I  
3 missed it, maybe I missed it. What I'm  
4 saying is when I looked at it yesterday,  
5 it was not a discussion and vote. I  
6 thought it was being proposed and  
7 discussed. I did not realize there was  
8 a vote. I think that by and large and  
9 no one in the public or even in the  
10 police department had a chance to read  
11 this proposal.

12 And I just think that why would you  
13 do weeks and weeks and weeks of public  
14 hearings without a proposal. And now  
15 just rush it through tonight as a -- and  
16 vote on it. I just think you should  
17 give the public a chance to weigh in and  
18 be transparent. Thank you.

19 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else  
20 wish to be heard in public comment  
21 period?

22 MR. BREWER: Good evening, Council.  
23 My name is Sam Brewer. I live on Lake  
24 Avenue. I'm a long -- long term  
25 resident of the City, and I think it's

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important to come out in public and be  
2 part of the -- the -- the body of  
3 citizens that impacts the decisions that  
4 are made at the city level.

5 And you know, I also study human  
6 behavior and I'm particularly interested  
7 in --

8 MAYOR KIM: Sir, could you -- could  
9 you hold the microphone closer?

10 MR. BREWER: Sure -- sure. Can you  
11 hear me okay now? Yeah. So risk taking  
12 or risk averse behavior is of interest  
13 to me and I was just reading some news  
14 articles about Bill Gates, talking about  
15 how the -- the -- the respiratory  
16 pandemic is likely to continue and to  
17 intensify and get much worse.

18 And I saw that the CDC or the  
19 States all in unison dropped mask you  
20 know, wearing mask -- wearing mask  
21 guidelines for the citizenry. And all  
22 of a sudden, almost everybody stopped  
23 wearing their mask. And then I -- and  
24 then I -- I hear people talking about  
25 how Caroline Street is a dangerous

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1 place, and we need to close the bars  
2 earlier. Well, we live in a free  
3 country and part of being -- living in a  
4 free country is taking risks.

5 Now, the city should inform people  
6 of risks. The government should inform  
7 people of risks. It should not try to  
8 stop people from taking informed  
9 personal risk. And I -- I -- I want  
10 everybody on the council to understand  
11 that -- that, you know, you need to stop  
12 making laws that inhibit people's  
13 personal freedom from taking risks, and  
14 you need to start informing them of what  
15 the right -- of what the risks are.

16 So it might be a good idea to say,  
17 to quantify with insurance data. What  
18 is the risk of going out to Caroline  
19 Street at 2 O'clock in the morning and  
20 having ten drinks? The last time I was  
21 out there, there was a shooting. So you  
22 know, I'm -- I'm fully informed. I know  
23 what the risks are when I go out in  
24 public.

25 But I think that you need to do a

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better job of informing people what  
2 those risks are and to, you know, stop  
3 putting in prohibitions and trying to  
4 please people's behavior. Thank you.

5 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Anyone else  
6 wish to be heard in public comment  
7 period. Please step up to mic, you have  
8 two minutes. Anyone else? Being nobody  
9 else, we will close our public comment  
10 period.

11 We don't have any presentations.  
12 We do have an executive session  
13 scheduled. So I -- I move that we move  
14 into executive session for a discussion  
15 regarding current litigation in -- in --  
16 and the matter is in acquisition by City  
17 -- by the City for rights in real  
18 property. Do I have a second?

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

21 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 MAYOR KIM: Motion carries.

24 (Indiscernible)

25 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Mr. --



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1 Mr. Mayor, we can -- we can --

2 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- we can  
4 put him on speaker --

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I said aye.  
6 Yeah I said I and I will also be texting  
7 to Deputy Connors my vote to make sure  
8 there's not a gap.

9 (Indiscernible)

10 MAYOR KIM: We're going to call a  
11 meeting order, come back in from  
12 executive session. And I'm proposing a  
13 discussion and vote regarding 255  
14 Excelsior Matter. This is in form of a  
15 motion.

16 The City Council agrees with the  
17 property owners on the price for the  
18 property rights and authorize the city  
19 attorney to work with opposing counsel  
20 to draft and execute appropriate  
21 documents of transfer of those property  
22 rights. Do I have a second?

23 FEMALE SPEAKER 1: Second.

24 MAYOR KIM: Is there any  
25 discussion? And I just want to make

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1 sure. (Indiscernible). Any discussion

2 on the motion? All in favor?

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MAYOR KIM: Opposed?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I.

6 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
7 carries. Okay. So we can move on to  
8 the consent agenda. Is there any -- is  
9 there a motion on this consent agenda?  
10 I'll move that we accept the consent  
11 agenda as listed and described. Is  
12 there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGINO: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

15 MAYOR KIM: Is there any  
16 discussion? All in favor ?

17 ALL: aye.

18 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
19 carries. The first item on the mayor's  
20 agenda -- oh, I'm sorry. We're going to  
21 move up the supervisor's agenda and ask  
22 Tara Gaston. Well, I'm not sure. Is it  
23 Matt or Tara this -- okay. Supervisor  
24 Matt Veitch, would you like to report to  
25 the City Council?

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1 MR. VEITCH: Yes, thank you. Thank  
2 you, Mayor. Sorry. I don't really  
3 sound very good but just -- I'm going to  
4 just do one of my items for tonight.

5 And so the first item on my agenda  
6 is the County work on Crescent Avenue,  
7 which is County Route 22. If you've  
8 noticed out there -- there is some work  
9 going on and they're going to be doing a  
10 pavement overlay on that road, and some  
11 drainage and vegetation maintenance.  
12 The road work will be from the section  
13 from Route 9 to the 987 -- to the I87  
14 interchange on Crescent Avenue.

15 They estimate the completion will  
16 be toward the end of May. So that's --  
17 that's going to be it for my agenda.  
18 I'm going to hold number two, because my  
19 voice is already shot. Thank you,  
20 Mayor.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Supervisor  
22 Veitch. I hope you feel better. Rest  
23 up.

24 MAYOR KIM: And now Tara Gaston --  
25 Supervisor Tara Gaston will make her

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supervisor report.

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MS. GASTON: Hi. Thank you Mayor.  
First item on my agenda is a COVID-19  
update. As we can tell looking in this  
room and who is here and who isn't.  
COVID is still amongst us. Currently  
Saratoga County has a 12.9 percent  
seven-day rolling average positivity.  
This is significantly higher than we  
were.

In addition, the demand continues  
to increase on our hospital and local  
government functions, public health  
services, private physicians, etcetera,  
as well as in our schools. This is  
happening as was indicated earlier at  
the same time that many mandates and  
requirements are being dropped, and that  
many individuals are no longer being  
required to quarantine.

So it is of increased importance  
for you to get your vaccine. Get  
boosted. Get double boosted if you're  
eligible and to get tested if you have  
symptoms or if you are going to be

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2           exposing yourself to someone who may be  
3           at particularly high risk.

4           It's also important to remember  
5           that the variants that are currently  
6           circulating right now have a high rate  
7           of testing negative for several days  
8           before you receive a positive test. So  
9           if you have symptoms of COVID and you  
10          test and you are negative, please do not  
11          assume that you do not have COVID,  
12          continue to test and be careful so that  
13          you don't expose others. And I believe  
14          that there are rapid tests available in  
15          the back of the room for anyone who  
16          would like to take one prior to leaving  
17          as well, please do they're very useful.

18          Second item on my agenda is the  
19          Saratoga County Office for the Aging  
20          senior luncheon. It will be this Friday  
21          at the Saratoga Spring City Center from  
22          11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

23          If you haven't already gotten your  
24          ticket, you can call the office for the  
25          aging and see if there are any left.  
26          It's \$4 a ticket and it's Wizard of Oz

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2 themed. All of the food has very unique  
3 names that I can't remember because it's  
4 like the -- I don't know. The green Oz  
5 -- green beans or something. I'm not  
6 that creative, but it looks delicious  
7 and it's always fun.

8           If you would like a ticket and you  
9 haven't gotten one, you can contact  
10 Darby at 518-884-4100 and that's the  
11 best way to get a hold of your tickets.

12           The last item on my agenda is a  
13 redistricting update. Normally in New  
14 York State, we would have most of our  
15 primaries in June and the general  
16 election in November. This is also the  
17 first year that Saratoga County is  
18 required to have an early voting site in  
19 the City of Saratoga Springs.

20           However, because of redistricting  
21 things have gotten a little wonky and at  
22 this time congressional and State Senate  
23 Primaries, are currently scheduled for  
24 August 23rd. Local Judicial and State  
25 Assembly Primaries are currently  
scheduled for June 28th.

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1           The August 23rd date was as a  
2           result of a court order and the State is  
3           considering combining the two sets of  
4           primaries, obviously doing ten days of  
5           early voting prior to each primary and  
6           having a primary in June, a primary in  
7           August and then general in November  
8           would be a significant burden on our  
9           boards of elections.

10           So that is a possibility that The  
11           State is considering, but it hasn't been  
12           done as of yet. And that's of a  
13           particular concern to the County because  
14           our board of education -- sorry, board  
15           of elections will have significant cost  
16           doubling essentially if they're having  
17           to perform primaries in both June and  
18           August.

19           Because those dates are still in  
20           flux and changing, please pay attention  
21           to the board of election, make sure that  
22           you're reaching out. Pay attention to  
23           the city and the County websites to make  
24           sure that you access your absentee  
25           ballots and make your vote heard on the

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1 appropriate day.

2 Are there any questions from the  
3 council? Okay. That concludes my  
4 agenda. Thank you.

5 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Supervisor  
6 Gaston. I'll now move to the mayor's  
7 agenda. The first item on my agenda is  
8 discussion and vote to appoint a  
9 Commissioner of Public Works. After the  
10 untimely death of Commissioner Scirocco,  
11 the City Council was charged under  
12 chartered section 2.4, with the  
13 responsibility of appointing a new  
14 Commissioner of Public Works.

15 Rather than simply meeting in  
16 executive session and appointing a  
17 successor as previous councils have  
18 done. The City Council implemented a  
19 plan that was transparent and  
20 accountable to the public.

21 To that -- to that end at the last  
22 City Council meeting, we adopted a  
23 resolution creating a five-member search  
24 committee for the purpose of  
25 interviewing candidates and evaluating



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anyone interested in becoming the next  
2 Commissioner of Public Works.

3 The City Council jointly named  
4 former Commissioner of Accounts John  
5 Frank as the chair, and the following  
6 members were named by each commissioner.  
7 Accounts Commissioner named Kristen  
8 Dart, the Finance Commissioner named  
9 Barb Thomas (phonetic), the Public  
10 Safety Commissioner named Timothy Holmes  
11 (phonetic), and I named Alexis Brown.

12 The search committee met last  
13 Friday in a publicly noticed and  
14 livestream meeting in City Council  
15 Chambers to interview the candidates who  
16 included Bill McTygue, Jason Golub, and  
17 Anthony Scirocco.

18 Last Saturday, they met to discuss  
19 the interviews and then filed a report  
20 with the mayor's office containing the  
21 recommendations. The mayor's office  
22 distributed this report to the  
23 candidates and the press on Sunday night  
24 and Monday morning.

25 And also I -- I want to take a

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1 moment to thank those committee members  
2 that did this work. They had a very  
3 short time to organize themselves and  
4 basically they met Friday night into,  
5 you know, until about nine -- nine or  
6 so. And then they got up the next  
7 morning, then they came back in to  
8 deliberate and discuss.

9 They were -- they demonstrate why  
10 this community is so strong because they  
11 dropped everything. They -- they --  
12 they were asked by their commissioners  
13 and City Council members to -- to step  
14 up and do this analysis, and none of  
15 them -- none of them hesitated a moment.  
16 And they put their full energies into  
17 it.

18 The -- the Monday morning, two of  
19 them met me at my door that morning to -  
20 - they had some other things they wanted  
21 to discuss. I -- I spoke to the chair  
22 that morning.

23 To me that says so much about our  
24 community. That these people were so  
25 willing to just drop everything and do

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1 this work. And I want to thank them.

2 And I -- and -- and I know that I speak  
3 on behalf of the rest of the City  
4 Council in thanking their efforts to  
5 evaluate these candidates.

6 And they basically came up with  
7 their own rules and they came up with a  
8 process that was fair and transparent  
9 that gave each of the candidate's time  
10 to answer the questions and -- and then  
11 deliberate on them. And I cannot thank  
12 them enough.

13 So now we continue that process of  
14 transparency. We're not going in the  
15 executive session, what we're going to  
16 do right now. You're going to see us  
17 deliberate about this. I'm going to now  
18 ask each City Council member, who has  
19 reviewed the -- both the assessment of  
20 the search committee's report and also  
21 watched the interviews. I know we all  
22 watched them.

23 I'm going to ask each of them to  
24 give their opinions, and where they --  
25 where -- who they believe should --

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should be the next Commissioner of  
2 Public Works. I'm going to call upon  
3 first the Accounts Commissioner Dillon  
4 Moran. And I -- there's usually a 60  
5 second so he may be a second, Dillon.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you. Mr.  
7 -- thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I too  
8 reflect your -- your gratefulness for  
9 the service of the members of the  
10 committee. Again, our community is full  
11 of tremendous people, and I appreciate  
12 all their efforts.

13 I myself did have the opportunity  
14 and made the time to speak with each of  
15 the candidates. And that's not to say I  
16 -- I did that in deference to the mayor.  
17 I did that and had started having those  
18 conversations before the -- the full  
19 concept of the -- the committee had been  
20 formulated and that I had met with one,  
21 I should meet with all.

22 I also -- from a professional  
23 standpoint, have a lot of understanding  
24 of the issues of the Department of  
25 Public Works. And so in my

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1 conversations, I felt everyone was  
2 incredibly engaging and had their heart  
3 and mind in the right place. I even met  
4 with Mr. Bullock, who has since pulled  
5 back his candidacy.

6 I just have a few comments. First  
7 and foremost, Anthony junior. My heart  
8 goes out to you. We've known each other  
9 for a very long time. And had I been in  
10 your position, I -- I don't know that I  
11 could have acquitted myself as well as  
12 you did on Friday evening. And your  
13 father has every reason to be proud.

14 To Bill McTygue, your family has  
15 been in service to this community for  
16 decades upon decades and -- and your  
17 qualifications are -- are -- are not  
18 under question at all. Your -- your  
19 acumen, your willingness to -- to again,  
20 step forward for your community is  
21 commendable and I -- I personally thank  
22 you for that.

23 To Jason Golub, who I will be  
24 casting my vote for. It's been a  
25 pleasure to get to know you, knowing

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2 that we have a similar background from a  
3 professional standpoint and knowing the  
4 -- the success that you had within the -  
5 - the private business sector. I know  
6 the challenges that you've faced. I  
7 know the positions of responsibility  
8 that you've been put in. I know the  
9 acumen that you have from a financial  
10 standpoint, from a managerial standpoint  
11 and from a process standpoint.

12 I think this evening's vote is --  
13 is as much about acknowledging the great  
14 service of two families and moving this  
15 community forward. And I'm very proud  
16 to cast my vote for Jason Golub to be  
17 our next Commissioner of Public Works.

18 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner  
19 Moran. I'll next turn to the Finance  
20 Commissioner Minita Sanghvi.

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you,  
22 Mayor Kim. Like you -- I'd like to  
23 thank our committee members. We have  
24 tried to be open and transparent with  
25 the process having the interviews  
streamed so everybody could watch. I

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1 think it was a really good way to go.

2 And I do believe we have three very good  
3 candidates.

4 I really appreciate Skip stepping  
5 up to fulfill some of his -- some of the  
6 projects his father had wanted to  
7 complete. And we will obviously make  
8 sure that we do complete those.

9 I would also like to recognize Bill  
10 McTygue, who really selflessly stepped  
11 up to serve our city. You know, I'm --  
12 I'm a -- a new transplant to the city.  
13 I'm -- I'm here only eight years. But -  
14 - but almost immediately, you know, you  
15 sort of hear of the McTygue's and ---  
16 and the Scirocco families.

17 And -- and it's really incredible  
18 to see that one of the things that Skip  
19 did to mend those fences was the  
20 carousel and -- and sort of, you know,  
21 bridging the families back together and  
22 -- and then for Bill to step up, you  
23 know, to help take in -- to help to step  
24 up to -- to help DPW in -- in the week  
25 of Skip's demise. So I really applaud

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1 Bill for stepping up and -- and I

2 believe our city is truly grateful for  
3 his devotion.

4 The report is very clear in their  
5 recommendation. And I believe that  
6 Jason's outlook for our city, especially  
7 in his interviews was broad and  
8 thoughtful. I know he knows that he has  
9 big shoes to fill, but I believe he is  
10 ready, able, he has the experience and  
11 the insight. And I look forward to  
12 working with him on the environmental  
13 initiatives that we are hoping to work  
14 on.

15 MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner  
16 Sanghvi. Next Commissioner of Public  
17 Safety, Jim Montagnino.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank  
19 you, Mr. Mayor. I too would like to  
20 echo the sentiments that have been  
21 expressed thus far. The thanks that we  
22 have for the work that the committee did  
23 on very short notice. They worked very  
24 thoroughly and did a great job in  
25 bringing on the questions to ask of the



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1 candidates, the method in which they  
2 conducted the hearing.

3 I -- I do want to state for the  
4 record that I made my decision before  
5 hearing what the committee's  
6 recommendation was. Frankly, the  
7 committee's recommendation means nothing  
8 to me. I make the decision based upon  
9 the facts that were established and the  
10 statements that were made at the  
11 hearing.

12 I watched it livestream. I took  
13 notes on the statements of each and  
14 every one of the candidates. And even  
15 though this ordinarily would not be  
16 subject to a freedom of information law  
17 request, I would gladly share my notes  
18 with anyone who wants to see them. I  
19 want the decision process to be as  
20 transparent as possible. I took the  
21 notes contemporaneous with the  
22 statements that the candidates made.

23 I also want to note for the record  
24 that I did not speak with any of the  
25 three candidates either before or after

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their interviews with the committee. I

2 -- I know two of the three candidates  
3 personally, I don't know Mr. Scirocco.

4 Bill McTygue has supported my  
5 campaign. He's contributed to my  
6 campaign. That's a matter of public  
7 record.

8 Jason Golub supported my campaign  
9 as well, but those -- those facts I put  
10 out there for everyone to know, but  
11 those are not anything -- they're not  
12 relevant to my decision-making process.  
13 Basically, I'll -- I'll -- I'll go  
14 through each of the candidates. They're  
15 -- they're all wonderful and dedicated  
16 people.

17 Bill McTygue, I don't think there'd  
18 be anyone who could disagree with the  
19 fact that he could take over the  
20 Department of Public Works tomorrow  
21 morning. There's nothing that he  
22 doesn't know about how to run DPW. He's  
23 worked there forever. His brother  
24 worked there. His father worked there.  
25 His grandfather worked there. No

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1 question there whatsoever.

2 The problem that I have with Bill  
3 McTygue as a candidate for this position  
4 is that he was honest enough with  
5 everybody and he said that he was not  
6 intending to run for the office. And  
7 what that means as a matter of simple  
8 deduction, is that win, lose, or draw in  
9 less than a year's time, there would be  
10 three separate administrations running  
11 DPW if Bill McTygue were the interim  
12 Commissioner. That to me was the most  
13 important factor in the decision with  
14 regard to his candidacy.

15 With regard to Anthony Scirocco, I  
16 -- I sympathize with him on the loss of  
17 his dad. I -- I remember, even though  
18 it's 27 years ago, when my dad passed,  
19 it seems like yesterday. It's -- it's -  
20 - it's one of the most painful things  
21 for anyone to experience. And -- and it  
22 was remarkable how he rebounded and  
23 presented himself. Seems he's not a  
24 person who's used to speaking publicly,  
25 but he acquitted himself very -- very

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well.

I think with regard to the running  
of DPW, Anthony Scirocco could do it  
with his eyes closed. But the  
Commissioner of Public Works in our form  
of government wears two hats. There's  
the operation of the department, but  
there's also the role in the City  
Council. And it's in that second  
legislative arena that Mr. Scirocco in -  
- in my opinion was not as fluent with  
the issues of the day.

He's a sincere man. No -- no  
question about that. I don't want to  
detract from -- from the man as a person  
and -- and the man as a -- a family man  
and a dedicated member of the community,  
but some of his answers to certain  
questions.

For example, the question regarding  
the civilian review board, he basically  
said I -- I really don't have an opinion  
on it. That's a topic that's been in  
the forefront of our discussions for  
years now. So that was a factor that

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1 militated against choosing Anthony for  
2 the position.

3 In Jason Golub's case, obviously  
4 he's a brilliant man. I -- I do have a  
5 matter of -- in all -- in all fairness,  
6 he's a Columbia graduate and I'm a  
7 Princeton guy, but I'm not going to hold  
8 that against him. He hasn't run for  
9 political office before. He -- he did  
10 say something that -- that frankly  
11 troubles me and that is he isn't able to  
12 dedicate full-time effort to DPW.

13 I learned that public safety is  
14 more than a full-time job. I've worked  
15 almost every Saturday and several  
16 Sundays in addition to Monday to Friday  
17 since I -- since I took office. I think  
18 DPW is similar to that, though I do give  
19 Jason a lot of credit in his trust in  
20 the ability of Joe O'Neill and the crew  
21 at DPW.

22 I think Jason was humble about that  
23 and accepting of the fact that he's  
24 going to need an awful lot of help to  
25 run the department. He's had experience

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2           in -- in the legislative arena, in his  
3           co-chairmanship of the police reform  
4           task force. He's acquitted himself very  
5           well with that. The recommendations of  
6           the task force were measured, thorough,  
7           well thought out. As anyone can see  
8           from the record, the proposal on the  
9           CRB, very, very closely tracks, the  
10          recommendations that were made by the  
11          taskforce itself. So clearly he's got  
12          the skill in the legislative arena.

13                 His -- his ideas with regard to  
14                 what he said was not needing to reinvent  
15                 the wheel. He -- he -- he had knowledge  
16                 of how other cities similar to Saratoga  
17                 Springs have dealt with certain issues.  
18                 And I think that's -- that's a  
19                 refreshing thing and something that'll  
20                 be definitely welcome in -- in the City  
21                 Council to -- to share other ideas,  
22                 answers that other cities have had for  
23                 their issues.

24                 So having said all that, my  
25                 considered opinion is that Jason Golub  
                would be the best candidate for the

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Commissioner of Public Works. And I

cast my vote for him. Thank you.

MAYOR KIM: Thank you, Commissioner Montagnino. So this was a difficult decision for me. The one thing I was committed to when it was clear, we were unfortunately going to have to take on this task in, you know, we've only all been in office less than six months. Was I wanted to make it transparent and open to the public because the only reason we're here is because voters voted for us?

We can't have voters vote for us in this situation. We can't put these individuals up for election. So I felt like the only way we could sort of get that kind of input was to make sure that it was all public. That we weren't going back in a room and talking about it.

That we were really doing this in front of the people who voted for us only six months ago or less. So that was the commitment I had. It was a

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difficult choice because I've probably  
2           known these people longer than anyone  
3           else sitting here in the -- in the sense  
4           of I shared -- I -- I was on the City  
5           Council when Bill McTygue was the  
6           Director of Public Works, and his  
7           brother was the Commissioner of -- of  
8           Public Works.

9           And we talk about the great things  
10          that Commissioner Scirocco did for this  
11          city, but they're all matched by the  
12          work that the -- Commissioner McTygue  
13          did. Whether it be the carousel or the  
14          casino or any of the other work that he  
15          did in the city. There is nowhere you  
16          can go in the city without seeing some  
17          of the -- the work that the McTygue's  
18          did.

19          In the end, I agreed with the  
20          search committee and my colleagues here  
21          to support Jason Golub because of  
22          several things he said that I thought  
23          were very important, and then I'll end  
24          with what I think is his challenge. I  
25          thought all the candidates did an



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2           excellent job in community --  
3           communicating their aspirations and  
4           goals, but I thought Jason's idea as one  
5           to implement a recycling program, which  
6           the city and city hall does not have,  
7           was an excellent idea. And that an  
8           operational audit proposal was a great  
9           idea because the -- the Department of  
10          Public Works, when you come into this  
11          role as a commissioner or the mayor, you  
12          recognize how critical the Department of  
13          Public Works is in all -- in some -- in  
14          so many of the things that we want to  
15          do.

16                 Whether it be a bike path, whether  
17                 it be thinking about how we open up the  
18                 -- open up public spaces to, you know,  
19                 for instance, there's a proposal to  
20                 basically allow alcohol use in certain  
21                 places where we have entertainment.  
22                 Whether it be how we market the casino.

23                 All of these things end up being  
24                 issues that the Department of Public  
25                 Works has to play a role in, and we  
               really need them so vitally to -- to --

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1 to do that. We sit in a hall -- in a --  
2 in a -- in a place that essentially is  
3 maintained by the Department of Public  
4 Works.

5 So it is so critical that that  
6 department be operational and efficient  
7 and be able to carry on the work of --  
8 of this city because we -- we can't get  
9 - there are so many things we can't get  
10 done. And so that's where I end, while  
11 I support Jason whole heartedly, I think  
12 he will be a good commissioner.

13 I echo some of the words that  
14 Commissioner Montagnino said. The  
15 challenge really is this is a full-time  
16 job. I'm not going to -- I'm not sugar  
17 coating that. I -- the -- the reality  
18 of this job, I've sat in the  
19 Commissioner of Public Safety. I've  
20 done this job. I was a practicing  
21 attorney through both. I can tell you  
22 that it is a full-time job.

23 There are -- the -- these are --  
24 the commissioner form of government, how  
25 it's been set up essentially requires an

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1 awful lot of your time. And so the  
2 challenge for -- for Mr. Golub to take  
3 this office, and I think he's up to it,  
4 is that he's going to have to figure out  
5 how to balance a hell of a lot. But as  
6 I said, I think he's up to it, but I --  
7 I do say that with some, you know,  
8 that's -- that's the one concern is --  
9 is -- it is very difficult.

10 He has a great staff. I've worked  
11 -- because of Commissioner Scirocco's  
12 absence, I've worked probably much more  
13 closely with his executive staff than a  
14 mayor normally would -- would in a  
15 commissioner form of government. And  
16 he's got an excellent staff. Another  
17 credit to Commissioner Scirocco, in  
18 terms of the people he -- he brought to  
19 -- to his executive staff because  
20 they're great. And that will be a great  
21 asset to you, Jason.

22 So I want to move per section 2.4  
23 of the charter to appoint Jason Golub to  
24 fill the current vacancy of Commissioner  
25 of Public Works based on the comments of

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1 the members of the City Council. Do I

2 have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

5 MAYOR KIM: Is there any further  
6 discussion on that motion? I don't  
7 know. Are we required to have a roll  
8 call vote Tony, or?

9 COUNSEL IZZO: No.

10 MAYOR KIM: Okay. All in favor.

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAYOR KIM: Opposed. Abstentions.  
13 Motion carries. Congratulations.  
14 Jason, if you want to take a couple of  
15 minutes to make -- I don't want to put  
16 you on the spot, but you're pretty good  
17 at talking on your feet. So I'll --  
18 I'll let you -- I'll give you two  
19 minutes.

20 MR. Golub: Oh, great.

21 (Indiscernible)

22 MR. Golub: Well thank you all.  
23 Thank you to the council. Thank you for  
24 the -- to the committee for your support  
25 of me, of my vision for the Department

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of Public Works. I am kind of at a loss  
2 for words, which as the mayor said is  
3 rarely the case. It's been a long,  
4 interesting journey. And I imagine  
5 that's just at the beginning.

6 I am supremely confident that we  
7 can do great things in this City. And  
8 that we can really make a huge  
9 difference in the lives of the people  
10 who live here. And that's what I'm  
11 committed to doing. I'm committed to  
12 doing that with all of you here, and I'm  
13 committed to doing that with all of you  
14 here. And I plan to operate DPW the way  
15 I operate the rest of my life, which  
16 will be transparent and accountable to  
17 all of you. And hopefully in  
18 partnership with all of you.

19 I do want to take a minute to thank  
20 Commissioner Scirocco for his service to  
21 this community. I have big shoes to  
22 fill. There's no doubt. And I would  
23 also thank the McTygue's for their  
24 commitment to this community. I  
25 understand where Tommy's coming from, I

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get it, they've committed their lives to  
2           DPW and that means a lot to them. And I  
3           -- I applaud the sentiment if not the  
4           words.

5           So that's really all I have to say.  
6           Thank you all for your support. And I  
7           hope I get to work with all of you over  
8           the coming weeks and months, and I earn  
9           your support in the election come next  
10          November. Thank you.

11          MAYOR KIM: Congratulations. Just  
12          as a note to that -- the -- the  
13          appointment becomes effective upon  
14          signing the oaths and that you -- you  
15          can also take the oaths with the -- one  
16          of the Judges downstairs. If -- we can  
17          set that up, just give us a call and we  
18          can talk about that. Okay. But  
19          tomorrow you probably want to get in  
20          here.

21          I'm going to move to my third -- I  
22          -- I -- I have several announcements.  
23          Third is an announcement. This is Asian  
24          American and Pacific Islander Heritage  
25          Month. Every May is -- has been

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designated that since the 1990s. And we  
2 will be announcing some activities  
3 during the month of May that the public  
4 can participate in. The next  
5 announcement is the --

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Actually,  
7 can I take a minute?

8 MAYOR KIM: Oh, I'm sorry.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I just --  
10 since you are talking about May being  
11 the Asian American and Pacific Islander  
12 Heritage Month, I also want to take a  
13 moment to acknowledge Ron Kim, the first  
14 Asian mayor in all of New York State.  
15 That's a big deal and you know, this is  
16 a good moment to acknowledge that.

17 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. Appreciate  
18 it. And the second commissioner so --  
19 of Asian American heritage in -- in  
20 Saratoga Springs so --

21 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Very diverse town.

22 MAYOR KIM: Yeah. Yeah. Thank  
23 you. Any other comments? I will -- the  
24 -- the next announcement is Saratoga  
25 Farmers Markets' May location.

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1 Starting tomorrow, May 4th the  
2 Saratoga Farmer's Market will be located  
3 right outside the City Center parking  
4 garage on High Rock from 3:00 to 6:00  
5 p.m. This is a slight change in their  
6 location. They're going to be there  
7 every Wednesday.

8 And the reason for that is their  
9 regular site, the High Rock is  
10 undergoing construction for the downtown  
11 connector multi-use trail. And so they  
12 -- they're -- they're sort of being  
13 blocked out of that area. And this is  
14 also by way of thanking them for their  
15 flexibility for -- while we're doing  
16 this construction.

17 They're -- they're going to be on  
18 Wednesdays in front of the parking  
19 garage, and then on Saturday's in-- just  
20 in May, they're going to be at the  
21 Wilton Mall parking lot near the Trustco  
22 entrance across from BJ's and that's  
23 just for May. And then starting in  
24 June, they'll be back where -- in High  
25 Rock Park and we're looking forward to



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that.

2 Our next announcement is a  
3 proclamation on national bike month.  
4 May is also national bike month.  
5 Whereas May is national bike month and  
6 is sponsored by the League of American  
7 Bicyclists and celebrating the community  
8 from coast to coast.

9 And whereas national bike month was  
10 established in 1956 and is a chance to  
11 showcase the many benefits of bicycling  
12 and -- and encourage more folks to give  
13 biking a try. And whereas whether you  
14 bike to work or school or ride to save  
15 money or time. Bike for your health or  
16 the environment, or simply to explore  
17 our community, national bike month is an  
18 opportunity to celebrate the unique  
19 power of the bicycle, and the many  
20 reasons we ride.

21 And whereas Saratoga Springs is  
22 proud to celebrate the recent  
23 groundbreaking of the downtown portion  
24 of the Saratoga Greenbelt Trail. And  
25 whereas creating a bicycle friendly

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community has been shown to improve  
2           citizen's health, wellbeing, and quality  
3           of life. Growing the economy of  
4           Saratoga Springs by attracting tourism  
5           dollars, improving traffic safety,  
6           reducing pollution, congestion, and wear  
7           and tear on our streets and roads. And  
8           whereas a city complete streets advisory  
9           board, New York State Saratoga spots,  
10          State Park, Saratoga County by Toga, and  
11          the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce are  
12          also promoting bike -- bicycle tourism  
13          year-round to attract more visitors, to  
14          enjoy our local restaurants, hotels,  
15          retail establishments, and cultural, and  
16          scenic -- attractions.

17                 And whereas the following tips are  
18                 going to help you enjoy your biking  
19                 more. Have your bike checked over by a  
20                 -- a qualified bicycle shop. Always  
21                 wear a helmet to protect your head in  
22                 event of a crash and ride in the  
23                 rightmost lane that goes into direction  
24                 that you're traveling, obey all stop  
25                 signs, traffic lights, and lane

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2           markings. Look before you change lanes  
3           or signal a turn and be visible and  
4           predictable at all times.

5                         Now, therefore I, Ron Kim, Mayor of  
6           the City of Saratoga Springs in  
7           recognition of the national bike month,  
8           urge everyone to bike to work or try  
9           cycling for fun, fitness or  
10          transportation. And the date for our  
11          bike to work is Wednesday, June 1st.  
12          And we hope that everyone does do that.

13                        We have a team at the City of  
14          Saratoga Springs, Tina Carton is our --  
15          our -- our chief there and we hope  
16          everybody does bike to work on June 1st.

17                        Next announcement is the promotion  
18          of No Mow May. No Mow May, a tongue  
19          twister, but also a national movement in  
20          which people don't mow their lawns for  
21          one month in order to help provide more  
22          food sources for bees and other  
23          pollinators emerging from winter  
24          hibernation.

25                        Lawns that remain unmowed during  
                          the month of May allow more species to

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2           grow, including some that flower early  
3           in the year, and have -- help sustain  
4           pollinators. The movement has spread  
5           throughout the United States and  
6           according to an article in the New York  
7           Times, No Mow May is a simple but very  
8           effective way that we can help bees and  
9           other pollinators, which are facing  
10          catastrophic declines due to climate  
11          change, pesticides and habitat loss.

12                 So we're encouraging everyone for  
13                 this month only not mow your lawn. And  
14                 in case you were wondering, No Mow May,  
15                 does not violate any laws in the City of  
16                 Saratoga Springs. The City requires  
17                 property owners only to mow their lawns  
18                 in June, July, and August. So -- and if  
19                 you live outside, we -- of Saratoga  
20                 Springs, you want to check your local  
21                 ordinances, but most of them are  
22                 similar.

23                 We also are -- Sustainable Saratoga  
24                 is -- is featuring these signs. If you  
25                 want one to put on your lawn, instead of  
                mowing it, contact

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pollinators@sustainablesaratoga.org, and  
2 they will get you one and you can put it  
3 on your lawn and -- and support this  
4 effort to make sure that our pollinators  
5 are saved this -- this May.

6 COMMISSSIONER SANGHVI: Mayor Kim,  
7 just a quick --

8 MAYOR KIM: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: -- addition  
10 to that. The -- last weekend was Tree  
11 Toga and our City, we planted about 50  
12 plus trees. Deputy Mayor, Angela Rella  
13 and I both were there. My family my --  
14 my wife Meghan, and our son Jamie, we  
15 all planted a tree and dug out the dirt  
16 and Jamie helped a lot. And -- and  
17 we've done this in -- in previous years  
18 too.

19 So -- and -- and that's when I  
20 heard of No Mow May. And our family  
21 signed onto it, and we have one of those  
22 signs now in our garden. So we will be  
23 not mowing in the month of May, and  
24 we'll help butterflies, and all sorts of  
25 birds and insects thrive in our garden.

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1           MAYOR KIM: Thank you,  
2           Commissioner. Any other comments? The  
3           next announcement is an appointment to  
4           the Complete Streets advisory board.  
5           I'm reappointing Ted Orzo (phonetic) to  
6           the Complete Streets advisory board.

7           Ted was originally appointed in  
8           2017. He's a professional City planner  
9           having previously worked in -- for the  
10          New York City MTA as a transportation  
11          planner and is a valuable member of the  
12          complete streets advisory board. And  
13          I'm pleased to appoint him to another  
14          five-year term. And I look forward to  
15          his continued advocacy and council.

16          My eighth item is an appointment to  
17          Saratoga Springs Housing Authority, the  
18          Board of Commissioners. I'm  
19          reappointing Joy King to the Saratoga  
20          Springs Housing Authority Board. This  
21          is her third term serving in the City in  
22          this capacity. She was first appointed  
23          in 2012. She's a lifelong resident of  
24          Saratoga Springs, who's very active in a  
25          number of civic and political

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organizations in the city.

2 She's been on the Housing Authority  
3 Board for several years and is committed  
4 to the concept of affordable housing in  
5 Saratoga Springs. I'm pleased to  
6 reappoint her to another five-year term,  
7 and I thank her for continued service to  
8 this City.

9 My ninth item is an announcement.  
10 We are requesting from the Commissioner  
11 of Finance, a report on the status of e-  
12 mail distribution to private parties.  
13 Per charter section article three,  
14 subsection H, I'm requesting that the  
15 Department of Finance and in particular,  
16 the IT department overseen by the  
17 Commissioner of Finance, provide a  
18 report on or before May 12th, 2022.

19 Regarding any distribution of  
20 private e-mail addresses and any other  
21 information to parties outside Saratoga  
22 Springs city government. I'm  
23 specifically requesting that they review  
24 any possible distribution of e-mail  
25 contact information to outside parties

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collected by the Recreation Department  
2 in the normal course of its duties from  
3 2015 to today.

4 Just to give you some context on  
5 this, we've become aware that there --  
6 there may have been a distribution of e-  
7 mail lists at some point from the Rec  
8 Department. Give you the little bit of  
9 a context, Rec Department is out there  
10 constantly collecting contact name for,  
11 you know, the coaches, the participants  
12 of -- of -- of these sports, etcetera.

13 And we've become aware of  
14 essentially those e-mails being utilized  
15 by third parties. And the likelihood  
16 is, the only way they could have gotten  
17 the e-mails is through somehow the --  
18 the -- the Rec Department. Somebody  
19 basically getting into the Rec  
20 Department's e-mail chain.

21 So the Finance Department oversees  
22 the -- the IT department. So we're  
23 asking them to take a look at this.  
24 There should be some metadata, some  
25 information that might indicate who



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actually made this distribution so that  
2 we can understand how -- how we can  
3 secure these e-mails. I don't know if  
4 there's any comments from the City  
5 Council members?

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: We are happy  
7 to look into it. Do we need to provide  
8 this by the 12th? Can we have a little  
9 more time so that we can do a thorough  
10 investigation?

11 MAYOR KIM: I -- I -- I -- we chose  
12 that to give you ten days, but we can  
13 certainly talk about.

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. Just  
15 because there's some --

16 COMMISSIONER MORAN: If I can offer  
17 --

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI:  
19 (Indiscernible) Department.

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm sorry,

21 MAYOR KIM: Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: If I can  
23 offer, cybersecurity falls under the  
24 office risk -- risk and safety  
25 management. Having listened to the

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comments during the public comment  
2 period and -- and understanding the  
3 background on the fact that these e-mail  
4 addresses may have been taken from the  
5 city and -- and it provided outside the  
6 city.

7 I believe this represents a  
8 material breach of the -- the  
9 cybersecurity elements of the -- the  
10 city government, and as such, I believe  
11 it's probably appropriate to point it to  
12 -- bring this to the attention of  
13 travelers and we may be able to get the  
14 forensic expertise quicker than perhaps  
15 provisioning it within the internal IT  
16 department, which we know is -- is  
17 strapped as it is. Just an offer Mr.  
18 Mayor, just an offer Commissioner  
19 Sanghvi.

20 MAYOR KIM: Well why -- why don't  
21 we start with this looking at what the  
22 IT department can do, and then certainly  
23 Commissioner Moran I will get back to  
24 you if we're -- or I'm sure Commissioner  
25 Sanghvi if we're -- we're struggling

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that way.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah. Sure.

3 MAYOR KIM: But I appreciate that.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah. Happy  
6 to do so.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah, thank  
8 you Commissioner Moran. If we need any  
9 help or -- we can definitely have a  
10 discussion on cybersecurity as we just  
11 look into this

12 MAYOR KIM: The next item on the  
13 city -- on the mayor's agenda is a new  
14 program. It's a discussion and vote to  
15 approve the community development non-  
16 profit grant program. Before I do the  
17 motion, I'll explain this.

18 Last year in the budget, it was  
19 approved that the mayor's department  
20 would be implementing a program to  
21 annually distribute two -- \$200,000 or  
22 more to local non-profits. So for this  
23 year, it's 200,000, it could accelerate  
24 depending on the condition of the  
25 budgets -- each annual budget.

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1           The reason we were implementing  
2           this was there was some, you know, non-  
3           profit -- non-profit frustration with  
4           the traditional community development  
5           block grants that have limited  
6           categories that they can fund. So we  
7           are -- so -- so there was a -- a  
8           recognition that if we could -- we could  
9           annually fund into supporting some of  
10          these other groups that might not get  
11          funding, it -- it may be helpful and  
12          critical for them.

13                 And so there are three areas that  
14          we will be soliciting eligible agencies  
15          from. The human resources, housing and  
16          workforce development, environmental  
17          sustainability and resiliency and arts,  
18          culture and history. And -- and the  
19          last two are really two programs where  
20          we really don't -- are not able to  
21          typically use CDGB funds for.

22                 We are implementing an application  
23          and award process. So I am moving,  
24          asking the -- the council to approve the  
25          community development non-profit grant

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program that is attached to the agenda.

2 And is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

4 MAYOR KIM: Is there any  
5 discussion? All in favor?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
8 carries. My next item is a discussion  
9 and vote to sign the energized New York  
10 C -- C-pace financing program documents.  
11 This was also approved as a program last  
12 year. And essentially it is a property  
13 assessment, clean engine energy that  
14 provides long term alternative financing  
15 to fund clean energy projects in  
16 commercially owned buildings.

17 In a nutshell, what this program is  
18 -- is it allows loans to be provided to  
19 commercial property owners that then can  
20 make energy efficient improvements to  
21 their property. And the city has passed  
22 a local law to allow this, and now I'm  
23 requesting that the city approve and  
24 authorize the mayor to sign the  
25 necessary documents to -- to - to

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implement this program. So the motion  
2 is to approve the -- the mayor signing  
3 and authorizing the necessary documents  
4 to take advantage of the E-pace, I'm  
5 sorry, C-pace financing program. And  
6 that's in form of a motion. Is there a  
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

10 MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion  
11 on this -- on the motion?

12 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So how does  
13 this impact our --

14 MAYOR KIM: So it doesn't impact  
15 the budget, what I've been -- basically  
16 it is -- there -- it is no cost to the  
17 city. The way I understand the program  
18 is that the -- the -- we basically have  
19 to propose, and we've also -- we've  
20 already passed the local law that  
21 enables it.

22 And then this allows the --  
23 essentially the EIC to loan the money to  
24 commercial vendors. We don't have any  
25 staff time involved. We don't spend any

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1 money. It just basically sets up the  
2 program so that now the commercial  
3 entities can take advantage. Yeah.

4 Tony, do you want to say a few words? I  
5 don't want to put you on the spot, but -  
6 -

7 COUNSEL IZZO: No I  
8 (indiscernible). It is on. Nothing  
9 extensive to add to your comments,  
10 Mayor, you -- you -- you've -- you've  
11 described it adequately. I did go over  
12 the documents with Tina Carton and it --  
13 it -- it appears to be in accordance  
14 with the previous documents that were  
15 executed.

16 It seems to be in order. So it  
17 seems to be in -- in accordance with the  
18 -- with -- with -- with the previous  
19 local law that was passed and other  
20 actions that have come before it.

21 MAYOR KIM: Great. Thank you. Any  
22 other questions, comments? All in  
23 favor?

24 ALL: Aye.

25 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

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2 carries. My 12th item is a discussion  
3 and vote to refer to the city -- to the  
4 City and County Planning Boards, the  
5 proposed amendment number one of the  
6 UDO, which was -- had -- we had a public  
7 hearing on. And that's in a form of a  
8 motion. Is there second?

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

10 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
11 favor?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
14 carries. My 13th item is a discussion  
15 and vote to refer to the City and County  
16 Planning Boards, the proposed amendment  
17 two to the UDO. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

20 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
21 favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
24 carries. The 14th item is a discussion  
25 and vote to refer to the city and



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counting planning board that proposed  
2 amendment three to the UDO. Is there a  
3 second?

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

5 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
8 carries. My 15th and final item -- I'm  
9 -- I'm sorry, it isn't my final item. I  
10 have to ask to add something.  
11 Discussion and vote for a referral to  
12 the city and county planning boards, the  
13 proposed amendment four, to the UDO.  
14 And that's in a form of motion. Is  
15 there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

17 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
18 favor?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
21 carries. I would ask that I -- a motion  
22 to add a 15 -- a 16th item to my agenda.  
23 This is an announcement regarding a  
24 homeless forum that -- that the city --  
25 the -- the mayor's office in connection

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with the rise and some of the other  
2 salvation army and shelters of Saratoga  
3 will be having on June 8th. And that's  
4 in a form of a motion to add that to my  
5 agenda.

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I second the  
7 motion.

8 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

9 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So what is  
10 the announcement? So this is a  
11 discussion to add it?

12 MAYOR KIM: Yeah. This is  
13 discussion to add it.

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. Sure.

15 MAYOR KIM: Any -- all in favor?

16 ALL: Aye.

17 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
18 carries. We wanted to make this  
19 announcement, we -- that the -- one of  
20 the things that happens early in the  
21 spring is we get a lot of questions  
22 about the homeless and what -- what is -  
23 - what are we doing to -- to address the  
24 issues of panhandling and -- and  
25 shelters, because of course, shelters of

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And so the -- the -- the -- a  
number of the non-profit organizations  
that address this issue met with me and  
-- and the Commissioner of Public  
Safety, because of course, this is also  
a -- a -- an issue of public safety and  
some circumstances to discuss what we  
could do.

At that meeting, it really became  
clear that one of the biggest things we  
could do was do some communication, to  
really go out there and basically tell  
the public what is currently being done  
by these organizations. What long term  
plans, what short term plans are there.  
And -- and also basically these are the  
experts to tell us how the -- the -- the  
best ways to sort of work with homeless  
individuals and -- and make sure that  
everyone feels safe, etc.

So we decided to have a forum. The  
city center has offered their facility.  
It is June 6<sup>th</sup> -- I'm sorry, June 8<sup>th</sup> --  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 at the city center.

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1 We will be posting this on the website  
2 and of course inviting the public to  
3 this and strongly encouraging any of --  
4 anyone who has an interest in either  
5 addressing the homeless issue in  
6 Saratoga Springs, or even just being  
7 better informed about it to -- to  
8 attend, because it's a real great  
9 opportunity.

10 I don't know if anyone else has  
11 anything to say about that issue? And -  
12 - and also we -- we are looking -- we're  
13 going to open up a -- a -- a sort of e-  
14 mail so that people can give us  
15 questions that -- that then really the  
16 experts who are going to be on our panel  
17 can address how, you know, that people  
18 may be curious about. So we'll also  
19 give them that opportunity.

20 Anyone else have a comment or  
21 question? Hearing none. That concludes  
22 the mayor's agenda and I'll turn it over  
23 to Commissioner Moran.

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you,  
25 sir. I appreciate it. Okay. So first

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item on my agenda is a discussion and  
2 vote. Merit to forward, the Weibel  
3 Avenue, commercial PUD amendment to the  
4 city and county planning boards for  
5 advisory opinions.

6 I move that the additional  
7 information recently provided for the  
8 Weibel Avenue commercial PUD amendment  
9 has merit for review and will be  
10 forwarded to the city and county  
11 planning boards for advisory opinion.

12 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

14 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

15 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I'm certainly  
16 in favor of these amended uses. We'll  
17 start discussing this more as some of  
18 the -- the framework of the laws come  
19 out. But as I mentioned previously,  
20 we're starting to develop a strategy for  
21 the placement of cannabis dispensaries.

22 And I think this area with its  
23 attachment to the highway, with the  
24 existing parking infrastructure, with it  
25 being out of the downtown proper area, I

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1 think is a -- is a perfect placement.

2 And it's a great idea.

3 MAYOR KIM: Any further discussion?

4 All in favor.

5 ALL: Aye.

6 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
7 carries.

8 COMMISSIONER MORAN:

9 Great. Thank you very much. The  
10 second item on my agenda is again, an  
11 announcement about our grievance class.  
12 Grievance class will be held Tuesday,  
13 May 10th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City  
14 Council room. Residents are invited to  
15 attend and learn how to directly fill  
16 out the application to grieve their  
17 assessments and understand the process.

18 There is no sign up for this class,  
19 you can just attend. And we're going to  
20 do a little show and tell here, and  
21 we'll see how well I do. But we're  
22 going to attempt to navigate our city  
23 website and show you just where to look.  
24 Oh, and look, I can't find the city  
25 website 'cause I spelled it wrong.

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1           And so here we are on the city  
2 website. Some of us may be or may not  
3 be familiar with it. But we want to go  
4 to government, and we're going to go  
5 down to departments, assessments. And  
6 where are our grieving your assessment.  
7 So on this page, you can see we have got  
8 some different bits of information. We  
9 have a grievance class PowerPoint. Most  
10 folks aren't, you know, potentially able  
11 to make this grievance class. We have  
12 the time that we have within our day.

13           And I think it's important that we  
14 provide the materials to the community  
15 such that they can educate themselves  
16 and take advantage of this. I'd like to  
17 thank Margaret Lare (phonetic) in our  
18 assessment office for -- for being in  
19 charge of this initiative. She does a  
20 great job. She's going to be your main  
21 point of contact when calling into the -  
22 - the grievance office.

23           And so again, there are some  
24 additional tools here. You can yourself  
25 again, get your own grievance package,

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1 print it up in advance, bring it in.

2 You do not have to be there on grievance  
3 day, and you don't have to be there for  
4 the training either, 'cause you  
5 obviously can do it at home.

6 So with that said, I'm going to  
7 stop sharing. How about that for some  
8 non-boomer technology skills? Okay.

9 And moving on to the third item on  
10 my agenda is an announcement for  
11 Grievance Day. Grievance Day is  
12 Tuesday, May 24th, 2022. Residents do  
13 not need to be present to grieve their  
14 assessment. The resident wishes to  
15 appear before the board of assessment  
16 review, the residents completed  
17 application and documentation must be  
18 submitted to the assessment department  
19 prior to the start of a hearing session.  
20 At that time, the resident can receive a  
21 time to appear before the board.

22 Again, that's upcoming, everyone  
23 can grieve their assessment. And I  
24 certainly encourage you if you feel that  
25 there's inequity within your



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neighborhood or within homes that you're  
2 aware of. First off the data on those  
3 assessments is available online.

4           We'd like to thank Commissioner  
5 John Franck for having led that  
6 initiative and let's continue to build  
7 on that. Okay. I have a new section  
8 I'm titling business milestones. As you  
9 know, the assessment -- rather the  
10 Accounts Department does licensure of a  
11 lot of businesses within this community,  
12 and we've been through a trying two  
13 years.

14           Saratoga Springs is -- is largely  
15 defined by its small business community.  
16 And I think it's incredibly important as  
17 we come out of the -- the delays of the  
18 last two years, we start focusing on the  
19 positive things that are going on within  
20 our community. And those do include  
21 some tremendous milestones from some of  
22 our local businesses.

23           Five years this upcoming, I  
24 believe, week is the five-year  
25 anniversary of C.R.E.A.T.E Studios.

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1 It's a community studio non-profit based  
2 in -- on Beekman Street, and  
3 fundamentally they're -- they're  
4 involved in a lot of different elements  
5 of art whether it's -- it's -- it's --  
6 it's programs of healing, working  
7 through issues that are plaguing our --  
8 our -- our society today. Like social  
9 injustice, physical harm that's occurred  
10 to people through psychological or  
11 potentially physical issues.

12           Again, this is great work that  
13 these folks do. They are having a --  
14 shoot I lost it, they are having a  
15 ribbon cutting for their grand reopening  
16 as they have a new space at 70 Beekman.  
17 And I want to congratulate them on that.

18           Next in line is Saratoga Paint and  
19 Sip. They're now (indiscernible) just  
20 past their tenure anniversary. This  
21 business is -- is owned by Mark and  
22 Catherine Hover. Anybody who knows  
23 Catherine understands how dynamic she is  
24 on our local business scene. And again,  
25 a tremendous part of our small business

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community.

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They're located on Henry Street.  
It -- it is literally the first of its  
kind in the capital region in Saratoga  
Springs. They've since after their  
opening opened other locations in Latham  
and Burlington. But being ten years in  
business in Saratoga Springs is a  
tremendous accomplishment and I'm so  
proud for you. Congratulations.

Lastly, but not least. Saratoga's  
Signature has been in business for 30  
years folks. They offer professional  
interior design services and have a  
showroom in town, on Church Street. And  
again, it's incorporated by Nancy Smith  
and located on Church Street. I just  
want to congratulate them, 30 years is  
just an incredible accomplishment. And  
I'm very proud for you and as is the  
rest of the community.

So I encourage everyone to go check  
out those businesses if you haven't seen  
them recently. They certainly have been  
elements of our -- our community for a

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1 while.

2           Next item on my agenda, number five  
3 is an update on outdoor dining. We've  
4 been very and I think it's important  
5 that we acknowledge the work that --  
6 that's been done. One month ago we  
7 authorized the new temporary dining  
8 legislation that incorporated many --  
9 many new elements. We had to procure  
10 and distribute a new set of blocks.

11           We had to develop a process that  
12 was now previously existing, as the  
13 prior authority was -- was -- was no  
14 longer in existence. Through, again,  
15 work with the Department of Public Works  
16 and Commissioner Scirocco, we were able  
17 to land on I think some great  
18 legislation.

19           And I'd like to recognize that  
20 since fundamentally standing up the  
21 documentation and approval process,  
22 we've been able to go from standstill to  
23 approved licenses for these small  
24 businesses in a two-week period of time.  
25 I don't know if many people know how

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1 much it takes to get that type of  
2 production out of city hall. And -- and  
3 really what it takes is people working  
4 together.

5 I'm incredibly proud of each  
6 department. This is a -- this is a  
7 tremendous victory for all of us, the  
8 collaborative work that we've been doing  
9 together each and every day. And I'd  
10 like to thank deputy -- deputy Mayor  
11 Rella, Deputy Commissioner Crocker,  
12 Deputy Commissioner O'Neal, Deputy  
13 Commissioner Tetu, Chief, excuse me,  
14 Assistant Chief Aaron Dyer, Marylin  
15 Rivers, Patrick Cogan, Richard Tiersch,  
16 Michael Veitch, and the least not of  
17 which, our Assistant City Clerk, Barbara  
18 Brindisi who heads up this program.

19 And, again, can't say enough about  
20 Deputy Stacy Connors, and the knowledge,  
21 experience and leadership that she has  
22 brought to the Department of Accounts.  
23 We simply could not have accomplished  
24 this without you.

25 Again, I thank you for your hard

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1 work and I thank each and every one of  
2 you, Mr. Mayor, and -- and fellow  
3 commissioners for the participation of  
4 your departments and the collaboration  
5 that we demonstrated. This really was a  
6 tremendous victory for all of us. We  
7 can clap now, maybe. All right.

8 This next announcement,  
9 unfortunately, is very close to home as  
10 it is in my home right now. An  
11 announcement on COVID and plans to the  
12 activities.

13 So if -- if --if anyone wasn't  
14 noticing, certainly Supervisor Gaston  
15 has -- has -- has framed the issue for  
16 us. In spite of what we may or may not  
17 want, COVID will continue to be here and  
18 to have a spike at this period in time  
19 is very concerning. We as a local  
20 community, should be taking appropriate  
21 steps and recognize that social  
22 distancing is still effective, wearing a  
23 mask in indoor locations is effective,  
24 and thank gosh, we have the opportunity  
25 to -- dining outside is a much safer

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1 way, with which to participate in the  
2 dining community in Saratoga Springs.

3 I'd really like to encourage  
4 everyone to get their hands on rapid  
5 tests and actively use them after you  
6 have gone out into group settings. This  
7 new variant can sometimes not show  
8 itself on a rapid test, one or two times  
9 before you'll get a positive indication.  
10 It's really important.

11 I, myself am just mortified that  
12 I've -- that -- that in catching this  
13 I've -- I've unbeknownst to myself,  
14 because I wasn't demonstrating symptoms,  
15 I -- I -- I passed this on other people.  
16 That is everyone's worst nightmare. And  
17 it seems to be happening at a very rapid  
18 pace.

19 We need to do better for each  
20 other. And as such, we have masks  
21 available at the -- at the entrance,  
22 please take KN95 masks. We have tests  
23 available for you. Please take some,  
24 please use them, please make this a -- a  
25 regular occurrence in your life as we go

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forward, because these are the tools we  
2           have available.

3                   Lastly -- and actually I had one  
4           other -- we just recently got a news  
5           release from Saratoga Hospital that  
6           because of the COVID positivity rates,  
7           Saratoga Hospital is tightening  
8           visitation policies in response to  
9           rising COVID rates at Saratoga County.

10                   Under the updated policy, patients  
11           -- patients can designate one visitor  
12           per day between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. As  
13           always, the hospital will always compass  
14           -- make compassionate exceptions,  
15           determine the patient's care team on a  
16           case-by-case basis.

17                   Again, when the hospital is putting  
18           up the warning flags, I think that is  
19           more than enough that we should all as  
20           well perhaps amend our behaviors a  
21           little bit and take that extra caution  
22           that perhaps we've allowed ourselves to  
23           -- to slide away from.

24                   This next item may not be appearing  
25           on people's agenda. We had a technical



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issue with our agenda system, but this  
2 is the -- an award of a bid for an  
3 aquatic weed harvester, excuse me,  
4 aquatic weed harvester and tilt deck  
5 trailer for AlphaBoats Unlimited.

6 Upon the recommendation of the  
7 Department of Public Works, I move to  
8 award the bid for an aquatic weed --  
9 excuse me, aquatic weed harvester and  
10 tilt deck trailer for AlphaBoats  
11 Unlimited in an amount not to exceed  
12 167,955.

13 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

15 MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion  
16 on the motion? All in favor?

17 ALL: Aye.

18 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
19 carries.

20 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I have one  
21 last item, Mr. Mayor, if I may. I was  
22 planning on making a comment. I thought  
23 I had seen an agenda item whereby you  
24 were speaking about an upcoming Arbor  
25 Day and --

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1           MAYOR KIM: No commissioner, it's  
2 on the Public Works Department, so we  
3 could just wait for that.

4           COMMISSIONER MORAN: Oh. Okay.  
5 That's my mistake. I'll hold off.  
6 Thank you, sir.

7           MAYOR KIM: Okay. If that  
8 concludes the accounts agenda, I -- I'll  
9 ask Commissioner Sanghvi --

10          COMMISSIONER MORAN: It -- it does,  
11 sir.

12          MAYOR KIM: -- Commissioner Sanghvi  
13 to move the finance department agenda.

14          COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Mayor. Just a quick thing. Is the  
16 mic issue resolved? Can people hear me?  
17 Dillon, can you hear me?

18          COMMISSIONER MORAN: No, I can't.  
19 It's -- it's -- it's

20          COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So it seems  
21 like people here can hear me just fine,  
22 but people outside cannot hear me. Is  
23 it possible we can switch out the mics  
24 then? Thank you. All right. So the  
25 first item on my agenda --

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1 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Much better.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: -- is an  
4 update on participatory budgeting.  
5 We've started receiving applications for  
6 participatory budgeting committee, and  
7 we thank all who have applied. If  
8 you're thinking of applying, now is the  
9 time. The deadline for committee  
10 applications is May 15th.

11 Any Saratoga resident aged 18 plus  
12 is welcome to apply. Please contact our  
13 Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Heather  
14 Crocker. If you have questions about  
15 how to apply it's available on our city  
16 website, if you go under finance and  
17 participatory budgeting, it's right  
18 there.

19 We are planning to finalize the  
20 committee by mid-May, and I will make  
21 the announcement on May 17th at our next  
22 City Council meeting. All right.

23 The next item on my agenda is our  
24 preliminary financial report. This is  
25 the annual financial report update

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document for Saratoga Springs for the  
2 fiscal year ended December 31st, 2021,  
3 which was filed with the state  
4 controller's office on April 28th, 2022.  
5 Before I start getting into the  
6 specifics and nerding out, I want to  
7 acknowledge all the hard work of the  
8 finance department. There's a lot of  
9 work that goes into making this  
10 document.

11 And so I am grateful for the work  
12 they've done throughout the year to get  
13 us here. I'm grateful for Commissioner  
14 Madigan's leadership in 2021 to help us  
15 get here. And, you know, we have a  
16 really incredible team at city hall, and

17 I especially want to acknowledge  
18 our Director of Finance, Christine  
19 Gillmett-Brown, who made sure this was  
20 done well and submitted on time. So  
21 thank you everybody.

22 Again, this is a preliminary report  
23 as people who have been through this  
24 process will know, now we will have the  
25 auditors. And then by end of September,

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1 we'll have the final audited financial  
2 statements that will be released to City  
3 Council.

4 So let's get into the report. As  
5 one can imagine, 2021 was a lot better  
6 than 2020. We have a surplus. So the  
7 surplus is an annual calculation, t is  
8 the amount of expenditure compared to  
9 the revenue in any given year. It is  
10 not an amount available for expenditure.

11 However, it contributes to this  
12 amount. In 2021, we ended with a  
13 surplus of about \$9 million and an  
14 excess fund balance of approximately  
15 \$1.9 million. And so while 2021 was a  
16 robust year and while our total revenues  
17 have never been this high, this is  
18 partly due to onetime events.

19 One is \$3.9 million of federal  
20 funding that we got because of COVID,  
21 which we are not going to get next year.  
22 As well as a onetime sale of revenue of  
23 -- of city property that generated about  
24 \$2 million of revenue. So about \$6  
25 million really is onetime you know, sort

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of a windfall. The 2021 fund balance we  
2 ended with -- so in 2021, we've ended  
3 with a fund balance of 7.6 million  
4 restricted assigned or non-spendable,  
5 and 15.4 million in unrestricted  
6 unassigned amounts.

7 So the fund balance is a  
8 compilation of annual surpluses and  
9 deficits since -- surpluses or deficits  
10 -- since city finances were established.  
11 Each year the annual surplus is added to  
12 the prior year's fund balance to  
13 calculate the current year's total.

14 There are different kinds of fund  
15 balances. They are restricted to  
16 specific expenditures. Those are not  
17 available to be used freely. One is  
18 available to, you know, it's -- it's for  
19 emergencies, crisis, opportunities or  
20 other unexpected events. So you have a  
21 -- a restricted fund balance, which  
22 totals \$1.79 million, which includes the  
23 retirement reserve, insurance reserve,  
24 capital reserve, tax stabilization  
25 reserve.

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1           And these are govern -- governed by  
2           New York state law. Assignments total  
3           \$2.6 million, include nonprofits, refund  
4           for prior year taxes, recycling, IT  
5           initiatives, police reform task force,  
6           sick leave, staff cost adjustments. And  
7           these are governed by City Council.  
8           Encumbrances total \$2.6 million, which  
9           represent expenditures committed to  
10          2021, but which are paid thereafter.  
11          Non-Spendable total \$1.18 million, which  
12          represent amounts that cannot be  
13          expended, and unrestricted unassigned  
14          totals 15.4 million.

15                 Our fund balance policy restricts  
16                 fund balance to 10. So the way it works  
17                 is you have 10 percent minimum and 25  
18                 percent maximum of general fund adopted  
19                 budget. That's been our fund balance --  
20                 fund balance policy. Currently, our  
21                 fund balance is at 28.49 percent, which  
22                 means we will be looking at reducing our  
23                 fund balance to meet our policy  
24                 requirements. All right.

25                 So some of the 2021 revenues,

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1 obviously, like I said, we had a couple  
2 of onetime revenues. We also had a -- a  
3 very good sales tax year. I've talked  
4 about this before. It was a 35 percent  
5 year on year increase from 2020. Our  
6 hotel occupancy tax was 120 percent  
7 increase over 2020, again, not  
8 unexpected since, you know, it was COVID  
9 year.

10 Our mortgage tax increased 34  
11 percent over 2020 with about \$2 million.  
12 And some of the other revenues were  
13 greater in 2020, but lower than what we  
14 had budgeted for. For example,  
15 ambulance fees was \$1.4 million, which  
16 was 34 percent more than what we had  
17 collected in 2020, but 11 percent less  
18 than what we had budgeted for in 2021.

19 So you know, just to sort of keep  
20 that in mind. Our 2021 expenditures,  
21 obviously similarly our general fund  
22 expenses, we had some expenses that were  
23 higher than 2020, but lower than  
24 budgeted.

25 For example, our health insurance



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was about \$7.2 million, which was a 1  
2 percent increase compared to 2020, but  
3 \$373,000 lower than budgeted. By the  
4 way, health insurance is 16 percent of  
5 our general fund expense. So it's  
6 pretty sizable. Another expense to note  
7 is our overtime, which was almost a  
8 million dollars at \$912,000. This is a  
9 15 percent increase from our 2020  
10 numbers and definitely something we can  
11 work on.

12 And finally, our -- total general  
13 fund expenses were basically \$1 million  
14 more than 2020, but 3.7 million less  
15 than the revised budget, which is not  
16 including encumbrances. Let's see. I  
17 have the report here.

18 So our cash balances at the end of  
19 2021 are \$4.86 million less than 2020.  
20 This is due to the full payment of loans  
21 and tax anticipation notes used to cover  
22 cash deficits during peak pandemic  
23 periods of 2020.

24 Reserve balances also declined but  
25 have since been largely replenished. So

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1 in -- in -- all in all, here are our two  
2 cents on this. I am upbeat about our  
3 city's financial health, but I also  
4 recommend a more restrained approach.  
5 You know, we must not forget that the  
6 success of 2021 was largely due to  
7 onetime revenue sources, like I've  
8 explained the city property and the  
9 federal funds, which leave a gap in the  
10 general fund budget that we will need to  
11 be filling in 2022 and 2023. Well 2023,  
12 more importantly.

13 Our focus right now, especially in  
14 the finance department, is to restore  
15 our city's financial stability. We are  
16 still seeing waves of COVID raging  
17 through our community. We have a third  
18 EMS fire station to build. We have to  
19 fund the hiring of firefighters and our  
20 capital reserve is currently half of  
21 what it was in 2018.

22 I will provide my complete set of  
23 recommendations regarding the excess  
24 fund balance in October, 2022, after the  
25 final audited reports have been released

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to City Council. I will work with City  
2 Council to find the best solutions that  
3 work for the city, our community, and  
4 that ensure we maintain a -- AA plus  
5 bond rating. But I'm pleased to report  
6 that our 2022 revenues have so far been  
7 strong and up. I'm really optimistic  
8 about a good robust summer tourist  
9 season. Any questions about the AUD?  
10 Okay. All right.

11 The next item on my agenda is city  
12 finance updates. Our -- like I  
13 mentioned, our revenues for 2022 look  
14 strong and we are hoping that we will be  
15 able to fill the \$3.9 million hole.  
16 I've talked about sales tax and mortgage  
17 tax both of which are higher than 2021.  
18 We also assessed April penalties on  
19 installments for 2022 city and county  
20 tax bills, as well as delinquent school  
21 tax bills.

22 We mailed approximately 9,000 late  
23 notices for city county and school tax  
24 bills. Water bills were also mailed by  
25 DPW. So we are collecting payments for

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that in the finance office. And we are  
2 currently preparing to file the first  
3 quarter report, which is due May 15th.

4 The next item on my agenda is a  
5 discussion and vote. This is for a  
6 resolution of a full-time non-employee -  
7 - non-union employee. This resolution  
8 is required in order to have the  
9 authority to pay wages and benefits to  
10 employees who are not in any union.

11 We are adding a title executive  
12 assistant to the commissioner of  
13 finance. And in order to be consistent  
14 with other executive assistants in other  
15 departments, namely DPW, Department of  
16 Public Safety and the mayor's office.  
17 This title has been approved by the  
18 civil service commission as exempt and  
19 is therefore a non-union position and  
20 must be added to this resolution in  
21 order to have the authorization to  
22 provide salary and benefits to the  
23 employee.

24 This resolution has been checked  
25 and approved by our City Attorney Tony

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1 Izzo. There was, I believe, some  
2 language that has been corrected.  
3 There's a typo that was also corrected.  
4 The finance department had another  
5 funded position that was not filled, and  
6 the funds will be transferred from that  
7 position to the executive assistant  
8 position when approved. So we are not,  
9 you know, adding anything new to the  
10 budget. This was already sort of funded  
11 just in a different area.

12 The final version will also contain  
13 a formatting correction, which was  
14 spotted by the secretary to the council,  
15 Lisa Ribis, after the agenda was  
16 published. It does not change anything  
17 substantive. The deputy mayor is listed  
18 twice in that version that is uploaded.

19 I move that the City Council  
20 approved the resolution for full-time  
21 non-union employee executive assistant.  
22 Oh, sorry. Before I -- I believe that  
23 the non-union employee resolution also  
24 has to be updated in August, and I  
25 believe that there might be some updates

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1 coming down the line. But, you know, we  
2 didn't want to wait that long to hire  
3 someone. And so I move that the City  
4 Council approve the resolution for full-  
5 time non-union employee executive  
6 assistant as included with the agenda.  
7 This is a motion.

8 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

10 MAYOR KIM: I'm going to oppose the  
11 motion. And it's not because I don't  
12 agree with the idea that the  
13 commissioner -- a public -- finance  
14 should have an executive assistant.  
15 When I got here, this resolution was  
16 sort of put in front of us.

17 It has been -- it -- it's very hard  
18 to trace exactly when this resolution  
19 began because there's actually a  
20 statement in here, I'll read, right.  
21 The terms of this resolution shall take  
22 place on January 1st, 2007 -- January  
23 1st, 2007.

24 Yet apparently, the first time it -  
25 - it was issued was July 19th, 2011. So

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1 it -- it calls actually for terms and  
2 conditions five years in the future.  
3 That -- that's one example. I'm going  
4 to go through several others. There are  
5 actually 20 that I can find errors or  
6 problems in this resolution. I'm an  
7 employment attorney.

8 I've done -- I've practiced  
9 employment work for 30 years. When I  
10 first saw this resolution and I was told  
11 and I accepted it on face value that --  
12 well, you need this to hire non-union  
13 employees. We did pass this for the  
14 commissioner, the -- to hire the deputy  
15 commissioners, the deputy mayor,  
16 etcetera.

17 And then when we took another look  
18 at this a couple months later, when we  
19 hired the city attorney, it became very  
20 clear at that point, when I studied  
21 this, that this -- this resolution,  
22 first of all, there -- there is no basis  
23 to say that you cannot hire a non-union  
24 full-time employee without doing this  
25 resolution.

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1           There -- there -- that -- the only  
2 basis that I have been able to find is  
3 that it's always been done this way.

4           And I'm -- I'm here to assert that the  
5 reason we're all sitting here is people  
6 wanted us to do things differently.

7           And we shouldn't be just saying,  
8 well, it was done like this for the last  
9 X number of years, so we ought to always  
10 do it.

11           COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sorry.

12           MAYOR KIM: We ought to quit --

13           COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Can -- can I  
14 just get some clarification? I'm just  
15 trying to -- so you're saying that we  
16 can hire someone, we don't need to do  
17 the resolution?

18           MAYOR KIM: I believe you can. And  
19 in fact, I'm going to propose a  
20 resolution that will allow you to do  
21 what you want to do without us doing  
22 this, because what -- part of what I'm  
23 saying --

24           COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I'm -- I'm  
25 on board with that. I'm just saying



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that --

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MAYOR KIM: The -- the -- the  
problem with this is we are ratifying  
errors in the -- in -- in -- in essence  
that are -- are -- are the most  
important relationship that this city  
has is with their employees. There are  
-- I'll give you one example.

It -- nothing in this resolution  
shall be construed to create an  
employment agreement nor alter the at  
will status of -- and then it lists  
basically ten different employees.  
However, this -- this purports to  
actually cover about 15 employees.

Well we all know in statutory  
construction, well if you say that  
essentially there are ten employees,  
that there's no -- that it -- that are  
at will employees, what are the other  
ones? Are they contractual employees?  
Are they not? It -- it -- in other  
words, that's just one of the 20 errors.

Another statutory construction,  
there are four different terms for

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1 salary, annual salary, base salary,  
2 salary, and then total annual base  
3 salary. And none of them are defined.  
4 So when -- and -- and I -- I think when  
5 I read it, I understand why they're  
6 using those interchangeable terms.  
7 Because as just another example of a  
8 mistake or -- or an error, in relating  
9 to the very specific issue of executive  
10 assistants, okay, they don't have the  
11 right salary.

12 It's just simply wrong, if you --  
13 if you compare it to the budget. So  
14 there -- there are several other errors  
15 in this. One -- one big question I  
16 have, again, as an employment attorney  
17 is, it seems to violate the fair labor  
18 standard act, which says that clerical  
19 employees ought to get overtime. I --  
20 and then I -- you can't do that, but --  
21 but, you know.

22 So the final thing, and this goes  
23 to Commissioner Sanghvi's point that  
24 this has to be addressed every August.  
25 I looked at that, and again, the records

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1 are a little bit murky, it's a little  
2 bit. But it's supposed to be addressed  
3 in August -- August -- by August of  
4 every year.

5 If that is in fact true, and it  
6 says this resolution shall, which is not  
7 permissive language be reviewed in 2000  
8 -- so it's -- assuming that it is  
9 correct on this document, that it was  
10 originally proposed in 2011, it was not  
11 reviewed in 2012. It was not reviewed  
12 in 2015. It was not reviewed in 2017  
13 and it apparently was never reviewed in  
14 2021, 'cause there are no corresponding  
15 resolutions for those.

16 So again, we -- we have violated  
17 essentially, or this past City Councils  
18 have violated a -- a -- a -- a material  
19 term of -- of the resolution. Here's my  
20 proposal to -- to get us where we want  
21 to be. I -- I believe that the -- that  
22 through the budget process, when we  
23 authorize a -- a person's salary and  
24 then their benefits are imputed in that  
25 -- that budget line -- the -- the City

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2 Council has spoken on whether or not you  
3 can hire that individual line. In other  
4 words, this is the kind of resolution  
5 that I don't think is necessary if it's  
6 in a City Council's budget.

7 Because you manage your department,  
8 I manage my department, the commissioner  
9 of public safety does. We -- we don't  
10 go in and -- and have to do a resolution  
11 for every police officer that we hire.  
12 We have a head count, and we just hire  
13 them. Isn't that correct, Commissioner  
14 Montagnino?

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So would --

16 MAYOR KIM: So now that's a union  
17 position, but -- but why is that  
18 principal different when it's a non-  
19 union position? It -- it makes no -- no  
20 logical sense except for, we always did  
21 it this way. And -- and that's what I  
22 think is -- is the -- the only reason  
23 we're here today is -- is and dealing  
24 with essentially a -- a -- a resolution  
25 that has at least 20 years. And those  
aren't the substantive issues about, and

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1 I'll give you this one example.

2           One of the titles in here, one of  
3 the employees, I won't talk about it  
4 publicly, essentially -- now, this is a  
5 resolution for non-union full-time  
6 employees, their compensation is tagged  
7 to the CSEA city hall bargaining unit  
8 contract. I had a long discussion with  
9 Tony about what the implications of  
10 mixing employment at will law with labor  
11 law.

12           They are two concepts, two  
13 different disciplines that should not be  
14 combined. But what you do is you create  
15 questions that legally have to get  
16 answered. And how do they get answered?  
17 People sue and they go to a court, all  
18 that's very expensive. So to me, I  
19 think we ought to leave this alone and  
20 think about how we get this.

21           And here's my proposal. There is a  
22 budget line for your position. You want  
23 to change the -- the -- the title. I  
24 think we should have a resolution, we  
25 can craft now, that changes that title

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and that authorizes you I would maintain  
2           to hire your person. Now, I'm sure  
3           you're going to get some employee that's  
4           going to say, no we need the -- and I  
5           want to know beyond, it's always been  
6           done this way, show me what the law is  
7           or the statute that requires that.

8           Because that's what I'm hearing and  
9           I'm not hearing anything else. So  
10          that's what I think we can do here and  
11          not do this.

12          COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Tony, do you  
13          have any -- 'cause I'm happy to go the  
14          route that the mayor is suggesting and -  
15          - and we can do the resolution that way,  
16          but I want to make sure that we can  
17          hire, that we have the authorization and  
18          the appropriation to be able to pay this  
19          person.

20          COUNSEL IZZO: Sure. I think --

21          COMMISSIONER MORAN: If I may just  
22          offer a moment, I want to -- couple of  
23          things. One, reaffirm what the mayor  
24          said earlier and that's fundamentally, I  
25          believe Commissioner Sanghvi has the

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1 ability to make any hires within her  
2 department specifically when they are  
3 budgeted. And I support your ability to  
4 do so.

5 I would like again, I -- as we've  
6 talked, I do see multiple issues with  
7 this -- this -- this document and what  
8 causes me the most concern is the issue  
9 of carrying this on and that there's so  
10 many issues melded. If the only method  
11 to affect bringing on this executive  
12 assistant is this document, I would  
13 support it and -- and I would support it  
14 only because I believe you have the  
15 right to -- to hire this employee.

16 But I -- I think we've all, you  
17 know, had conversations behind the  
18 scenes that this needs to get fixed.  
19 There are multiple exposures that the  
20 mayor has pointed out and I support  
21 again, Commissioner Sanghvi's desire and  
22 right to hire this executive assistant.  
23 I would support a motion at the table  
24 that made this very, very simple and  
25 easy if -- if there need be any sort of

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reinforcement to your right to make this  
2           hire commissioner.

3           And -- and that being said I'll --  
4           I'll -- I'll release you back to the --  
5           to the table. Thank you.

6           COUNSEL IZZO: I -- I'll make only  
7           a couple of comments. Absolutely. This  
8           -- this is an example of a document that  
9           has been amended a number of times over  
10          the years. It existed even before 2009.  
11          I -- I -- my recollection is that it  
12          began many years ago with a resolution  
13          that basically dealt with deputies.

14          The council wanted to establish the  
15          various parameters of the employment of  
16          a deputy. After that, it grew. Other  
17          positions were added. It sort of  
18          evolved that way. There were some  
19          reviews, but was there ever a thorough  
20          comprehensive review? I really can't  
21          answer that definitively. I know I  
22          never did one, perhaps other legal  
23          counsel did that I wasn't aware of.

24          Certainly, it's -- it's a document  
25          that could be reviewed, and perhaps



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1 there are other and better ways to -- to  
2 -- to come up with a -- a better  
3 solution. The only thing you're really  
4 matching that against is whether or not  
5 there is an -- an -- an exogen situation  
6 here where we really need to establish  
7 this new position this evening, as it  
8 has been proposed.

9 If that's important, then that's  
10 something for your consideration. That  
11 wouldn't stop you from immediately  
12 beginning a review after that, and  
13 continuing to make it better, possibly  
14 even before August. But it -- it kind  
15 of comes down to how important it is to  
16 get this executive assistant position  
17 funded and developed and -- and -- and  
18 initiated this evening at this council  
19 meeting.

20 The corrections probably need to be  
21 reviewed and probably need to be  
22 considered with a view toward maybe a --  
23 a better way to have this method -- this  
24 methodology put in place. It comes down  
25 to the importance of the -- of the

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appointment being the -- the employment  
2 being initiated tonight.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Well so here  
4 is another thought, Mayor Kim. I -- I  
5 totally understand your concerns. Is it  
6 possible we can move forward with the  
7 vote today and then start working on  
8 reviewing and restructuring this  
9 document --

10 COUNSEL IZZO: Immediately begin  
11 reviewing it and structuring it.

12 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: --  
13 immediately.

14 COUNSEL IZZO: Yes. That would be  
15 -- that would be possible.

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah.

17 COUNSEL IZZO: Yes.

18 MAYOR KIM: My -- my concern about  
19 that is a vote on this document ratifies  
20 -- again this City Council ratifying  
21 what is in effect, a number of errors  
22 and mistakes. And -- and let me -- let  
23 me just -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank  
25 you. Thank you. Maybe the simplest way

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1 we can do this, and I'll -- I'll -- I'll  
2 ask Mr. Izzo if we can do it this way,  
3 can we amend Commissioner Sanghvi's  
4 motion so that it takes things out of  
5 the resolution that we're discussing  
6 that is obviously flawed.

7 But allows us to vote tonight to  
8 authorize her hiring of an executive  
9 assistant, and in due course, we can put  
10 on our agenda, a comprehensive review of  
11 the resolution. Would that be  
12 acceptable to you?

13 MAYOR KIM: That's -- that's what I  
14 would suggest.

15 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Would  
16 you -- would that be acceptable to you,  
17 Commissioner Sanghvi?

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: That is fine  
19 with me.

20 COUNSEL IZZO: So -- so the motion  
21 is only to authorize Commissioner  
22 Sanghvi to hire an executive assistant  
23 to the commissioner of finance. Is that  
24 it?

25 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: That

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1 would be my --

2 COUNSEL IZZO: Did I phrase that  
3 right?

4 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- that  
5 -- that's my motion to amend  
6 Commissioner Sanghvi's.

7 COUNSEL IZZO: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: That is fine  
9 with me.

10 COUNSEL IZZO: Commissioner, does  
11 that get you where you want to be with  
12 us?

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yeah.

14 COUNSEL IZZO: And we can -- we can  
15 immediately begin review of the  
16 resolution and try to make it better.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay.

18 COUNSEL IZZO: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: So then,  
20 I guess we moved to a -- a vote on the  
21 motion.

22 MAYOR KIM: So we have to withdraw  
23 the current motion on the table.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I will  
25 withdraw the current motion on the

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MAYOR KIM: Is there a second.

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

ALL: Aye.

MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion to  
withdraw is -- carries. Now, who wants  
to state the new motion? The new motion  
would be to authorize --

COUNSEL IZZO: I -- I -- I thought  
what I heard was the council authorizes  
Commissioner Sanghvi to create and fill  
the position of executive assistant to  
the commissioner of finance.

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I -- I --  
- I -- am I correct? I think the -- the  
position exists, it's just being filled.  
It's not to create and --

COUNSEL IZZO: Okay.

MAYOR KIM: Authorize her to hire.

COUNSEL IZZO: Oh. It already  
exists. I'm sorry. My mistake.

COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: No -- no --  
no -- no. The position is funded but

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1 doesn't exist. We -- I mean, we -- we  
2 are adding it to the -- the --

3 COUNSEL IZZO: Okay. So --

4 MAYOR KIM: So it's to create and  
5 authorize.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Changing the  
7 title.

8 COUNSEL IZZO: Authorize to create  
9 and fill --

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right.

11 COUNSEL IZZO: -- the position of  
12 executive assistant to the commissioner  
13 of finance.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I -- I  
15 would second that motion.

16 COUNSEL IZZO: I think I got that  
17 right.

18 MAYOR KIM: So we have a second on  
19 the --

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And again,  
21 this would be full-time non-union  
22 employee, just -- just for the record.  
23 I want to make sure that's --

24 COUNSEL IZZO: As you -- you're  
25 creating it as -- as such, right?

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right.

2 COUNSEL IZZO: Okay.

3 MAYOR KIM: There's a second. Is  
4 there any discussion?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah. I would  
6 just like to offer, I think this is a --  
7 a great example of collaboration in --  
8 in -- in motion without having to be  
9 disagreeable. So I -- I commend  
10 everyone for this conversation. I  
11 absolutely support this, and I would  
12 take my expectations even further.

13 We -- this -- this piece of -- of  
14 whatever you want to call it, this multi  
15 -- 23-time amended resolution needs to  
16 be fixed. Because it's, as Mayor Kim  
17 has -- has pointed out, this is a  
18 contract between us and our employees.  
19 And people deserve implicit  
20 understanding of what those terms and  
21 conditions are. So this needs to be  
22 fixed, period.

23 MAYOR KIM: And -- and, you know,  
24 connected to that, and I don't think it  
25 requires any kind of formal action by

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1 the -- the City Council. There are  
2 obviously other pieces that would have  
3 to be put into this in terms of the  
4 terms and conditions of the employment,  
5 once a person's hired.

6 But, you know, at will setting,  
7 essentially those are in a handbook or a  
8 personnel manual, which you're going to  
9 be surprised out there, we don't have in  
10 the city hall here for the at will  
11 employees. So that should be part of  
12 it. We have contractual, union,  
13 collective bargaining agreements, but we  
14 don't have a personnel manual.

15 So what we should do is take the  
16 things like the sick leave, personal  
17 days, the other stuff that is valuable  
18 here, the holidays, put that in a  
19 personnel manual that when somebody  
20 who's an at will employee, non-union is  
21 hired, they got that and they understand  
22 what the terms and conditions of their  
23 employment are beyond the salary and the  
24 bare bones.

25 So there's a way to take what is



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done here and take what's of value and -  
2 - and turn it into, I -- I think what --  
3 what's more sensible for the -- the  
4 employees that the city has that aren't  
5 part of a union.

6 COUNSEL IZZO: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Thank you,  
8 Ron.

9 MAYOR KIM: So we have a motion as  
10 there's a second.

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sorry. So  
12 the motion just --

13 COUNSEL IZZO: Just a recap?

14 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Yes.

15 COUNSEL IZZO: The motion is to  
16 authorize the commissioner of finance to  
17 create and --

18 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So it's a  
19 resolution?

20 COUNSEL IZZO: Yeah -- yeah. Oh  
21 well no, it's a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: It's --  
23 it's in the form of a motion.

24 COUNSEL IZZO: Yes. To -- yeah --  
25 to -- to -- to authorize the

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commissioner of finance to create and  
2 fill the position of executive assistant  
3 to the commissioner of finance. That is  
4 what I recall. Is that -- the council  
5 recall that as well?

6 MAYOR KIM: Yes. Exactly.

7 COUNSEL IZZO: Okay.

8 MAYOR KIM: And there was a second.  
9 Is there any other discussion? All in  
10 favor?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
13 carries.

14 COUNSEL IZZO: And I will  
15 immediately begin working with you on  
16 ways to improve the resolution.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sounds good.

18 MAYOR KIM: You -- you earned your  
19 pay tonight, Tony.

20 COUNSEL IZZO: Thank you.

21 MAYOR KIM: Thank you.

22 COUNSEL IZZO: You got it.

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: The 7th item  
24 on my agenda is a discussion and vote  
25 for 2022 city fee update, recreation

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department, pickle ball, fitness fees.

2 The recreation department is adding  
3 fees for pickle ball and fitness  
4 programs. Pickle ball fees will be \$45  
5 per resident, \$65 for non-resident.  
6 Fitness classes for a seven-day session  
7 will be \$105 per resident, \$125 for non-  
8 resident, with a daily rate of \$18 per  
9 resident and \$20 for non-resident.

10 I move that the City Council  
11 approve the 2022 city fee update  
12 recreation department, pickle ball and  
13 fitness fees as included with the  
14 agenda. This is a motion.

15 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

17 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
18 favor?

19 ALL: Aye.

20 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
21 carries.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI:

23 The 8th item on my agenda is  
24 discussion and vote approval to  
25 reimburse IT employee in the amount of

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1 \$169 for payment to MindManager. This  
2 receipt was processed after the 30-day  
3 deadline under the circumstances  
4 purchasing requires council approval. I  
5 move that the City Council approve the  
6 reimbursement to reimburse IT employee  
7 in the amount of \$169 for payment of  
8 MindManager as included with this  
9 agenda. Again, this is a motion.

10 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

12 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? What's  
13 MindManager?

14 (Indiscernible)

15 MAYOR KIM: We'll Google it. It  
16 sounds like I need it. Anyway any  
17 discussions? All in favor?

18 ALL: Aye.

19 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Opposed?  
20 Motion carries.

21 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: The next  
22 item on my agenda is a discussion and  
23 vote authorization for the mayor to sign  
24 agreements with Windstream Holding LLC  
25 for digital city telephone access,

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including inbound police department

calls.

This agreement is to renew citywide  
telephone service and revised it from  
analog to digital -- revise it from  
analog to digital. It is in the amount  
of \$11,761 and 44 cents per year for  
three years.

Without this agreement, the city  
will lose citywide telephone  
capabilities, including inbound police  
calls.

As required, it has been reviewed  
and approved by legal risk and safety  
purchasing and finance.

MAYOR KIM: Any -- is there a  
second on the motion?

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

MAYOR KIM: Any discussion?

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I have  
one question. I don't know if you'd  
know this off the top of your head.  
Does -- does this service count the  
number of incoming calls at the police  
department?

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1 I learned today from the  
2 dispatchers that we do not have at  
3 present a -- a system that counts each  
4 call coming in. We could look into it,  
5 I'm sure.

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Heather will  
7 get back to you on that.

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank  
9 you.

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. All  
11 right, so this is a motion.

12 MAYOR KIM: Any other discussion or  
13 questions? All in favor?

14 ALL: Aye.

15 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
16 carries.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: The last  
18 item is a discussion and vote for budget  
19 transfers for payroll transfer funds to  
20 the planning department for UDO training  
21 from the administrator to planning and  
22 econ wage line in the amount of \$6,000.  
23 I move that the City Council approve the  
24 budget transfer payroll as included with  
25 this agenda. And again, this is a

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1 motion.

2 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

4 MAYOR KIM: On -- any discussion?

5 All in favor?

6 ALL: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And that  
8 concludes my agenda. Thank you, Mr.  
9 Mayor.

10 MAYOR KIM: Thank you. I'll --  
11 I'll do the public works agenda. This  
12 is sort of my swan song. The first item  
13 is discussion and vote authorization for  
14 mayor to sign the contract with Pace  
15 Analytical Services. The city had a  
16 contract with C -- had a contract with  
17 CNA Laboratory, and they were recently  
18 purchased by Pace Analytical.

19 And this new contract is to  
20 continue the services of necessary  
21 testing for this city's water supply.  
22 Operating the public water supply as you  
23 can imagine, involves testing on a  
24 regular basis to ensure the highest  
25 standards of water -- water quality.

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Department of Health and the EPA, there are set sampling requirements that the city must meet every year. Pace Analytical -- through Pace Analytical, the City of Saratoga Springs can continue to meet all these sampling requirements.

Therefore, I move for the mayor to sign a contract with Pace Analytical Services LLC for laboratory services. And that's in a form of a motion. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

MAYOR KIM: Is there any discussion?

COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Is there -- is there a dollar figure attached to this contract, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR KIM: Let me check.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Usually it's pay by test or scopes, like time period scope of service. There's specific tests that you're going to be running on a -- on a particular frequency per



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regulation.

2 (Indiscernible)

3 MAYOR KIM: Yeah. So Deputy Rella  
4 just provided me with their pricing list  
5 and it's a variety. It depends on the  
6 test. Like a test for core form  
7 bacteria, the unit price is \$21. Iron  
8 and magnesium is 38. So it goes on.  
9 Yes, this is on Page 9 of the documents.

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: That's pretty  
11 typical.

12 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank --  
13 thank you Mr. Mayor.

14 MAYOR KIM: Sure. Any other  
15 questions? All in favor?

16 ALL: Aye.

17 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
18 carries. The second item on the  
19 Department of Public Works agenda is a  
20 discussion and vote for the mayor to  
21 sign a contract with Milton CAT for  
22 heavy construction equipment and with  
23 related accessories, attachments and  
24 supplies.

25 The approved 2022 capital budget

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includes funds for the purchase of  
2 heavy-duty equipment for youth by the  
3 Department of Public Works. The  
4 contract with Milton CAT will allow for  
5 the purchase of two loaders with related  
6 accessories, attachments and supplies.

7 There is a trade in credit for a  
8 John Deere 624J and CAT IT28G owned by  
9 the City of Saratoga Springs. The  
10 budget lines are H3936952-52000-1273 and  
11 H3936952-52400-108 -- 1080 and H3936952-  
12 52000-1214.

13 I move for the mayor to sign a  
14 contract with Milton CAT for heavy  
15 construction equipment with related  
16 accessories, attachments and supplies  
17 with a trade in credit for John Deere  
18 624J and trade in credit of CAT IT28G.

19 This bid is valid until December  
20 31st, 2022. And the amount of unit bid  
21 prices subject to appropriation. That's  
22 in the form of motion. Is there a  
23 second?

24 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Second.

25 MAYOR KIM: Any questions? Any

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1 discussion? All in favor?

2 ALL: Aye.

3 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
4 carries. The third item on the  
5 Department of Public Works is a  
6 discussion and vote approval for the  
7 Department of Public Works to hire two  
8 part-time seasonal street department  
9 laborers.

10 The Department of Public Works is  
11 on a yearly -- on a yearly basis hires  
12 two part-time seasonal street department  
13 laborers. These two part-time seasonal  
14 laborers get work up to 40 hours per  
15 week and are responsible for the  
16 beautification, garbage disposal and  
17 general upkeep on Broadway and adjoining  
18 side streets -- side streets.

19 The Department of Public Works has  
20 a funding and street laborer budget line  
21 A3335011-51900. I -- therefore I move  
22 for the approval of the Department of  
23 Public Works to hire two part-time  
24 seasonal street department laborers from  
25 -- for -- for street labor, and I put

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1 that in a form of the motion.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I have a  
3 question about this.

4 MAYOR KIM: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sorry. Do  
6 we need a second before we get --

7 MAYOR KIM: Let's get a second. Is  
8 there a second?

9 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I'll  
10 second. Second.

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: For the  
12 Department of Public Works the fourth  
13 item, fifth item and the sixth item, no,  
14 sorry.

15 The third, fourth, fifth, sixth  
16 items approval for two part-time  
17 seasonal street department employees,  
18 ten part-time seasonal carousel  
19 employees, two part-time Canfield casino  
20 laborers. And for the Department of  
21 Public Works to sick bank -- works --  
22 sick bank request. There is no  
23 attachments to it.

24 I -- I cannot in good faith approve  
25 of something that I don't even know how

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it may impact budgets if they don't give  
2 me the information.

3 MAYOR KIM: So yes, they have not  
4 been attached. I can give you in -- the  
5 information they've given me.

6 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right. But  
7 Joe's --

8 MAYOR KIM: But I don't know if I  
9 can give you, Joe's not here. So I -- I  
10 -- we could table these motions.

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I -- I would  
12 recommend tabling these motions so that  
13 we have the attachments 'cause that's --  
14 I -- I thought that was required.

15 MAYOR KIM: Is there any opposition  
16 to tabling these? The -- the only -- I  
17 -- I do know that when we had these  
18 motions when we saw their -- their  
19 agenda, I asked, are these in the  
20 budget? I think we heard, they told us  
21 yes. And there are budget lines here,  
22 but that's all the information.

23 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right.

24 MAYOR KIM: If that's -- I -- I  
25 think in this case we would probably

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1 want to push it off if you're not  
2 comfortable. Is there any other views  
3 on that from the commissioners?

4 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Just  
5 concerned about the time element.

6 MAYOR KIM: That -- that's the only  
7 thing is -- I don't know what seasonal  
8 means. I'll -- I'll just -- so this  
9 one's for beatification -- garbage  
10 disposal.

11 The ten seasonal, I'm just moving  
12 down, the ten part-time, they work up to  
13 40 hours a week and are responsible for  
14 operating the carousel. I don't -- I  
15 have no idea when the -- we -- did  
16 anyone happen to know when the carousel  
17 typically opens?

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: It --  
19 it's going to be before Memorial Day  
20 weekend.

21 MAYOR KIM: So we have a meeting on  
22 the 17th.

23 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: But I  
24 think these positions may need to be  
25 advertised?

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1                   MAYOR KIM: Officer, do you happen

2                   to know when it --

3                   (Indiscernible)

4                   COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: But I mean,  
5                   I thought that they are supposed to have  
6                   the attachment with the discussion and  
7                   vote. Isn't that sort of, part of the  
8                   protocol? Isn't that required by law?

9                   MAYOR KIM: I -- I -- I think it's  
10                  part of the protocol. Yeah. They  
11                  usually just give us more information.  
12                  Is there -- so do you want to take a  
13                  ten-minute break and -- or what we could  
14                  do is hold the public works department,  
15                  go to public safety and then we can loop  
16                  back if we get the answers to these  
17                  questions. You want to do that?

18                  COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sure.

19                  MAYOR KIM: Okay. So why don't I -  
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21                  COMMISSIONER MORAN: I -- Mother's  
22                  Day is when the carousel opens. I just  
23                  got a note from Mike Beach.

24                  MAYOR KIM: Oh so --

25                  COMMISSIONER MORAN: So that's

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1 actually Sunday.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: So how are  
3 they going to hire someone for Sunday  
4 today? If we pass it today?

5 COMMISSIONER MORAN: They may have  
6 people that do this seasonally. I mean,  
7 there are people who work this way. So  
8 I mean, I do believe these are  
9 traditionally budgeted items.

10 This is part and parcel normal  
11 operation of the department. I  
12 absolutely agree that the documentation  
13 should be available and present for us  
14 to be able to vote and move this  
15 forward. So that's a difficult  
16 circumstance.

17 I have Mike on the -- the line  
18 here. I could see -- let me see if I  
19 can -- if we switch those -- those  
20 agendas, let me see if I can't get some  
21 clarity from him.

22 MAYOR KIM: Why -- why don't we do  
23 that? Jim, you're ready, right?

24 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I'm fine.

25 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Why don't we go



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1 ahead, and we can hold this and then

2 maybe Angela can call Mike

3 (indiscernible). Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Okay. So  
5 here's an -- here's an answer folks.

6 MAYOR KIM: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER MORAN: These  
8 positions are not usually on the agenda  
9 but are only there because there is no  
10 commissioner. So the -- the intent of  
11 the department was to make sure  
12 everything that they were doing was  
13 above board and transparent.

14 I think very -- very similar or in  
15 line with the conversation we just had  
16 about finance department and the purview  
17 of -- of Commissioner Sanghvi to staff  
18 that per her budget as she sees  
19 appropriate.

20 It certainly would seem to fall in  
21 line with that. That being said, if we  
22 retract those items Mr. Mayor, perhaps  
23 this problem can solve itself.

24 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: If -- if we  
25 absolutely have to vote on the seasonal

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1 hires, I -- I think we could probably do  
2 those two seasonal things. But I  
3 definitely do not want to vote on the  
4 sick bank request without having all the  
5 necessary documentation for it.

6 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I agree with  
7 that commissioner, I actually had a  
8 question about that at pre agenda, if  
9 you recall. So --

10 COUNSEL IZZO: If -- if I may  
11 briefly. I -- I was actually asked a  
12 question on this and it was one of a  
13 number of questions I was asked in the  
14 absence of -- of a commissioner, which  
15 you did not have until this evening.

16 And the question basically was,  
17 since the charter actually puts it in --  
18 within the authority of every council  
19 member to hire employees. What happens  
20 when temporarily you don't have a  
21 commissioner?

22 And I believe my response was you  
23 can -- there probably should be  
24 something in the record to indicate that  
25 it's important, you know, not

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necessarily an emergency. But very  
2 important to hire these particular  
3 employees right now, because work needs  
4 to be done immediately.

5 It kind of sounds like maybe  
6 there's evidence on the record to  
7 establish that. Anyway, that was the  
8 answer I gave. I didn't get any further  
9 than that, but that --that was the  
10 question. That was the context in which  
11 I answered the question.

12 MAYOR KIM: Well I -- I suppose  
13 what we could do is take each of these  
14 items and put them up for a vote and see  
15 if people are comfortable. And if  
16 they're not, they're going to, you know,  
17 we're -- we're going to -- we're going  
18 to have -- we got a new commissioner.

19 So we can always, if this is really  
20 an emergency, call a special City  
21 Council meeting. How's that? So why --

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I mean, if -  
23 - if we have the budget lines, you know,  
24 and --

25 MAYOR KIM: I do have the budget

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lines.

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COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: -- and --  
and these -- and -- and they're doing  
this only because there is no  
commissioner, I -- I -- like I said, we  
can definitely do the seasonal  
employees.

But I -- I don't want to vote on  
the -- the Department of Public Works,  
sick bank request. So I would -- I  
would make a motion to table that.

MAYOR KIM: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yeah. So just  
the last point, Mike is -- Mike is  
feeding back. Yes. What Tony is saying  
is exactly why we placed them on the  
agenda. So there would be  
memorialization of the hire. We  
obviously, tomorrow we'll have a new  
commissioner. He could make those hires  
tomorrow. I don't think we may even  
take an action.

And I do agree with Commissioner  
Sanghvi. I'd like to see more  
definition of what that -- the sick bank

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1 is. That doesn't seem as -- as -- as  
2 clear and imperative as seasonal hires.

3 MAYOR KIM: So Commissioner Moran  
4 then are -- is what Mike is saying is  
5 that items three through six, we can  
6 table without any, because with a new  
7 commissioner sworn in tomorrow, they'll  
8 be able to take care of those and the  
9 sick bank request he can come back to  
10 because that -- is that what he's  
11 saying?

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: That -- yes.  
13 Let me double check on the sick bank.  
14 He said that they'll have to figure it  
15 out with payroll, but he thinks that's  
16 okay.

17 MAYOR KIM: Okay. So --

18 COMMISSIONER MORAN: He said now  
19 with a commissioner, they can definitely  
20 figure it out.

21 MAYOR KIM: Okay. So --

22 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Right on.  
23 Thanks Mike.

24 MAYOR KIM: I would move to table  
25 items three, four, five and six of the

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1 public works agenda. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

3 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

4 ALL: Aye.

5 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion

6 carries. So going to the seventh item  
7 on the public works agenda. This is an  
8 announcement of the county's tire  
9 recycling program.

10 Saratoga County is hosting their  
11 annual tire recycling program. This  
12 program is open to all Saratoga County  
13 residents. The event will be held on  
14 Tuesday, May 26th, from 4:00 to 5:30,  
15 between the Boston Town Hall at 30 -- I  
16 -- I'm sorry, 323 Charlton Road, Boston  
17 Spa.

18 Pre-registration and proof of  
19 residency are required to participate.  
20 Flyers have been distributed with this  
21 agenda and can be found on the city's  
22 website.

23 The Public Works Department's  
24 eighth item is an announcement for the  
25 Arbor Day tree planting. Deputy

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1  
2 O'Neill was joined by the city arborist  
3 Steve Lashomb, members of the Southwest  
4 Neighborhood Association, members of  
5 Sustainable Saratoga's Urban Forestry  
6 Project, and a class of students from  
7 Geyser elementary on April 29th, 2022 to  
8 celebrate Arbor Day with a planting of a  
9 new tree inside Veterans Park along the  
10 recently constructed guided trail.

11 Absent from this year's ceremony  
12 was the City of Saratoga Springs  
13 Commissioner of Public Works, Anthony  
14 Skip Scirocco. The urban forestry  
15 division and urban forest master plan  
16 were developed under commissioner  
17 Scirocco's tenure as DPW commissioner,  
18 which began in 2008. The DPW's urban  
19 forestry division honored Skip's  
20 commitment to the city's trees during  
21 the ceremony and will continue the late  
22 commissioner's legacy of dedication to  
23 the urban forest and the benefits it  
24 provides to the people of the City of  
25 Saratoga Springs.

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1           The City of Saratoga Springs is  
2 recognized as a tree city USA since  
3 2017, by the Arbor Day Foundation. This  
4 year's ceremony marks a milestone as the  
5 5th year of recognition. The tree city  
6 USA program administered by the Arbor  
7 Day Foundation, designates  
8 municipalities following the review of  
9 their investment, maintenance and  
10 commitment to the urban tree canopy.

11           The program requires spending of at  
12 least \$2 per capita on urban forestry,  
13 Saratoga Springs budget -- budgets  
14 approximately \$11 per capita to manage  
15 its urban forest. The newly planted  
16 tree is a swamp white oak, which  
17 produces a magnificent 40-foot canopy.

18           It was planted on the south side of  
19 the trail so that the large canopy will  
20 provide shade to pedestrians along the  
21 trail on hot summer days. I -- I -- is  
22 there any comments on the announcement  
23 on Arbor Day tree planting?

24           COMMISSIONER MORAN: Yes. Mr.  
25 Mayor, if -- if I may. I was asked to -



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1 - to start -- as I've been involved with  
2 Sustainable Saratoga and the Tree Toga  
3 event. And then obviously with the  
4 unfortunate passing of Commissioner  
5 Scirocco, I was asked to -- start to  
6 represent the city as part of the event.

7 And I had prepared some remarks and  
8 unfortunately due to my health  
9 circumstance, I wasn't able to get  
10 there. And I was just hoping to read  
11 these remarks into the record if I may.

12 I want to thank each and every one  
13 of you for coming out today, to support  
14 my favorite community event, Tree Toga.  
15 Sorry I couldn't be present today. I've  
16 been so looking forward to leading my  
17 first crew into continuing this  
18 incredible tradition. Since its  
19 inception in 2014, this event has  
20 planted over 270 trees, and we will be  
21 adding an additional 53 to our urban  
22 forest in 2022. This is the highest  
23 single day of event to date.

24 Due to the pressure of development  
25 and the abuse urban trees experienced,

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1 we've seen an unacceptable decrease in  
2 our urban forest. While events like  
3 today can start to turn the tide. The  
4 simple truth is we must do more. Many  
5 of you may know that Commissioner  
6 Scirocco and the Saratoga Springs  
7 Department of Public Works have provided  
8 support for sustainable Tree Toga event.

9           And it is his memory that I ask  
10 each of you the following. Please go  
11 talk to your neighbors and friends, get  
12 them to plant trees in their backyard.  
13 It is there that they will have the  
14 better chance to reach full maturity,  
15 bring back our urban forests to its true  
16 glory and also support the -- the  
17 animals, and as Commissioner --  
18 Commissioner Scirocco was often fond of  
19 saying, all the small animals will have  
20 a place to go.

21           And you know, with that said, I  
22 would just ask for one more moment of  
23 silence in recognition of Commissioner  
24 Scirocco, his lifelong commitment to the  
25 city that we all love. Thank you, Mr.

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1 Mayor.

2           MAYOR KIM: Thank you,  
3 commissioner. The final item on the  
4 public works agenda is an announcement  
5 that Commissioner Scirocco would've been  
6 very proud of.

7           The Department of Public Works is  
8 proud to announce that the city hall  
9 renovation and restoration project has  
10 been named the 2022 project of the year  
11 for historic restoration, preservation  
12 for small cities, rural communities by  
13 the American Public Works Association.  
14 Each year, the American Public Works  
15 Association presents the public works  
16 projects of the year, awards to promote  
17 excellence in the management and  
18 administration of public works projects.  
19 National recognition is bestowed upon  
20 the recipients at their annual  
21 conference, which will occur this year  
22 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

23           The award is a testament to the  
24 legacy of Commissioner Scirocco and his  
25 excellent management of our DPW. He

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2           would've been proud of his team and the  
3           entire city staff who worked on this  
4           project. He was aware that the project  
5           team applied for the award  
6           consideration, but unfortunately DPW was  
7           not notified an award recognition until  
8           after he died. DPW business manager and  
9           project manager Mike Veitch sponsored  
10          denomination of award with DPW as a  
11          managing agency, architectural and  
12          engineering firm, Clark Patterson Lee,  
13          as a primary consultant, M -- M -- and  
14          MLB as the general contractor. The  
15          entire city project team, engineering  
16          firms who contributed and all  
17          contractors that worked on the  
18          renovation should be proud of this  
19          recognition.

20                 In addition, all staff -- city  
21                 staff contributed due to their  
22                 perseverance during a time of transition  
23                 and difficulty. I want to congratulate  
24                 the Department of Public Works, all city  
25                 staff, former members of the council,  
                design review commission, engineering

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consultants and contractors for all of  
2 their work, making this an award-winning  
3 project on a national level. Our city  
4 can be proud of this honor. And that  
5 concludes the public works agenda.

6 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Okay.  
7 Item number one on the public safety  
8 agenda, discussion and vote  
9 authorization to pay a 2021 invoice to  
10 Axon Enterprises. A way of background -  
11 -

12 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Jim -- Jim,  
13 can you hang on one sec? Mr. Mayor I --  
14 in my agenda had that award of bid for  
15 public works for the weed harvester.  
16 Perhaps that glitch didn't carry it over  
17 to the award side on the public works  
18 agenda, or is that satisfactory with the  
19 award that I did in my agenda?

20 MAYOR KIM: I'm -- I'm not sure  
21 which of the items, are -- are we  
22 talking --

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: So if -- if --  
24 if you go to my item seven, award of bid  
25 to -- for the aquatic weed harvester and

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1 tilt tech trailer to AlphaBoats

2 Unlimited.

3 MAYOR KIM: Yeah, we don't have --

4 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I thought --

5 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: There is no  
6 items like that.

7 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I thought at -  
8 - I'll stop talking. What -- what was  
9 the judgment there?

10 MAYOR KIM: Commissioner Moran,  
11 I've been told that public works pulled  
12 that item?

13 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Oh, they did.  
14 Okay. Fair enough then. I didn't hear  
15 that. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

16 MAYOR KIM: Okay. Great.

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Okay.

18 MAYOR KIM: Take it away.

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: So  
20 there's an invoice that's left over from  
21 2021 with Axon enterprises, LLC. Axon,  
22 we have a current contract and there was  
23 a contract last year as well.

24 They provide such things as the  
25 body cameras police officers wear as

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1 well as cameras in the vehicles. My  
2 investigation shows that the -- the  
3 prior City Council, when they approved  
4 the new contract were apparently not  
5 aware that there was an outstanding bill  
6 for the final payment of the existing  
7 contract, which is in the amount of  
8 \$29,412. It's invoice number  
9 INUS013350.

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: This was  
12 an amount that --

13 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: It's -- it's  
14 not showing up on the -- on the agenda.  
15 You click on it -- on the link to the  
16 agenda item and -- and it says click to  
17 download, but there's no attachment.  
18 There's no nothing. There's no summary  
19 either.

20 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Odd --  
21 odd -- oddly enough, I -- I printed this  
22 out earlier this afternoon from -- from  
23 the agenda. So it -- it may be just a  
24 temporary glitch here. This was  
25 attached.

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1 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Are -- are

2 you getting this?

3 COMMISSIONER MORAN: At least as of  
4 later this afternoon.

5 MAYOR KIM: No. I -- I -- I'm not  
6 getting it either.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Do you mind  
8 sharing with us?

9 COMMISSIONER MORAN: There's  
10 something going on with it?

11 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: We can see  
12 the paper. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: There  
14 were -- there were a series of payments  
15 made on the 2021 contract. This  
16 represents the final payment that was  
17 due. The bill was submitted in  
18 September but the -- but the bill was  
19 not.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Will we be  
21 paying a late fee on this since it's --

22 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: The --  
23 the paperwork that I was provided shows  
24 that Axon has it listed as due and owing  
25 and to be paid at tonight's meeting



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without any reason.

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I put  
4 this in the form of a motion then to --  
5 to authorize the payment of this 2021  
6 invoice to Axon Enterprises.

7 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

9 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
10 favor?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
13 carries.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Item  
15 number two, discussion and vote on the  
16 civilian review board ordinance. This  
17 was the subject of a number of public  
18 hearings that have been continued for --  
19 in excess I believe of two months.  
20 There -- there was an individual who  
21 made a public comment saying that this  
22 was not put before the public in a  
23 reasonable amount of time.

24 But in fact, just to correct the  
25 record there, when the public hearing

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was opened, it was indicated that the  
2 basic framework that would be used was  
3 the police reform task forces, appendix  
4 G, which was their proposal for the  
5 civilian review board. We had a public  
6 hearing based upon that basic wire frame  
7 following that there were amendments  
8 that were based in large part on the  
9 public comments at that hearing.

10 That amended proposal was on the  
11 agenda for the last City Council meeting  
12 with the proposed ordinance in its  
13 entirety and was subject again to public  
14 hearing. And tonight's version as  
15 earlier announced is almost exactly the  
16 same as in the last City Council meeting  
17 with the exception in -- in the main of  
18 the extension of the residency  
19 requirement from six months to one year.  
20 So with that Mr. Izzo --

21 COUNSEL IZZO: Just -- just as --  
22 just as a mere formality commissioner, I  
23 believe this is numbered as chapter 37  
24 of the code of the City of Saratoga  
25 Springs.

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1 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: That's

2 correct, sir.

3 COUNSEL IZZO: Great.

4 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: So I put

5 this in the form of a motion to adopt

6 chapter 37, the civilian review board

7 ordinance.

8 MAYOR KIM: I'll second it. Is

9 there a discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Jim, when do

11 you start -- sort of when -- when do we

12 start seeing this in motion?

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Well what

14 would happen is, the very next item on

15 the agenda is the --

16 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: No I saw

17 that.

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: --

19 authorization for the application form.

20 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: There

22 needs to be at least a 30-day period for

23 people to apply for membership. What I

24 anticipate is that at the end of that

25 period, we would begin the selection

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process of the members. The members  
2 would convene for their first meeting.  
3 And then we would have to get involved  
4 with the funding requirements for the  
5 board, for, you know, their -- their  
6 processes.

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And the  
8 previous administration had set aside  
9 some funds, right? For CRB? So we will  
10 just be using those?

11 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: My  
12 understanding is that the funds that  
13 were set aside for that purpose were  
14 redirected by a budget transfer and were  
15 used for other things by the previous  
16 council.

17 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I see.  
18 Okay. So then we should probably have a  
19 meeting to figure out how we are funding  
20 the civilian review board and what the  
21 funding sources are.

22 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO:  
23 Absolutely -- absolutely. And -- and  
24 certainly at -- at this stage, we're not  
25 discussing the funding yet. My -- my

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1 thought --

2 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: No I know, I  
3 just --

4 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: -- would  
5 be that we'd have -- we'd have the  
6 membership established and then we would  
7 discuss the funding.

8 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Okay. All  
9 right. I -- I just prefer sort of  
10 thinking about that. So we are sort of,  
11 you know, anticipating what are some of  
12 the -- but yeah, we -- we -- we can talk  
13 more about it. I -- I -- I think it's a  
14 great idea and I'm strongly in support  
15 of it. I just assumed that there was  
16 funding that -- that they had set aside.

17 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I thought they  
18 set aside a quarter million dollars?

19 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Yes.  
20 They did. And then they did a budget  
21 transfer, and they spent the money on  
22 other things.

23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Oh, isn't that  
24 lovely?

25 MAYOR KIM: And -- and on that

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1 point, I -- I just want to reflect on a  
2 couple things about this journey that  
3 Jim, Commissioner Montagnino has led us  
4 on. One, if you remember about a year  
5 ago, there were people in -- in this  
6 room saying that we could not do a  
7 civilian review board because the  
8 commissioner form of government we'd  
9 have to have charter change. We'd have  
10 to have this, that, and the other. And  
11 of course the unions were going to stop  
12 it.

13 And you know, basically what it  
14 took was a calm leader to bring us to  
15 this point and get us a proposal. Now  
16 there may still be some challenges, but  
17 it's very clear. And I think it was  
18 clear to -- to all of us, as we watched  
19 those meetings, that there was nothing  
20 about the commissioner form of  
21 government that would have prevented a  
22 civilian review board.

23 So first I want to really applaud  
24 Commissioner Montagnino's leadership in  
25 this. We do have to pay for this and --

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1 and on my second item, I think that, you  
2 know, we -- we will definitely find the  
3 funds because this is critical. And I -  
4 - I absolutely think it's essential that  
5 it not only make sure that it -- the --  
6 the -- the process is right, but that it  
7 has sufficient resources to do it.

8 Finally, I hope it -- we never use  
9 it. And in fact, I think that what  
10 we'll find is that it is rarely used,  
11 but it is so important for the trust of  
12 our citizens. And then this is a -- a -  
13 - a final issue that -- I hope that we  
14 can also look at all the other  
15 recommendations that the police task  
16 force came up.

17 We may not adopt all of those, but  
18 I think that -- that we owe it to the  
19 public, we owe it to the committee that  
20 works so hard, to at least look at those  
21 recommendations and say, does the city  
22 want to pass -- does City Council want  
23 to pass those? What is the public  
24 support? And I hope we'll move forward  
25 on those other 49 recommendations, but

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1 Jim, great job.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank  
3 you.

4 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And -- and  
5 those -- those 49 recommendations  
6 absolutely will also require budgets  
7 especially eye catch training. And --  
8 and we are fully, you know, ready to --  
9 to support it, we just have to plan for  
10 it.

11 And -- and I wish that the previous  
12 administration hadn't used up the money  
13 and -- and sort of left it for -- for  
14 you to implement CRB. But here we are.

15 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: I think  
16 when we have Commissioner Golub on  
17 board, he'll be able to help with --  
18 with filling in some of the details.  
19 But my recollection, if it serves me, is  
20 that many of those other proposals were  
21 adopted by the prior City Council.

22 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Right. But  
23 -- but we need to come up with a three-  
24 year plan to pay for it. So while they  
25 were adopted, not all of them are



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funded.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Agreed.

3 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: And so we  
4 need to make sure that we are able to  
5 fund them and -- and, you know, we want  
6 to do it right. So we -- we're -- we're  
7 here to do that.

8 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Thank  
9 you. I think we need a formal vote.

10 MAYOR KIM: I'm sorry. Yeah. Any  
11 other discussion? All in favor?

12 ALL: Aye.

13 MAYOR KIM: Opposed?

14 COMMISSIONER MORAN: I was an I.

15 MAYOR KIM: Motion carries. Thank  
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Third  
18 item discussion and vote on the  
19 application form for membership  
20 appointment to the civilian review  
21 board. The ordinance itself requires  
22 the approval of the City Council for the  
23 forum. There is a draft form that's  
24 attached to the agenda.

25 And so I put this in the form of a

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1 motion to adopt that application form,  
2 make it available on the city's website.  
3 So that individuals interested in being  
4 considered for appointment to the board  
5 have -- have the ability to do so.

6 MAYOR KIM: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: Second.

8 MAYOR KIM: Any discussion? All in  
9 favor?

10 ALL: Aye.

11 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
12 carries.

13 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: A final  
14 item is an announcement that this  
15 Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to  
16 12:00 p.m., we will have the first  
17 annual bike rodeo at the east side  
18 wreck. It's intended for elementary  
19 school age youngsters, but all family  
20 members are also invited.

21 It's an opportunity for young  
22 people to receive some training and  
23 instruction on basic bicycle safety. In  
24 addition, members of the police and fire  
25 departments will be invited. There

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should be some fire equipment on site,  
2 maybe some police equipment as well, and  
3 a good time should be had by all. In  
4 the event of rain, the rain date is  
5 scheduled for the following Saturday,  
6 May 14th. And that concludes my agenda  
7 Mr. Mayor.

8 MAYOR KIM: And last word. No Mow  
9 May, we did it once more.

10 COMMISSIONER MORAN: No Mow May.  
11 Congratulations Mayor.

12 MAYOR KIM: No Mow May. In any  
13 event, I'll entertain a motion to  
14 adjourn.

15 COMMISSIONER SANGHVI: I make a  
16 motion to adjourn.

17 MAYOR KIM: Second?

18 COMMISSIONER MONTAGNINO: Second.

19 MAYOR KIM: All in favor?

20 ALL: Aye.

21 MAYOR KIM: Opposed? Motion  
22 carries. Thank you all you.

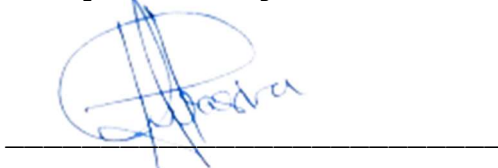
23 COMMISSIONER MORAN: Do well Matt.  
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