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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

REGULAR AGENDA

May 18, 2021

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

- Meg Kelly, Mayor
- Michele Madigan, Commissioner
- Anthony Scirocco, Commissioner
- Robin Dalton, Commissioner
- John P. Franck, Commissioner
- Tara Gaston, Supervisor
- Matthew Veitch, Supervisor



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Good evening. Welcome
2 to city council meeting, Tuesday, May
3 18th. It is 7 p.m.

4 This evening we have no public
5 hearings. Roll call, please.

6 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
7 Franck.

8 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Present.

9 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
10 Madigan.

11 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Present.

12 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
13 Scirocco.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Here.

15 SECRETARY RIBIS: Commissioner
16 Dalton.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Present.

18 SECRETARY RIBIS: Mayor Kelly.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Here.

20 SECRETARY RIBIS: Supervisor Veitch.

21 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Here.

22 SECRETARY RIBIS: And Supervisor
23 Gaston.

24 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Here.

25 THE COURT: Please rise for the



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1 pledge of allegiance.

2 (Pledge of allegiance)

3 MAYOR KELLY: Next on the agenda is
4 our public comment period. I ask that
5 you keep your comments brief, up to two
6 minutes. Yielding time to someone else
7 is not allowed. Public comment period
8 will be for fifteen minutes. Please be
9 respectful and address the council as a
10 whole.

11 As a reminder, public comment is not
12 a dialogue or discussion with the council
13 members. However, at the end of public
14 comment, any councilmember may respond.

15 Now, please raise your Zoom hand if
16 you would like to address the council.
17 Look for it in the participation and the
18 reactions area of the toolbar on your
19 Zoom window. We will call your name and
20 ask you to unmute and start your video.

21 Before -- when we state your name,
22 please address the municipality that you
23 live in.

24 Jason Tepper.

25 MR. TEPPER: Good evening.



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Can you turn your
2 video on?

3 MR. TEPPER: I cannot. It was
4 stopped by the host.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. We'll try to
6 start it by the host.

7 MR. TEPPER: He were go.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Here we go. Thank
9 you.

10 MR. TEPPER: Of course. Thank you.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Sure.

12 MR. TEPPER: So Mayor Kelly,
13 Commissioner Dalton, Commissioner Franck,
14 Commissioner Madigan, Commissioner
15 Scirocco, dear Mayor and Commissioners,
16 industry and safety is top of mind in the
17 North Side neighborhood and on around the
18 Skidmore campus. With Saratoga Springs
19 priding itself on walkability, in January
20 2016 members of the community first came
21 together as an action group named Where
22 the Sidewalk Ends, WTSE for short, with a
23 mission to dramatically improve
24 pedestrian safety and accessibility for
25 the neighborhood working directly with



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1 the city to balance community benefit,
2 feasibility, and cost in achieving our
3 mutual goals. With the proposed sidewalk
4 additions as part of The Missing Sidewalk
5 Links Program significant improvements to
6 pedestrian safety and accessibility are
7 soon to be realized in the North Side
8 neighborhood.

9 WTSE would like to extend our
10 sincere appreciation to the Saratoga
11 Springs City Council for its earnest
12 support of these improvements, and
13 express our gratitude for your efforts in
14 taking these important steps forward to
15 cultivate connection and embetterment
16 (sic) within our cherished neighborhoods
17 and community.

18 While there is more work to be done
19 in order to complete our goals, the
20 current proposal makes praiseworthy
21 strides in delivering the following
22 notable benefits to the neighborhood.

23 Dramatically improving pedestrian
24 safety for neighborhood children, adults,
25 and Skidmore students, clear and safe



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1 crossing of Route 50 at East Avenue,
2 providing safe and direct access to East
3 Side neighborhood schools and public
4 spaces such as Lake Avenue and Caroline
5 Street Elementary Schools, Waldorf School
6 of Saratoga Springs, Saint Clements
7 Regional Catholic School, Skidmore
8 College, State Street Clement Avenue
9 playground, Spring Run Trail, and High
10 Rock Park, East Side Recreation Park,
11 Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Hospital
12 of the Wesley Community, and providing
13 safe and direct access to local
14 businesses and public transportation
15 including Saratoga Farmer's Market,
16 Stewart's Shops, The Fresh Market Plaza,
17 9 Miles East, Courtyard by Marriot,
18 Quality Hardware, Eddy's Beverage, and
19 the CDTA for the YMCA Wilton Mall.

20 Thank you all for your consideration
21 of the above as part of the public
22 comment for the city council meeting, and
23 your continued service to our dear City
24 of Saratoga Springs. Sincerely, on
25 behalf of, Where the Sidewalk Ends.



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

2 Infinite Roofing.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

4 INFINITE ROOFING: What?

5 MAYOR KELLY: No --

6 INFINITE ROOFING: I'm here.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Infinite Roofing is
8 on.

9 INFINITE ROOFING: I'm in. Okay.

10 So what the problem is --

11 MAYOR KELLY: I need a video.

12 INFINITE ROOFING: Start my video.

13 I'm trying to start it. It's not

14 starting. There. Okay. Do you have it

15 now?

16 MAYOR KELLY: Yes, I do, ma'am.

17 Thank you.

18 INFINITE ROOFING: Okay. I have

19 contacted the mayor and numerous peoples

20 of the Saratoga and now I'm contacting --

21 this seems to be the only way to get

22 through to the city council.

23 This has been an ongoing issue with

24 building permits in the City of Saratoga

25 Springs --



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Can we back up --

2 INFINITE ROOFING: -- since

3 November.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Can we back up and
5 state your name and your city that you
6 live in. Thank you.

7 INFINITE ROOFING: We live in
8 Florida and Albany. The businesses are
9 in -- we have a business in Saratoga, and
10 we're part of the Saratoga Chamber of
11 Commerce. We have an office at 63 Putnam
12 Street.

13 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Go ahead.

14 INFINITE ROOFING: Offices at
15 Albany, offices in Colonie, offices in --

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. I just need one
17 place of where you live, and then you can
18 state your statement, okay?

19 INFINITE ROOFING: It's the
20 business. It's in 63 Putnam Street.

21 MAYOR KELLY: That's great. You're
22 all set.

23 INFINITE ROOFING: Business is.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Go ahead. Yep. Um-
25 hum.



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1 INFINITE ROOFING: So as a business,
2 trying to obtain building permits, we've
3 come up against a brick wall. We've
4 received a very nasty letter from Patrick
5 Cogan this week stating that the city
6 council has approved this issue of -- we
7 have an issue, and this goes to the
8 safety of all of your residents when
9 you're not inspecting these roofs.

10 And you're asking what they do.
11 They ask for the roofer to sign and
12 notarize a statement saying that we did
13 something we didn't do before they will
14 issue the building permit. Actually,
15 that's against the law, okay.

16 I have already checked with the
17 Department of State who licenses your
18 building inspectors, that is not a
19 procedure. They are supposed to be
20 inspecting if they require a building
21 permit.

22 I spoke with Richard Tereesh (ph.)
23 yesterday, and he basically said that
24 all's we're doing is making trouble
25 because we won't break the law in order



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1 to obtain a building permit.

2 Patrick Cogan has told us, and I
3 will read from his letter to me, that
4 according to the city council approved a
5 new fee schedule, the city council
6 reviewed their policies and procedures at
7 the end of last year, decided to allow an
8 alternate process for submission of ice
9 and water affidavits based on highly
10 valued feedback.

11 I have asked what valued feedback,
12 because the attorney general certainly
13 does not agree for us to go and sign this
14 and notarize the statements stating that
15 we did something. That is against the
16 law, okay. So I don't know what highly
17 valued feedback.

18 Katie (ph.) explained to us about
19 the hundred dollar deposit. So we give
20 you a hundred dollar deposit for you to
21 go out and do your job. And then we get
22 the hundred dollar deposit back if after
23 we complete the job, we send in our ice
24 and water barrier.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. That's your two



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1 minutes. Thank you.

2 INFINITE ROOFING: And Katie --

3 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

4 INFINITE ROOFING: -- you have to
5 explain that to us. I would like one of
6 the city council members to contact me.

7 MAYOR KELLY: We will respond when
8 we're done with public comments. So
9 you'll get a response. Just you have to
10 wait. We don't respond individually.
11 We'll respond at the end. Thank you for
12 your time.

13 Darlene McGraw.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS:
15 (Indiscernible).

16 MAYOR KELLY: Oh.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS:
18 (Indiscernible).

19 MAYOR KELLY: I do. I'll get him
20 next. Let's do Darlene.

21 MS. MCGRAW: I can't do the video.
22 It's disabled.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Give us a
24 second, Darlene. Sorry. There you go.

25 MS. MCGRAW: Okay.



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Got it.

2 MS. MCGRAW: Hi. My name's Darlene
3 McGraw. Unfortunately, I live here in
4 the City of Saratoga Springs. I have
5 spoken with numerous people about
6 sidewalk issues, and the Geyser Road
7 traffic light issue. It's not safe to
8 make a left-hand turn in a vehicle, let
9 alone in my case a cycle, being a
10 cyclist.

11 I'm asking that the city council
12 look into this further. I've been trying
13 to contact New York State Department of
14 Transportation, and they said that it's
15 the city's responsibility. And the city
16 keeps on having National Grid cut part of
17 the roadway and not pave it completely.
18 The money should get put so our roadways
19 are paved.

20 And the roadway over by the
21 racetrack, unless it has something to do
22 with the racetrack, Broadway, or SPAC,
23 the city does not want nothing to do with
24 it.

25 So when you guys have to clear for



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1 water or something else, you guys got to
2 fix it, and you guys got to fix it now.
3 The community realizes what you're doing,
4 and don't BS and play games while we're
5 at city council. I'm not here listening
6 to you play games, and neither is any of
7 the other people that are here watching
8 you. We're not here watching you play
9 games.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

11 Ken Grey.

12 MR. GREY: Thank you, Mayor. My
13 name is Ken Grey. I live in Saratoga
14 Springs. I'm representing myself and
15 Complete Streets, and I want to thank and
16 applaud the mayor and the council for
17 their foresight in investing in the
18 community for the Missing Links project.
19 Approximately 1.6 million dollar grant
20 was obtained. I want to highlight the
21 benefits. Obviously, safety which Jason
22 outlined for young and for old and in-
23 between. The health benefits. The
24 economic benefits are enormous. And we
25 all saw this exponentially during COVID.



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1 So again, I applaud you for looking
2 at the Missing Links project. And it's
3 an opportunity for all of us to get from
4 point A to point B without an automobile.
5 It's really the part of the charm which
6 draws residents and outsiders to visit
7 Saratoga Springs. And I have to
8 personally be thankful for the foresight
9 of our people that lived before us, a
10 hundred years ago, that decided to place
11 sidewalks. It brings our community
12 together. It enables us to get to know
13 our neighbors better. It's also part of
14 the Complete Streets Plan which city
15 council and the mayor adopted in 2016.

16 And when I voted tonight at Lake
17 Avenue for the school board elections,
18 it -- it really was reassuring just
19 seeing the number of people walking down
20 the street on their sidewalks getting
21 there. There were no problems parking
22 cars at Lake Avenue because people were
23 walking there.

24 So again, I just want to say thank
25 you for your foresight and your



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1 investment into the community.

2 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

3 Let's see. Brad Heil.

4 MR. HEIL: Okay. Trying to start my
5 video.

6 MAYOR KELLY: There you go.

7 MR. HEIL: Can you see me?

8 MAYOR KELLY: Yep.

9 MR. HEIL: Thank you, Mayor. My
10 name is Brad Heil. I live at 61
11 Vanderbilt Ave. Just two quick comments
12 and a question regarding the Missing
13 Links project.

14 First comment. I spoke with Tina
15 Carton yesterday for quite a bit on this
16 project, and I just want to say that it
17 does seem like the analysis was very
18 thorough, and the intent is very good.
19 So I do applaud the team for that and
20 thank Tina specifically for her time in
21 walking me through the project.

22 My question, however, is the side
23 opposite my house is an existing
24 cemetery. The land is really not in use.
25 I understand that one of the stipulations



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1 with the grant that was received is that
2 no private -- no private land could be
3 purchased, and I think there's one other,
4 eminent domain could not be claimed.

5 My only question though is that this
6 is going to have a fairly significant
7 impact to the residents on our side of
8 the street with cutting away property and
9 trees. So I just ask that if -- we've
10 exhausted all options for possibly
11 getting a partial waiver to that
12 requirement from the government funding
13 just to see, you know, if there's any --
14 really, is anything that can be done to
15 move the sidewalk to the side of the
16 street which really isn't in use.

17 And the only other comment that I
18 have is, again, for the greater good of
19 the community, this seems like a great
20 project, but again there are many
21 individual homeowners that are going to
22 be impacted by these changes.

23 And the only way that we really
24 found out was just a flyer. And it
25 really wasn't very specific. So my only



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1 comment would be that, you know, it would
2 have been nice to have something more
3 than just a generic flyer, nonspecific,
4 notifying us of the impacts and, you
5 know, hopefully in the future something
6 like this would be -- you know, at least
7 some -- some more engagement with those
8 that would be impacted by a -- by a
9 project such as this.

10 MAYOR KELLY: All right. Thank you.

11 Anyone else for public comment,
12 please raise your hand?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SHIELDS: Will you
14 start video?

15 MAYOR KELLY: Lexis Figuereo.

16 MR. FIGUEREO: Yes. Well, I would
17 just like to --

18 MAYOR KELLY: Please state your name
19 and your municipality, please.

20 MR. FIGUEREO: Oh. Lexis Figuereo.
21 Saratoga Springs, Henry Street. And I
22 just want to say that I think that we
23 cannot forget about the fact that it is
24 the year of George Floyd's anniversary
25 coming up. So we cannot forget about



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1 social justice. I just want to make sure
2 that current council is still on board
3 about doing this for your new board and
4 getting that together before June 1st as
5 far as the task force to make sure that
6 we implement that as well.

7 We also ask -- I was asking also --
8 we have some grants -- art grants. We
9 wanted to know if we could do a mural, a
10 Black Lives Matter mural. I think that
11 Juneteenth is coming up as well, and this
12 is a perfect time for us to show -- show
13 some pride for Black Lives Matter as
14 well.

15 We also are going to be having Pride
16 events and different events as well,
17 cultural events in the city. I hope that
18 city council will support our events in
19 bringing culture into the city as well.

20 And that's pretty much all I got,
21 besides the fact that we also -- sorry.
22 I was going to figure out, we're going to
23 have to eventually have a conversation
24 with all the activists and social justice
25 workers that are from Saratoga Springs



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1 with the city council so we can come to
2 an understanding and actually make some
3 real change to Saratoga Springs together.
4 I think it's about time. It's been a
5 year now of us doing this. We need to
6 make some changes. That's it. Thank
7 you.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

9 Anyone else?

10 MS. MORGAN: Yes. Yes.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Christine
12 Morgan, is that you?

13 MS. MORGAN: Yes, it is.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Can you --

15 MS. MORGAN: I can't -- I -- the
16 host has asked you to start your video.
17 Okay. I've never -- there we go.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

19 MS. MORGAN: Good evening Mayor and
20 Commissioners. Thank you for this
21 opportunity. I'm Chris Morgan Dempsey.
22 I live at 53 Vanderbilt Avenue. And I
23 too would like to commend the sidewalk
24 project for the beauty and the
25 enhancement of the neighborhoods and the



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1 connectability. However, we are nine
2 small families who live on the portion of
3 Vanderbilt that you are examining, and
4 for consideration, and on the East Side
5 only nine small families, and our
6 properties are so short, they're so, so
7 small, seventy by whatever in. And we
8 are wondering collectively, all of us
9 families, if we couldn't consider
10 enhancing our block with sidewalks which
11 I see the necessity of, but across the
12 street there is nothing. And the people
13 across the street won't mind at all.
14 Whereas, we nine families have forty-
15 year-old trees that we ourselves planted
16 and little front lawns that we maintain.
17 We, ourselves, put on an addition about
18 nine years ago and came out fourteen foot
19 and that was all approved and we greatly
20 enhanced our own home and the
21 neighborhood by doing so.

22 And the property across the street
23 has really been worsening in appearance
24 over the years. Last winter, another
25 tree yet came down, demolished another



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1 section right across from the
2 intersection of Fenlon. And there is
3 enough room for a sidewalk if the
4 committee would just reconsider at least
5 looking at it. Maybe take a walk by it.
6 Because there's cars and trucks that --
7 and they park perfectly without even
8 overlapping onto the blacktop.

9 So a sidewalk just from coming out
10 of the village, running down to the end
11 of Fenlon would be ideal on that side of
12 the street. Mostly, it's brush and not
13 even as many large trees as we happen to
14 have on our own properties.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you. That's
16 your time. Thank you.

17 MS. MORGAN: Okay. Thank you.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Ashley Budd.

19 MR. WASHBURN: Start video. There
20 we go. Hello Mayor Kelly.

21 Actually, more of a question than it
22 is a comment about finding information
23 about the timing of all this. I live on
24 Grand Avenue. So we are in the stretch
25 between West Avenue --



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Can we back up, and
2 state your name and where you live?

3 MR. WASHBURN: I'm sorry.

4 MAYOR KELLY: And then you have to
5 tell me what you're talking about.

6 MR. WASHBURN: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry.
7 All right. Yep.

8 So my name is David Washburn. I
9 live on Grand Avenue. I'm talking about
10 the sidewalks, and the missing sidewalks
11 project. We're in that stretch of
12 sidewalk between West Avenue and Hyde
13 Avenue where sidewalks are necessary.

14 Just kind of -- I think it's a great
15 idea, great project, totally needed.
16 We've got a lot of people walking on the
17 street on Grand Avenue, back and forth.

18 Question about timing. And then
19 also for those who are living on the side
20 of the street where the trees are going
21 to be kind of in the way, I know of one
22 neighbor up the street whose tree must be
23 twelve feet in diameter, for example. So
24 what -- what is going to happen to those
25 trees? Who's responsible for them?



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1 Those are my questions. And if there's a
2 place where I can find those answers I'd
3 love it. Otherwise, you know, that's my
4 comment is I'd like to know that --

5 MAYOR KELLY: We have a presentation
6 tonight. So if you hang on --

7 MR. WASHBURN: Yeah.

8 MAYOR KELLY: -- you know, and just
9 stay on the line, you'll see a
10 presentation come up on the Missing Links
11 project.

12 MR. WASHBURN: Perfect. Thank you.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Great. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. WASHBURN: Thank you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Steve
17 Godlewski.

18 MR. GODLEWSKI: Good evening
19 everybody. Thank you for your time.

20 My name is Steve Godlewski. I live
21 at 20 Central Avenue in Saratoga Springs.
22 I'm a transportation engineer, a former
23 member of the city's Complete Streets
24 Advisory Board, and father of two
25 children who will walk to school.



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1 I'm speaking tonight in support of
2 the Missing Links sidewalk project. Now,
3 professionally, I've worked on similar
4 projects for almost twenty years, and I
5 can say I never really fully appreciated
6 the need for good sidewalks until I had
7 to push a stroller around, or walk with
8 my children and navigate the city.

9 A continuous, safe, pedestrian
10 network is critical for any community.

11 On a fundamental level, sidewalks
12 connect places -- or people with the
13 places that they need to go.

14 Many people depend on sidewalks for
15 everyday transportation. Not everyone
16 wants to own or is able to own a motor
17 vehicle. It's not just about recreation.

18 Filling the Missing Links while the
19 safety benefits for residents. A gap in
20 the network forces pedestrians to walk
21 into the road, along the shoulder, or
22 worse. Cross the street to a sidewalk on
23 the other side making a mid-block
24 crossing. Statistically, mid-block
25 crossings are one of the more dangerous



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1 actions for a pedestrian to take.

2 Thank you to the city for moving
3 this summer project forward. It's an
4 investment in the health and safety of
5 the residents, and thank you for your
6 time.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

8 Okay. Any other comments?

9 Then we are closing the public
10 comment period. I would like to ask
11 Vince DeLeonardis to come on, our city
12 attorney to address Infinite Roofing.

13 MR. DELEONARDIS: Thank you, Mayor.

14 So the speaker made mention of an
15 alternative process, and that is
16 something that we put into place towards
17 the end of last year, beginning of this
18 year. And with regard to the valued
19 feedback, that played a role in that.
20 Part of that feedback actually came from
21 the individual and her company.

22 Roof work in the City of Saratoga
23 Springs, whether it's a new installation
24 or a re-roof requires a building permit.
25 New installation is an insurance or



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1 requirement that there is ice and water
2 barrier that's installed. And we have
3 made a change to the prior pre-existing
4 practice about the submission of an
5 affidavit, and the applicant now provides
6 a one hundred dollar deposit that is
7 refundable upon the submission of the
8 affidavit indicating that the ice and
9 water shield has been properly installed,
10 of course, after they perform that
11 installation.

12 Alternatively, the applicant can
13 request an inspection and have the
14 building department go and conduct a
15 physical inspection. But because roofing
16 projects are typically done in a day or
17 two, the affidavit is something that's
18 traditionally been utilized.

19 So we did make those changes, and
20 that's something that we're providing for
21 on a move-forward basis.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you.
23 Any other comments from the council? I
24 think that there are a couple of things
25 that I'd like to say about the Missing



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1 Links project.

2 I think that Tina Carton and her
3 team have done a terrific job on this,
4 and I think that if anybody in the public
5 has any questions, Tina is more than
6 likely to come and chat with you wherever
7 you can meet, and tell you all about the
8 process and the timing and all of that.

9 So if you don't -- if they don't
10 address that in their presentation,
11 please call Tina Carton in the planning
12 department. She can help you with that.

13 The -- that's all I have. Anybody
14 else have anything? Okay. Then we are
15 closing public comment period. Thank
16 you.

17 Let's move on to our presentations.
18 Our first presentation is Tina Carton
19 will lead our Missing Sidewalks
20 presentation. They'll come on. Tina,
21 are you there?

22 MS. CARTON: I'm here. I'm just
23 waiting to have my video start.

24 MAYOR KELLY: And there you go.
25 Thank you.



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1 MS. CARTON: Hi. My name is Tina
2 Carton. I'm the administrator of Parks,
3 Open Lands Historic Preservation and
4 Sustainability for the City of Saratoga
5 Springs, New York.

6 I would like to introduce Dan
7 Rourke. Dan Rourke is a engineer that
8 was hired by the city. He is part of
9 Barton & Loguidice, and they won the bid
10 to do the preliminary and final design
11 for the Missing Sidewalk Links project.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

13 MR. ROURKE: Thank you, Tina.

14 Okay. Everyone can view my screen?

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yes.

16 MR. ROURKE: Yes. Okay. Great.

17 Again, thank you, again, for having
18 me tonight, and thank you Tina.
19 Appreciate the comments that were already
20 made. A lot of kind of what I was
21 planning to say has already been said,
22 but I am planning to give a brief
23 overview of the project, just an
24 overall -- an over, you know, a 10,000
25 foot view of what the project



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1 encompasses, the locations where we plan
2 to do this work. And I also want to let
3 everyone know that while this more of an
4 overview tonight, there are more specific
5 meetings planned for this summer, four
6 neighborhood meetings to discuss more
7 direct questions, or details about your
8 specific streets in the city. And, you
9 know, we'll go over the details of when
10 those meetings will be here and where you
11 can find out all that information in just
12 a little bit.

13 Sorry, I just have a little delay
14 here. Here we go.

15 Quick introduction to what our
16 project team is. City, is obviously, the
17 project sponsor, project owner. We are
18 working with the Capital District
19 Transportation Committee. They actually
20 evaluated the project merits originally
21 and awarded the funding to the city.

22 The grant is through the Federal
23 Highway Administration. It's an eighty
24 percent/twenty percent program. So
25 eighty percent from the federal



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1 government, twenty percent locally. And
2 we, with the city, are working directly
3 with the New York State Department of
4 Transportation.

5 The Department of Transportation
6 oversees the funding, and make sure all
7 the federal aid procedures are followed,
8 and oversees the, you know, the
9 construction details and that
10 specifications are followed.

11 So a quick background of where this
12 project initiated from. It's been
13 studied early on, you know, over the past
14 six years already through the
15 comprehensive plan and the Complete
16 Streets plan.

17 So the locations that we're looking
18 at for this specific project were all
19 outlined in what's called, you know, the
20 urban core of the city. So within a one-
21 mile radius of the urban core center of
22 the city, several locations of these
23 missing links were identified. And this
24 project will specifically address eleven
25 of those locations.



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1 Some statistics from New York State
2 Department of Transportation. And
3 really, it's just straight data about
4 pedestrian safety here. But, you know,
5 3,600 accidents in 2015, over 600
6 fatalities, and it really -- the essence
7 of this project is to address all of this
8 data that has been presented across the
9 state before it becomes an issue in, you
10 know, the city here.

11 And how we address getting in front
12 of those statistics, you know, by
13 eliminating these gaps in the sidewalk
14 network, make sure everyone has a
15 continuous sidewalk to walk on, so
16 residents are not hopping from sidewalk
17 over grass onto the street back to the
18 sidewalk and provide accessible
19 connections. Everything will be ADA
20 compliant, sidewalk ramps and the
21 sidewalks themselves.

22 And overall, this project will
23 provide 1.8 miles of new sidewalks which
24 is a huge -- a huge number. Complete
25 connections at these eleven locations.



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1 And construct all of the sidewalks within
2 the city's right-of-way.

3 Okay. So where are these locations?

4 You can see the map on the screen:

5 Seward Street, First Street, State
6 Street, Third Street, a couple locations
7 on East Ave., Vanderbilt Ave., West
8 Fenlon, Congress, and Grand Ave.

9 And then how were these chosen?

10 These were, as we already said
11 originally, studied in the Complete
12 Streets Linkage Study, and these were
13 identified as a good fit for this federal
14 aid project.

15 All of these locations, the new
16 sidewalk can be built within the city's
17 right-of-way, the property that the city
18 owns.

19 Each location will provide a link
20 between existing sidewalks. They were
21 vetted through evaluation of several
22 constraints, and the overall project
23 budget. And this has been studied and
24 worked on through collaboration of many
25 city departments, including DPW,



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1 engineering, public safety, and of
2 course, Tina leading all of those
3 efforts.

4 I do want to show an example of a
5 more detailed look at each segment. So
6 I'm providing an example of Seward Street
7 here.

8 So when -- when we come back and
9 present for the neighborhood meetings, we
10 will zoom in on each location so any
11 resident that's present, you know, we can
12 look at your specific question, you can
13 look at your specific property, we can go
14 over, you know, why this location was
15 chosen, you know, specifically point out
16 if there are tree impacts, what driveways
17 are crossed, where new drainage is
18 proposed.

19 So just to give you an idea of when
20 we have those meetings, we will be more
21 focused in on each segment and give you a
22 chance for a back-and-forth conversation.

23 I did want to bring up some
24 frequently asked questions that routinely
25 come up on sidewalk projects.



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1 So snow removal, maintenance of the
2 sidewalk, it's always a concern when
3 there's a new sidewalk put in place.

4 So what I'm showing here is the city
5 code. The city code is on the city
6 website if anybody in the public would
7 like to go look it up. But basically,
8 once the sidewalks are built, it will be
9 the responsibility of the adjacent
10 property owner to maintain, you know,
11 after a snowstorm, especially.

12 MS. CARTON: And I guess I just
13 wanted to add too that within the city
14 code, even if you don't have a sidewalk,
15 your responsibility via the code is to
16 have a four-foot path cleared of snow in
17 front of your property.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay.

19 MR. ROURKE: Thank you.

20 And another common question is
21 what's going to happen with my driveway?
22 How -- how does the sidewalk interact
23 with my driveway or -- copied up here on
24 the screen, this is the city standard
25 detail, and this is the intention of the



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1 project to meet what the city typically
2 will construct. So this project will
3 create a continuous sidewalk across
4 driveways. And the asphalt apron out to
5 the road will try to be -- as long as the
6 grades work out, you know, minimally
7 invasive. But to construct a sidewalk,
8 if, you know, the work limits need to go
9 out to the road, then all that driveway
10 apron would be replaced.

11 And somebody asked earlier about,
12 you know, what is this project schedule
13 and -- which is up here on the screen
14 now. So, you know, we've been working on
15 preliminary design which is basically
16 looking at an overview of the project and
17 determining what the probable cost
18 estimates are going to be and evaluating,
19 you know, specific details before we go
20 out to bid for a contractor.

21 We will be finishing up that process
22 here by July, and the construction
23 portion of the project that will start in
24 next spring.

25 Now, where is the funding come from?



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1 It's through this program called Surface
2 Transportation Program, and it's an
3 eighty/twenty program. So 1.9 million
4 dollar grant. The 1.25 million comes
5 from the federal government, and there is
6 the local match from the city, 380,000
7 dollars. Of this funding, 1.5 million
8 dollars is set aside for the actual
9 construction of the project.

10 Now, where can you find out more
11 information on the project? There is a
12 website dedicated to the project on the
13 city's website. So there is a tab where
14 you can go directly to the Missing Links
15 project.

16 Right now, you can find general
17 information, things that we've done to
18 date. And then coming soon, you can
19 subscribe to the project calendar, and
20 you will be notified of when the four
21 neighborhood-specific meetings will be
22 held. And the calendar, of course, on
23 the website will be updated as we move
24 along in that process.

25 Detailed drawings that have been



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1 completed to date which are similar to
2 what I showed for Seward Street will be
3 posted. And we just ask for those of you
4 looking for more information on your
5 specific street or your neighborhood,
6 please review those drawings and come
7 prepared for a discussion at those
8 neighborhood-specific meetings.

9 MAYOR KELLY: Is that it?

10 MR. ROURKE: And yes, I'd like to
11 open it back up to the city for any
12 questions or comments.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Well, I think it's
14 a -- I think this is a great project, and
15 I hope that we have the opportunity to do
16 more of these, because the connectivity
17 is great.

18 And I do want to tell everybody
19 that's on here listening for the Missing
20 Links that they can always call Tina
21 Carton or email her and she will -- she's
22 very prompt at responding and answer your
23 questions to the best of her ability. I
24 mean, she's the best in the region, if
25 not New York State. A plug for Tina.



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1 So does the council have any
2 comments or questions?

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: I had a
4 question for Dan. Are we -- does it look
5 like there will be an expansion with the
6 STB -- STP in this next infrastructure
7 bills that are coming forward? Do we
8 have any feel for that through Congress?

9 MR. ROURKE: Oh, for the
10 transportation funding in general?

11 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Right.
12 Because there's a lot of talk --
13 Republicans and Democrats seem to be in
14 somewhat of an agreement that there will
15 be another stimulus bill coming through
16 in the next few months.

17 MR. ROURKE: Um-hum.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: And it's going
19 to be infrastructure related, roads. I
20 didn't know if sidewalks or these type of
21 programs if you heard if these would be
22 part of it?

23 MR. ROURKE: Yeah. I -- through
24 our, you know, professional
25 organizations, we've seen some of the



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1 early talks, and I don't recall the exact
2 number, but it was an increase in the
3 current plan. And I think by, you know,
4 infrastructure in general, bridges and
5 highways, obviously, take a good portion
6 of that, but pedestrian and bicycle
7 safety improvements in general have,
8 obviously, gained a lot of steam in more
9 recent years.

10 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: So on this
11 grant, is this something that we already
12 have or we have to vote for? What's the
13 process of that?

14 MAYOR KELLY: We're moving along.
15 This is a design meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Okay.

17 MS. CARTON: Yeah. This was already
18 bonded and approved by city council. So
19 this has been, I believe, on four or five
20 previous city council meetings.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Okay. So we
22 have the ability, though, in the future
23 if -- for expansion of this type of
24 program potentially. I know it's not a
25 budget --



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1 MAYOR KELLY: I think we can apply.
2 We have to apply.

3 MS. CARTON: Yeah.

4 MAYOR KELLY: And, you know, Tina
5 and the planning department watch those
6 things all the time. So Tina applies to
7 everything that I get she gets, and we
8 talk about it and she applies for what we
9 can handle. So yes, if it comes again,
10 I'm sure we will absolutely do this
11 because that's what we do.

12 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: No, yeah, I'm
13 just kind of looking forward because I
14 think it's going to happen earlier than
15 later, and it would be a situation where
16 I didn't know -- this was a great
17 presentation and I live by a number of
18 these streets and I know exactly what
19 they're talking about on Third and First.

20 If we -- if there was a couple of
21 streets that didn't make the cut here
22 that that would make the next cut if
23 there was additional funding.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. And then
25 always -- you know, when a street



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1 doesn't make the cut, it's the guideline
2 that they give us. So those -- those are
3 all in to how we had to pick, you know.

4 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Okay.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Because they do give
6 you guidelines. But definitely, there's
7 a lot of streets in the city that didn't
8 make this cut. So that's why I'm really
9 hoping that in the future and future
10 councils will bring this forward, because
11 I know Tina will be here, you know,
12 bugging the next council saying let's
13 bring this one. So -- you know, because
14 it just makes it so much nicer for every
15 neighborhood, you know.

16 And, you know, to me, I used to ride
17 my bike and walk up the East Avenue hill
18 and that's dangerous.

19 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yeah.

20 MAYOR KELLY: I mean, that's a
21 really dangerous, you know, place to be
22 walking. The other one is Brandon (audio
23 interference) I mean, there's a lot of
24 major thoroughfares that need this.

25 MS. CARTON: Yeah, and my -- my



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1 understanding is there are a lot of
2 grants coming up. There are some grants
3 through the consolidated funding
4 application this year, and then other DOT
5 funds.

6 We're actually having a discussion
7 this week with the planning department,
8 the Town of Wilton, and Saratoga County
9 on some potential trail projects to
10 extend going -- Wilton's very interested
11 in having connections to the city and
12 some better accessibility.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: I want to give
14 a quick thank you to the (indiscernible),
15 because I just have to tell you that I
16 was a resident when you guys announced it
17 and I was so excited. So, so excited. I
18 think one of the (indiscernible) public
19 comments, like, I realized when I have a
20 stroller and little kids, you know, what
21 a challenge it can be to get around the
22 city when you don't have connecting
23 sidewalks. So I think this is, like,
24 such a great project for the city.

25 And generally, I just wanted to



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1 mention though, that I do think, you
2 know, that the code requires that we have
3 residents to clear the snow and ice in
4 front of their home and on the sidewalk
5 and create a four-foot path, I think that
6 can be challenging, I think, for a lot of
7 people, especially people who are not
8 physically able to do it, can't afford
9 someone to come to their house. And so I
10 just think it's something maybe that the
11 city should think about to offer some
12 kind of community support or organize
13 some kind of effort to aid people in one
14 of those instances so we can keep our
15 sidewalks clear but not unnecessarily
16 burden people who, you know, really,
17 physically can't do that, clear that snow
18 and ice.

19 MAYOR KELLY: So that's a great
20 project for you, Commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thanks. All
22 over it, guys.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Any other
24 comments?

25 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Tina, thank



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1 you. I know I've looked over this
2 project in detail with you, and of
3 course, you know I think Finlon is prime
4 for a sidewalk. It's such a dangerous
5 and dark area.

6 Don't forget about us way out here
7 in the west side. Buff Road drops off
8 with sidewalks. Walter and Moore have no
9 sidewalks. But this is a great way to
10 get started. Commissioner Franck
11 mentioned there might be more funding
12 coming through, and you know, sidewalks
13 is definitely one thing that the
14 community seems to rally around.

15 We heard from some folks on -- over
16 on Vanderbilt today, and maybe we can
17 take a little bit -- you know, I don't
18 know how set in stone the grant project
19 is, but maybe we can take a look at their
20 side of the street versus the other side
21 of the street at some time, you know, if
22 we're able to.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. I think all of
24 that can come up with the neighborhood
25 meeting --



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1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yeah.

2 MAYOR KELLY: -- that we're going to
3 have. And I think that they'll address
4 all of that individually with each
5 neighborhood.

6 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Okay.

7 MAYOR KELLY: Any other comments?

8 MR. ROURKE: We absolutely will be
9 looking at, you know, all those specific
10 questions.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Okay. Thank
12 you, Dan. Thank you, Tina. As always,
13 great job. Thank you.

14 MR. ROURKE: Thank you.

15 MS. CARTON: Thank you.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Our next
17 presentation is on SiFi Networks
18 broadband, benefits of citywide
19 broadband. Commissioner Madigan.

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
21 Mayor.

22 So tonight is just a brief update
23 about our citywide project. It's been a
24 while since we discussed the project with
25 the public. So tonight's SiFi, Scott



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1 Bradshaw is here just to give a high
2 level overview of the benefits of the
3 fiber broadband project. This is not
4 about microtrenching. It's about the
5 benefits of fiber to a city.

6 So a little background. SiFi
7 Networks is owned by two entrepreneurs,
8 Roland Pickstock and Mike Harris. Roland
9 is the founder of the Pickstock Group of
10 Companies which has been in operation
11 since the 1980s and specializes in
12 telecommunication, manufacturing, and
13 property development. It's one of
14 Europe's leading modular manufacturers
15 for residential, hotel, and student
16 accommodations. A leading UK supplier of
17 offshore building solutions.

18 Mike has built several multimillion
19 dollar businesses include TNS, a
20 communication company that provides --
21 provided and maintained core technology
22 within the university, airport, banking,
23 and telecommunication sectors. TNS was
24 acquired by British Telecom in the mid-
25 2000s.



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1 SiFi Networks has partnered with a
2 number of industry-leading firms to
3 deploy their FiberCity networks.

4 Whitehelm is one, APG, Nokia, is one
5 that we're very familiar with, ADCom and
6 LLI. I won't go into details on each and
7 every one of those companies. Arcadis is
8 another one but they're well known
9 telecommunication companies.

10 So with that, I think Scott has,
11 like, two slides he's going to present to
12 us. It's going to be, like, a five-
13 minute presentation, maybe ten tops. And
14 I see that he's on Zoom. Scott, you
15 ready to take over? Thank you for being
16 here.

17 MR. BRADSHAW: There we go. I just
18 want to make sure you can hear me.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Yes, we can.

20 MR. BRADSHAW: I appreciate that.

21 Scott Bradshaw, SiFi Networks.

22 So I'm just going to share my screen
23 and as Commissioner Madigan said it's
24 just a couple slides, just a refresher of
25 the investment that SiFi Networks is



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1 looking to make in a community, and
2 hopefully in the very near future as both
3 parties, both the city staff department
4 and SiFi continue to align ourselves and
5 make an investment in construction
6 process.

7 So I'll just share my screen, and if
8 you just confirm that you can see that I
9 would certainly appreciate it.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: We can see
11 it.

12 MAYOR KELLY: We can see it.

13 MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you so much.
14 Okay. There we go.

15 So just as a refresh. SiFi Networks
16 as Commissioner Madigan mentioned, you
17 know, with our two founders, Roland
18 Pickstock of the Pickstock Group of
19 Companies, and Mike Harris, we're
20 deploying multiple fiber city projects
21 across six different states at the
22 moment, but SiFi itself is a developer.
23 We're not the ISP. So we identify
24 communities where we can have significant
25 economic development impact through



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1 private investment using zero taxpayer
2 dollars, and that investment is through
3 broadband infrastructure.

4 Ultimately, designing gets for
5 tomorrow's world for today. That being
6 that higher diverse, highly redundant,
7 high-speed network capacity to provide
8 gigabit symmetrical speeds to homes, to
9 businesses, just as standard
10 (indiscernible) in an asymmetrical
11 environment.

12 So under that structure, we actually
13 build cities, towns, villages in one go.
14 We don't build neighborhoods and if
15 that's successful, we build another one.
16 We actually commit to council that we'll
17 build the entire community within a
18 period of an agreed time and straight out
19 of the box. And again, all through
20 private investment. No taxpayer dollar
21 from the municipality.

22 With respect to Saratoga Springs, we
23 are proposing a new 240-mile fiber optic
24 network with the intention of leaving no
25 one behind.



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1 So every residence, every business
2 will be afforded the opportunity to
3 receive fiber connectivity and that being
4 under a structure which is an open access
5 platform.

6 So what that ultimately means is the
7 network, SiFi, not being the ISP, we
8 actually bring brand new ISP competition,
9 broadband competition, to the community
10 so you can be near the people, the
11 business of the community can stay with
12 the people that currently purchase
13 service from, or they now have an
14 additional choice of any providers that
15 will be on this network.

16 Our goal with the network is not
17 really to be providing ten of the same
18 thing, is to provide additional broadband
19 choice. Certainly, you have a high
20 capacity model premium service over the
21 fiber infrastructure, but also to bring
22 additional benefit services to the
23 community. That being telemedicine,
24 healthcare, IoT devices, and those things
25 I'll come to in a second.



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1 So that's really as you can see on
2 the screen, the footprint is the entire
3 jurisdiction of the community. The
4 network is built from a smart city basis
5 from day one being we don't build fiber
6 to the home, we don't build fiber to the
7 business, we build a smart city
8 infrastructure and fiber to the home and
9 fiber to the business. That's just a
10 natural ancillary benefits of that
11 futuristic infrastructure.

12 Once I -- as we begin to deploy the
13 infrastructure, it is open to multiple
14 service providers.

15 As you stand right now in your
16 community, there is zero percent fiber to
17 the homes. So that's really been one of
18 the key reasons that SiFi stuck with
19 the -- wanted to invest in your
20 community. I'm sure everybody's fully
21 aware, it has been a few years, and we've
22 had a number of hurdles along the way
23 with regards to just different things
24 from attracting the right investors to
25 come into the community through to just



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1 the addressed data not being as we first
2 thought, but we still stuck with it and
3 (indiscernible) a change, so let's move
4 on.

5 Just some key summary points, as I
6 do not wish to take up too much of your
7 time, it's just really some salient
8 points that we'd like to touch on.

9 So fast, affordable infrastructure.
10 And again, just to reiterate, so open
11 access, it's symmetrical gigabit speed,
12 what (indiscernible) you may not be aware
13 of that terminology. You have
14 asymmetrical and symmetrical. So you may
15 see marketing campaigns that say yes, we
16 offer gigabit speed and we offer 1,000
17 megabits down. You need to read between
18 the fine line. What you may find is
19 1,000 megabits down for only 35 megabits.

20 So -- and in the pandemic, what
21 we've actually have all experienced where
22 we actually have kids, you know, children
23 working from -- studying from home,
24 connecting to schools via the internet,
25 and also city staff and the like



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1 connecting to the appropriate municipal
2 facilities, you actually do need
3 symmetrical.

4 So the same speed coming down, the
5 same speed uploading to the connection or
6 getting or connecting to.

7 So from an affordability
8 perspective, what we are seeing across
9 the county where we're deploying our
10 networks is that the competition we're
11 creating on the network from private
12 providers competing against the wider
13 spectrum charter and AT&T and the like,
14 is that symmetrical gigabit services
15 currently -- I think believe to be below
16 half the price in your current community.

17 So in your current community right
18 now, I believe, there is potential where
19 you're afforded it to receive an
20 asymmetrical service which is well over a
21 a hundred dollars, and on the networks
22 we're building throughout the country,
23 we're actually seeing price points at
24 less than half that price, about five
25 (audio interference) symmetrical gigabit



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1 services.

2 Because we are building a citywide
3 infrastructure, we will be removing the
4 digital divide and driving equality,
5 because we're going to be taking the
6 fiber to every premise, that being every
7 residence and business. We will actually
8 create opportunity to remove the digital
9 divide should the occupiers of those
10 premises which we take fiber to wish to
11 receive the services over the
12 infrastructure.

13 Because we actually have a citywide
14 ubiquitous platform, so there will be
15 fibers on every single street, it creates
16 a very interesting tool, an economic
17 development tool to not only retain the
18 businesses, but also actually create an
19 environment where we actually have a high
20 capacity redundant service to attract
21 some very data hungry businesses which
22 actually brings dollars to the community,
23 creates new jobs and many things alike.

24 With the actual smart city
25 infrastructure, there's some key things



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1 in conversations we're actually having
2 across the country at the moment in
3 various cities of all different shapes
4 and sizes, and some of the key ones,
5 actually going back to the point of the
6 pandemic, is connecting school children
7 directly to their schools.

8 Now, lots of things have certainly
9 been learnt that, and you don't always
10 need to be in the building to receive
11 certain lessons. Certainly, what we
12 experienced on the East Coast when we do
13 have stay-at-home snow days, so to speak,
14 we actually have the potential for
15 mechanisms to now remove that through the
16 likes of the Zooms and Teams and on other
17 particular applications of the world.

18 So using this infrastructure,
19 because we're going to be passing every
20 single building, and we have -- we will
21 have the ability to take fiber directly
22 into everyone's home but more so, in the
23 topic of conversation, a child's home, we
24 will be able to actually directly connect
25 a child's home to the school securely



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1 without actually having to go via the
2 internet as well. So it allows us not
3 only to create very secure redundant
4 paths in that scenario, but it also
5 allows us to use the high capacity
6 bandwidth available through fiber
7 connectivity rather than cable coax.

8 Again, because we actually will be
9 having a citywide infrastructure, the
10 municipality is a significant beneficiary
11 of this. Not only will we -- because we
12 have an agreement in place with the city
13 to provide smart city connectivity, as
14 well as smart (indiscernible) fiber
15 connectivity you would actually
16 receive -- seeing direct cost savings to
17 the city while at the same time
18 significantly increasing the data
19 capacity between multiple locations.
20 Such locations that we'll be taking fiber
21 connectivity to as the likes of the fire
22 stations, the business center, water
23 treatment plants, the senior services
24 center, city hall, public safety
25 buildings, also connecting security



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1 cameras. Those are commitments we've
2 already made once we actually begin to
3 deploy the network fiber community as
4 well as should you, you know, continue
5 down the path of an intelligent smart
6 city streetlights, we will also have the
7 opportunity to take the fiber to those
8 locations should you wish.

9 And we also -- SiFi will be not
10 only -- come back to the point of it
11 being a private investment and a private
12 risk where success or failure is borne by
13 SiFi, we are also going to be putting in
14 additional capacity for the future as you
15 grow.

16 So really, that's -- I want to just
17 keep it very high level. I didn't want
18 to really dive into anything granular. I
19 just wanted to explain the size of the
20 footprint, one hundred percent private
21 investment, it'll be serving everybody
22 from the digital divide, something to
23 drive the quality to give the community a
24 choice. Very much next generation
25 service that can be available today, and



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1 also connecting many multiple internal
2 municipal departments.

3 So with that said, that really is
4 (indiscernible) and I hope that just gave
5 you an -- once again, a refreshment of
6 the investment SiFi would like to make
7 into the community of Saratoga Springs,
8 New York.

9 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
10 Scott. I appreciate this overview. We
11 haven't had one in a while and I look
12 forward to ongoing discussions with you
13 as we move this along.

14 MR. BRADSHAW: Thank you very much.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you, Scott.

16 Okay. Moving on Commissioner
17 Madigan?

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Yes. That's
19 it. That's it.

20 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

21 (Indiscernible).

22 Okay. We -- the executive session
23 that -- council held an executive session
24 at the pre-agenda meeting regarding
25 Article 7 matter. Commissioner Franck,



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1 has added that item to his agenda as a
2 result of that discussion.

3 On to the consent agenda.

4 I move that the city council approve
5 the consent agenda as included with this
6 agenda. This is a motion. Is there a
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

11 All those in favor, say aye.

12 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

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

16 On to the Mayor's Department.

17 My first item is discussion and --
18 discussion and vote, approval for the
19 mayor to sign MVP employee health
20 insurance contracts.

21 These are M -- these are the MVP
22 hospitalization contracts outlining the
23 health insurance coverage offered through
24 the City of Saratoga Springs. These
25 contracts consist of the monthly premium



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1 rates, the schedule of benefits, and the
2 general terms and conditions.

3 I move that the city council
4 authorize the mayor to sign the MVP
5 employee health insurance contracts.
6 This is a motion. Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

9 All those in favor, say aye.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
13 matter passes.

14 My next item is discussion and vote,
15 authorization for the mayor to sign
16 Pitney Meadows Community Farm
17 agreement -- farm facilities use
18 agreement. This is a -- this is a farms
19 community facilities use agreement. The
20 recreation operates the running program
21 each year throughout the summer. And I
22 did get inquiries about this today, and
23 I'm just going to read a statement from
24 our recreation director.

25 "The Rec Department offers free



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1 running clinics each year with volunteer
2 coaches. The participants learn proper
3 technique in a family fun environment.
4 In 2021, some of the running groups will
5 meet at the Pitney Meadows Farm at the
6 beginning and the end of class. The
7 facility agreement will allow the runners
8 to meet on the Pitney Meadow property."

9 So that's that agreement. I make a
10 motion. I move that the city council
11 authorize the mayor to sign the Pitney
12 Meadows Community Farm facilities use
13 agreement. This is a motion. Is there a
14 second?

15 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

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

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

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

23 My next item is discussion and vote,
24 authorization for the mayor to sign 2021
25 school and group running practice and



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1 training permit application. This is for
2 the New York parks, recreation, and
3 historic preservation Saratoga Spa Park,
4 2021 school and group running practice
5 and training permit application. The
6 recreation department operates a running
7 program each year throughout the summer.

8 I move that the city council
9 authorize the mayor to sign the 2021
10 school and group running practice and
11 training permit application. This is a
12 motion. Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

16 All those in favor, say aye.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

21 My next item is discussion and vote,
22 co-sponsored program templates.

23 The recreation department is
24 requesting approval for the mayor to sign
25 an agreement with traveling pickleball



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1 pros to cosponsor pickleball workshops.
2 The city will receive forty percent of
3 the revenue, and the vendor will receive
4 sixty of the revenue as per the
5 agreement.

6 I move that the city council approve
7 the agreement template for their
8 cosponsored program. This is a motion.
9 Is there a second?

10 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

12 All those in favor, say aye.

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

16 My next item is to set a public
17 hearing authorization to apply for New
18 York State Community Development Block
19 Grant CARES Act Fund for Small Business
20 Grant Program.

21 Following a consultation with the
22 New York State Depart -- New York State
23 Office of Homes and Community Renewal,
24 the community development department has
25 been encouraged to submit a full



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1 application to HCR for Community
2 Development Block Grant CARES Act funding
3 to support an additional round of the
4 city's COVID-19 Small Business Grant
5 Program.

6 A public hearing is required by the
7 HCR prior to the submission of the
8 application. No matching funds are
9 required for this grant. I'd like to do
10 it at the next meeting for five minutes.

11 SECRETARY RIBIS: We're clear for
12 6:55 on June 1st.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

14 My next item are appointments to the
15 Saratoga Springs Arts Commission.

16 Tonight, I'm appointing the following
17 current members to the Saratoga Springs
18 Arts Commission to serve a one-year term
19 from 5/18/21 to 5/18/22: Devra Cohen-
20 Tigor, Belinda Colon, Peter Kodogiannis,
21 Ely -- Aili -- I'm sorry, Aili Lopez, and
22 I'm also appointing current members to
23 the Saratoga Arts Commission for a two-
24 year term of 5/18/21 to 5/18/23: Ian
25 Berry and Sue Kessler.



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1 My seventh item is the mayor's food
2 drive in partnership with Saratoga
3 Springs High School SPA Program to
4 benefit SNACpack during the summer break.

5 The mayor, that is me,
6 (indiscernible) is conducting a food
7 drive in partnership with Saratoga
8 Springs High School's SPA Program.

9 The SPA program is Saratoga Pathways
10 Academy at the Saratoga Springs High
11 School. Students enroll in this program
12 and work the local business on authentic
13 real world problems and continue to
14 expand upon these community
15 relationships.

16 The SNACpack Program provides
17 backpacks full of food directly to the
18 children at school. The SNACpack Program
19 is funded entirely by local donations.
20 The SNACpack food drive will be held at
21 the Rec Center, Monday, June 7th, 3 to
22 6:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 8th, 9 to
23 12 noon. Food drop off and boxes will be
24 placed in various schools throughout the
25 school district.



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1 I would like to say that, you know,
2 this is not a small food drive. This is
3 a very large food drive. This is trying
4 to get to have those over 300 children in
5 our district that get food every week
6 from this program. So I really feel that
7 in the summer, they -- we need to make
8 sure that everybody has enough food, and
9 these children will still get the food
10 over the summer.

11 So I make a big plea to everybody to
12 just come on over and give what you can
13 for the children of our community.

14 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Mayor Kelly,
15 when you guys start putting this out on
16 social media, would you just give us a
17 heads-up so we can all share it and
18 promote and whatnot online?

19 MAYOR KELLY: Yep. Will do.

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Next, that concludes
22 my agenda. On to accounts. Commissioner
23 Franck?

24 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
25 Mayor.



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1 The first items is a reappoint of
2 Elaina Richardson to the Saratoga Springs
3 Art Commission. I am pleased to
4 reappoint Elaina Richardson to the
5 Saratoga Springs Art Commission. Her
6 term will run also, as similar to the
7 mayor's earlier 5/18/21 through 5/18/23.

8 The second is just, again, update
9 for next Tuesday's Grievance Day, May
10 25th, 2021. Applicants to --
11 applications to grieve your assessment
12 and information regarding how to grieve
13 your assessment can still be found on the
14 city webpage. Due to COVID, the public
15 is prohibited from grieving their
16 assessment in person. However, a box has
17 been placed in the hallway accessible by
18 the ramp door of the city hall for
19 residents to drop off their grievance
20 packets for review. If you have any
21 additional questions, call our assessment
22 office at 518-587-3550 and that's
23 extension 2552.

24 The third item is a discussion and
25 vote for settlement of an Article 7 case



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1 for tax parcel ID number 165.10-2-2.

2 I move for the city council to
3 settle the Article 7 case for parcel
4 number 165.10-2-2 for the years of 2017,
5 2018, 2019, and 2020 as follows.

6 For 2017, the original assessment
7 was 1,248,400 dollars. The negotiated
8 assessed value now is 1,021,875 dollars.
9 That's a reduction of 226,525 dollars and
10 a refund of city taxes of \$1,355.62 for
11 2017.

12 For 2018, again, the original
13 assessment was 1,248,400 dollars. The
14 negotiated assessed value for 2018 is
15 948,750 dollars. That's a reduction of
16 299,650 dollars. And the refund amount
17 for 2018's portion would be \$1,800.72 for
18 city taxes.

19 For 2019, again, the original
20 assessment was 1,248,400 dollars. The
21 negotiated settlement is 869,400 dollars.
22 The reduction amount is 379,000 dollars
23 even. And that would be a refund amount
24 for 2019 at \$2,277.34.

25 And for 2020, the original



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1 assessment, again, is 1,248,400 dollars,
2 and negotiated assessed value is 855,600,
3 giving a reduction of 392,8-, for a
4 refund of \$2,502.69.

5 Those four years grand total refunds
6 for that partial -- for that parcel is
7 \$7,936.37. And that would be a motion
8 for acceptance.

9 MAYOR KELLY: I'm having a little
10 computer difficulty here.

11 Is there a second? Sorry,
12 Commissioner.

13 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?
15 All those in favor, say aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Mayor, if
22 possible, I'd like to -- I sent out an
23 email earlier today, if I could add an
24 additional item on my agenda this
25 evening. I would like to make a motion



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1 to add an item to my agenda regarding the
2 Office of the State Controller's review
3 of the city's 2021 adopted budget as city
4 clerk. That's a motion.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second.

7 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Second.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

9 All those in favor, say aye.

10 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Opposed? The matter
15 passes.

16 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Thank you,
17 Mayor.

18 The announcement is Office of the
19 State Controller review of the city's
20 2021 adopted budget.

21 New York State's Office of the State
22 Controller recognized the pandemic has
23 had various levels of impact on the
24 financial operations of local
25 governments. Their office chose the City



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1 of Saratoga Springs 2021 adopted budget
2 to be one the of twenty adopted budgets
3 that they would review and provide an
4 independent evaluation of certain aspects
5 of the adopted budget.

6 They were looking to assess if local
7 officials adequately could consider the
8 impact of the pandemic on their financial
9 operations by developing the 2021 fiscal
10 year budgets.

11 As the council is well aware,
12 Commissioner Madigan and the council has
13 been on top of our '20 and '21 budgets.
14 To be sure the pandemic was taken into
15 consideration and the appropriate steps
16 were taken to keep the city running.

17 The report reprised a summary of
18 findings or methodology or approach to
19 review information on the city's
20 background and recommendations.

21 Overall, the city -- overall the
22 Office of the State Controller found the
23 city council adequately assess the impact
24 of the pandemic on financial operations
25 by developing estimates for significant



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1 expenditures in the 2021 adopted budget.

2 2021 adopted budget does not include
3 estimated -- does include estimated
4 revenues for federal aid, state funding
5 from AIM, that's Aid and Incentives For
6 Municipalities and VLT which may not be
7 realized.

8 As all of you know, Commissioner
9 Madigan at all the meetings has regularly
10 provided the council and the community
11 with updates throughout this process this
12 year for the 2021 adopted budget late
13 last year.

14 There were three recommendations
15 made as follows.

16 The council should amend the general
17 fund budget for the federal aid revenue
18 shortfall, if any.

19 Council should be prepared to amend
20 the general fund budget in the event the
21 revenue projections for AIM funding and
22 VLT aid are not fully realized.

23 And third, the council should
24 carefully monitor revenues and
25 expenditures throughout the year and



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1 closely monitor ongoing discussions and
2 legislative acts both at the state and
3 federal levels. That could be beneficial
4 or detrimental to the city's financial
5 operations.

6 Again, Commissioner Madigan, I'm
7 sure, will be addressing this later on,
8 and as she has throughout the process
9 this year. And that concludes the
10 highlights of the report.

11 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you.

12 Does that conclude your agenda?

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Yes. Thank
14 you, Mayor.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

16 We're on to finance. Commissioner
17 Madigan.

18 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
19 Mayor.

20 The first item is a presentation
21 first quarter 2021 finance report -- our
22 first quarter report.

23 Please note that this report is
24 prepared on a cash basis and no
25 adjustments have been made for



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1 receivables or payables made for
2 receivables or payables during the time
3 period.

4 For the general fund revenues,
5 property tax and the general fund are
6 recognized as revenue for the full amount
7 levied at the time the tax roll is posted
8 to the general ledger.

9 The finance office has reviewed the
10 payments made as of 3/31/21 and sixty-one
11 percent has been collected, or 9,850,793
12 dollars. Last year at this time, fifty-
13 seven percent was collected.

14 You will recall that property taxes
15 can be paid in four installments with the
16 first installment due on March 1st.
17 However, the city offers a discount of
18 2.25 percent if the full year is paid on
19 or before March 1. This accounts for the
20 greater than twenty-five percent
21 collection rate after only the first due
22 date has passed.

23 As of 3/31/21, the city has not
24 received many of its other larger revenue
25 streams.



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1 For sales tax, figures include only
2 one month since February and March
3 collections are not distributed to the
4 city from New York State taxation and
5 finance until April and May respectively.
6 VLT is paid in June.

7 Hotel occupancy tax is paid to the
8 city from the county on a quarterly
9 basis. The first quarterly payment for
10 2021 will be received in April.

11 County surplus distribution is paid
12 on a quarterly basis too with the first
13 payment due in April.

14 NYRA admissions tax is paid annual
15 after the racing season has closed.

16 The bulk of franchise tax is paid
17 annually in the last quarter of the year.

18 State aid revenue sharing is
19 distributed in two installments,
20 September and December. The largest
21 share is received in December

22 Mortgage tax is paid semi-annually
23 in May and November

24 And the finance department, when
25 actual revenue is adjusted to reflect



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1 actual property tax receipts, then the
2 finance office is at twenty-nine percent
3 collected.

4 Taking into consideration the
5 property tax revenue recognition issues,
6 approximately twenty-seven percent of
7 revenues were actually received as of
8 3/31/2021.

9 In 2020, the adjusted approximate
10 revenue collected was twenty-six percent.

11 Water and sewer revenues, the first
12 quarter water and sewer bills for 2021
13 are mailed in April for a May 15th due
14 date.

15 Capital revenues, the city will
16 issue the general obligation bond in June
17 to finance the 2021 capital projects.

18 General fund expenses in the mayor's
19 office, many contributions to outside
20 organizations and events have been paid
21 in full as of 3/31/2021. Most other
22 expenses are fairly consistent.

23 For all departments, liability
24 insurance has been paid in full for the
25 year. Additional expenses would be for



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1 claims or additional coverage.

2 Discounts on taxes is a final
3 number. Most departments' expenses are
4 running at about twenty-five percent
5 which is on target for 3/31/2021, and is
6 consistent with the first quarter of
7 2019. Variances are due to seasonal
8 expenses and grants.

9 Capital expenses are usually larger
10 in the months where weather is more
11 conducive to construction.

12 In addition, large vehicle purchase
13 often take months to be built according
14 to bid specifications.

15 For community development, since the
16 community development block grants are
17 awarded on a different schedule than the
18 city's fiscal year, no budget is
19 established.

20 And that completes the submission of
21 the first quarterly report which was due
22 to council by May 15th and was emailed to
23 you under separate cover with the
24 presentation taking place this evening.

25 My second item on my agenda is an



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1 update on city finances. This is our
2 ongoing report on city revenue, expenses,
3 and cash flow, as well as the status of
4 federal and state funding.

5 The office of the state comptroller
6 budget report was provided by
7 Commissioner Franck this evening. Thank
8 you. That is required under general
9 municipal law that the clerk present
10 that. So I appreciate that -- him giving
11 us a nice synopsis. So I won't go
12 through that again for you all.

13 We continue to review revenues and
14 meet with departments about potential
15 mid-June operating budget amendments, and
16 also this process is helping us try to
17 set some priorities for the 2022 budget.

18 Let's see what I have. Our notes
19 about the OSC budget review, and I think
20 Commissioner Franck, again, covered that
21 nicely so I will move on from there.

22 Let's see. Some good news. We have
23 received disbursements for VLT aid and
24 Federal American Rescue Plan funds. So
25 the cash flow situation is looking



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1 healthier for June which is a month in
2 which the city makes much greater than,
3 you know, normal number of disbursements
4 including the remittance to the county
5 and school tax amounts and -- that the
6 city has collected.

7 So whether or not we receive them in
8 whole, we make the county and school
9 whole for their taxes.

10 This June, we also owe the 6.3
11 million dollar plus interest short term
12 tax anticipation note that we borrowed
13 from Adirondack Trust last year. We are
14 still considering our best payment
15 strategy looking at cash flow and
16 revenues and expenses and what we may
17 want to do for the mid-June budget
18 amendments. So we're considering, you
19 know, paying it all back and improve our
20 financial outlook, refinance it all and
21 incur another year of interest which to
22 date really has been nominal, pay some,
23 and maybe refinance some. So I will be
24 in touch with the council as we put
25 together a bigger -- a better picture of



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1 what we want to do in June with that TAN.

2 More good news. The 2021 bond
3 rating on a final positive note, the city
4 received a draft report for it's 2021
5 bond rating, and it looks like we not
6 only retained our AA plus bond rating,
7 but S&P has dropped the negative outlook
8 that we had been carrying, and the
9 outlook now indicates its view regarding
10 the potential direction of long term
11 credit rating over the intermediate term.

12 So it's given -- it's dropped the
13 negative outlook which is good. I'm not
14 going to read the whole report right now.
15 I may want to read the report at the next
16 city council meeting because I only have
17 a draft of the report at this point in
18 time. But I, at least, wanted to let
19 them know, the council, that they dropped
20 the negative outlook and we've maintained
21 our AA plus bond rating which will help
22 with our bonding this June.

23 I would like to thank the director
24 of finance, Christine Gillmett-Brown, who
25 does guide us through the annual bond



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1 rating call with Standard & Poor's and
2 the whole bonding process.

3 Item number 3 is a discussion and
4 vote, revision to the resolution
5 regarding employees who are active
6 members of the United States Armed
7 Forces.

8 In February of 2013, I sponsored a
9 resolution that was passed unanimously to
10 ensure appropriate payments to employees
11 who are active members of the United
12 States Armed Forces.

13 The recent PBA memorandum of
14 understanding regarding the twelve-hour
15 shift will affect this resolution
16 creating what I believe is an unintended
17 disparity. This revision corrects that
18 bringing the resolution in line with the
19 twelve-hour shift wage change.

20 I'm happy to bring this to the
21 attention of the council, actually the
22 city attorney did to us yesterday in one
23 of our meetings, so I appreciate that.
24 Thank you to the city attorney. And
25 unless the city attorney has something to



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1 add, Vince, did you want to anything to
2 this? I can go ahead and make a motion.

3 MR. DELEONARDIS: I think you
4 covered that well, Commissioner, and
5 thank you.

6 The New York State Military Law does
7 provide for individuals who are ordered
8 to military duty, their salary for up to
9 thirty days or twenty-two working days.
10 The city council in the resolution that
11 you referenced, Commissioner, does
12 provide those employees up to an
13 additional fifteen days or eleven working
14 days.

15 When we converted the PBA employees,
16 the certain officers to a twelve-hour
17 shift, that resulted in those twelve-hour
18 employees getting a greater benefit for
19 the military pay under the state law. So
20 we made a revision to that additional
21 benefit that the city provides to only
22 apply to the eight-hour employees which
23 would give them the exact equivalent,
24 actually, that the twelve-hour employees
25 would benefit under the state law which



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1 is a eighty-eight hour or eleven day
2 difference.

3 So this levels out both the eight-
4 hour and the twelve-hour employees to the
5 maximum that they would both be allowed
6 currently under the ordinance prior to
7 the twelve-hour change.

8 And I should just make a quick
9 reference, there's also language in the
10 resolution that Commissioner Madigan
11 previously brought in 2013 that if they
12 are ordered to military duty in a combat
13 zone, they'd get up to six months
14 additional pay, and that provision's
15 still in there for all the eight-hour-
16 and twelve-hour employees.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
18 Vince. I appreciate you pointing that
19 out. I think it's a -- it's a wonderful
20 thing the city council did back in 2013,
21 especially that active combat piece to
22 make sure that, you know, families are
23 being provided for, that they're paid for
24 an entire year, because the military
25 tends to pay them for half a year, and



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1 then we make sure they're made whole with
2 the other half of the year. So thank
3 you. So I'll make the motion now. Thank
4 you.

5 I move that the city council approve
6 the revision to resolution regarding
7 employees who are active members of the
8 United States Armed Forces as included
9 with the agenda. This is a motion.

10 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

11 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

13 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

14 All those in favor, say aye.

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

17 THE COURT: Opposed? The matter
18 passes.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

20 Item number 5 is a discussion and
21 vote, authorization for the mayor to sign
22 master subscription agreement with
23 Granicus, LLC for Peak Agenda Management.

24 Our current agenda software, Novis,
25 is no longer supported by the provider,



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1 Granicus. Granicus has a new software
2 program known as Peak migration which is
3 an update that provides significantly
4 more functionality for nominal additional
5 cost, about 1,000 dollars annually. Plus
6 a 1,600 dollar fee to convert. This is a
7 contract for that transition which, if
8 approved, will be implemented over the
9 next two to three months. I think it's
10 going to be a welcome improvement, and I
11 move that the city council authorize the
12 mayor to sign the master subscription
13 agreement with Granicus, LLC for Peak
14 Agenda Management as included with the
15 agenda. This is a motion.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

20 All those in favor, say aye.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Opposed? The matter
25 passes.



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1 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you.

2 Item number 6 is a discussion and
3 vote, budget amendments benefits.

4 Lines 1 through 2 amend the expense
5 in corresponding revenue for dental as
6 the employee roster changes in the amount
7 of \$357.84. This is budget neutral.

8 I move that the city council approve
9 the budget amendments benefits as
10 included with the agenda. This is a
11 motion.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

15 All those in favor, say aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Thank you,
21 Mayor. That concludes my agenda.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
23 Commissioner.

24 Move on to public works.

25 Commissioner Scirocco. You're muted.



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1 You're muted.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: All right.

3 MAYOR KELLY: Got it.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay. The
5 first item on my agenda is discussion and
6 vote. This is authorization for the
7 mayor to sign an agreement with
8 Greenridge Cemetery. This is a long term
9 relationship between the City of Saratoga
10 Springs and the Greenridge Cemetery
11 Association that dates back to 1966.

12 The city owns approximately eight
13 acres from Lincoln Avenue to the Sackett
14 Gate. The cemetery contains
15 approximately 3,000 monuments along the
16 fencing, curbing trees, and shrubs that
17 need trimming many times throughout the
18 year.

19 There are three large hills that
20 require continual mowing, and over 200
21 feet of sidewalk running on Lincoln
22 Avenue that need snow removal each
23 winter.

24 The trees located in the cemetery
25 require hours of raking and leaf removal.



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1 The Department of Public Works does not
2 have the manpower nor can we -- we beat
3 the competitive price for this annual
4 maintenance agreement of \$32,828.27.

5 This is an annual agreement with
6 \$16,414.14 payable on or about the first
7 of July 2020, and the remaining
8 \$16,414.13 payable on or about the 1st of
9 October 2020. Therefore, I move for the
10 mayor to sign an agreement with the
11 Greenridge Cemetery in the amount of
12 \$32,828.27, and I put that in the form of
13 a motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

17 Commissioner, you said October 2020.
18 Did you mean 2021?

19 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yeah, I did.
20 I believe I did, yes.

21 MAYOR KELLY: I just wanted to --
22 let's make that note, okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes.

24 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor say
25 aye.



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1 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

6 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Second item
7 on my agenda is discussion and vote,
8 authorization for the mayor to sign
9 memorandum of agreement with the Senior
10 Citizen's Center of Saratoga Springs.

11 The city has for many years leased
12 property located at 5 William Street and
13 the senior citizen's center where they
14 provide services for the -- to the aging
15 population including support services,
16 programs, activity, and meal provisions.

17 The current lease had an expiration
18 date of 12/31/2020. The city and the
19 senior center were negotiating a new
20 long-term lease when an opportunity
21 presented itself to the senior center to
22 potentially relocate.

23 This memorandum of agreement allows
24 the lease agreement to continue on a
25 month-to-month basis under the same terms



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1 and conditions as lease agreement and
2 runs through December 31st, 2021.

3 If at the end of the year there are
4 not -- not plans realized for the senior
5 center to relocate, we will negotiate a
6 more long-term lease. Therefore, I move
7 to authorize the mayor to sign a
8 memorandum of agreement with the senior
9 center -- Senior Citizen Center of
10 Saratoga Springs, and I put that in the
11 form of a motion.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

15 All those in favor, say aye.

16 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

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

21 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Third item
22 on my agenda is discussion and vote.
23 This is to accept a donation from Lester
24 and Claire Kipp for a memorial bench in
25 the amount of 1,500 dollars.



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1 Lester Kipp and Claire Kipp have
2 purchased a memorial bench and a plaque
3 with the quote "Smile. Be kind.
4 Treasure family. Don't give up. Love
5 one another. Lester and Claire Kipp" to
6 be placed in Congress Park at a site to
7 be determined in the amount of 1,500
8 dollars.

9 So therefore, I move for the council
10 to accept the donation from Lester and
11 Claire Kipp in the amount of 1,500
12 dollars for the purchase of one
13 decorative bench, and I put that in the
14 form of a motion.

15 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Second.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: A beautiful
19 sentiment. Thank you for that donation.

20 MAYOR KELLY: All those in favor,
21 say aye.

22 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

24 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The



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1 matter passes.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Next item on
3 my agenda is discussion and vote,
4 authorization to accept a donation in
5 memory of Constance Lloyd for the city's
6 flower beautification program in a total
7 amount of \$575.30.

8 Constance Lloyd passed away October
9 21st, 2020. She was a proud and lifelong
10 resident of Saratoga Springs. Connie
11 loved life and enjoyed spending time in
12 her garden.

13 Her family asked, in lieu of
14 flowers, a donation could be made to the
15 flower beautification program for the
16 City of Saratoga Springs. To date, the
17 city has received \$725.30 in memory of
18 Connie. Therefore, I move for the
19 council to accept the donation in memory
20 of Constance Lloyd for the city's flower
21 beautification program in the total
22 amount of \$575.30, and I put that in the
23 form of a motion.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

25 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: He had said
3 700 dollars and then it was 575 on the
4 agenda.

5 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah --

6 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Was that
7 earlier we accepted it or --

8 MAYOR KELLY: I think we're
9 accepting -- are we accepting the 575 or
10 the other number that you said, 700
11 dollars?

12 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Well, yeah.
13 There was a previous donation.

14 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: That's what I
15 thought. Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: You see it
17 adds up to 725 dollars.

18 MAYOR KELLY: Oh, okay. So --
19 that's right. So that motion is right.
20 All those in favor, say aye.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Aye.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
25 matter passes.



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1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: The fifth
2 item on my agenda is just the 2019-2020
3 DPW annual report. And I'm just going to
4 read a little thing that I have here.

5 "The City of Saratoga Springs and
6 the Department of Public Works faced
7 unprecedented challenges throughout 2019
8 and 2020. The lighting strike in August
9 of 2018 that disrupted city operations
10 and led to the city hall renovation and
11 restoration project could only be topped
12 by a worldwide pandemic in 2020.

13 "COVID-19 created a significant
14 challenge for DPW in delivering services
15 to the public and supporting our local
16 businesses while caring for the health
17 and well-being of the employees.

18 "I was proud of how the department
19 responded and worked with uncertainty
20 while performing their job duties. Even
21 with these major difficulties, DPW
22 delivered on our promise to provide world
23 class services to the City of Saratoga
24 Springs.

25 "Throughout 2019 and 2020, DPW



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1 implemented successful paving,
2 beautification, street maintenance, snow
3 removal, yard debris pickup,
4 beautification" again "and building
5 maintenance programs.

6 "In 2019, the Paving Program was
7 extremely successful with seventeen
8 street or street sections being paved
9 which equaled approximately 10,455 tons
10 of blacktop. This work equaled
11 \$872,972.80 in chips funding.

12 "Additionally, the 2020 Paving
13 Program was just as successful. Even
14 with the pandemic, the city had -- even
15 with the pandemic, the city had twelve
16 street or street sections paved which
17 equaled approximately 6,862 tons of
18 blacktop. This work equaled \$848,588.96
19 in chips funding.

20 "In addition to paving, the
21 department's workforce continued to
22 provide seasonal yard debris pickup, snow
23 plowing, downtown beautification, curb
24 and sidewalk insulation, and general
25 efforts to maintain Saratoga Springs as a



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1 world-renowned destination community.

2 "I'm also proud to share some of
3 the -- some of the 2019 and 2020
4 accomplishments in the department.

5 "The Canfield Casino Parlor
6 requested bar restoration capital project
7 was completed. Along with the Route 9
8 Kaydeross Avenue, and Nelson Avenue water
9 main ordinance DPW finished the city hall
10 renovation and restoration project along
11 with relocating businesses operation back
12 to city hall. Saratoga Springs was also
13 once again named a tree city USA.

14 "I was deeply appreciating --
15 appreciative to Joseph Jake O'Neill, III
16 for serving as DPW deputy commissioner
17 throughout 2019 and 2020. Joe provides
18 excellent customer service to our
19 residents, and is extremely knowledgeable
20 about the city's infrastructure and
21 operation of DPW.

22 "I can say that DPW takes great
23 pride in working for the public and
24 providing the services necessary to keep
25 Saratoga Springs an incredible place to



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1 live, visit, and work year round. I hope
2 you'll enjoy reading this report as much
3 as we enjoyed completing the work that it
4 describes."

5 The next item on my agenda is just
6 to set a public hearing for the capital
7 budget amendment for city buildings.
8 This public hearing needs to be set to
9 amend the capital budget for the city
10 hall project because there are remaining
11 insurance funds that can be allocated to
12 the building.

13 The city building's capital account
14 and city hall project were utilized for
15 the renovation and restoration project.
16 However, as the council is aware, these
17 accounts are used to maintain capital
18 projects in most city hall and city
19 buildings.

20 This capital budget amendment adds
21 remaining insurance funds and funds that
22 were not encumbered into the city
23 building's capital account for project
24 number 1141 city hall. The total amount
25 of the budget amendment is \$135,329.30,



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1 and includes the insurance reimbursement
2 of \$132,326.36, 1,500 dollars that was
3 not encumbered from 2018 to 2019,
4 \$1,346.30 not encumbered from 2020 to
5 2021, and \$156.64 that the director of
6 finance said can be voided.

7 These amounts do not require bonding
8 or any additional funds from the
9 taxpayers, but are the amounts already
10 determined with the bulk of the amendment
11 being the leftover from the greater
12 insurance reimbursement.

13 And I guess more information will be
14 provided in the notice on the proposed
15 funding amount and funding sources
16 including insurance bonding and/or usage
17 of reserves. And this -- the information
18 also will be discussed at the public
19 hearing, and the public --

20 MAYOR KELLY: Is that for next --
21 June 1st?

22 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Yes. (Audio
23 interference) finance.

24 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So we'll keep
25 it at 6:55, Lisa.



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1 SECRETARY RIBIS: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Okay.

3 SECRETARY RIBIS: We're good.

4 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And the last
5 item on my agenda is just an appointment
6 to the Saratoga Springs Arts Commission.

7 Lisa Kolosek will be reappointed to
8 the arts commission. Lisa develops,
9 researches, and writes each of the dance
10 museum's exhibitions, and is the author
11 of the recently published book, National
12 Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame
13 Celebrating 30 Years, and the SUNY Press.

14 I am pleased to reappoint Lisa
15 Kolosek to the Saratoga Springs Arts
16 Commission.

17 And with that --

18 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So she is a
19 one-year term, I believe, Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: I believe it
21 is.

22 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. So she will go
23 from a 5/18/2021 to 5/18/22. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: And that
25 concludes my agenda.



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1 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Thank you.

2 On to public safety. Commissioner
3 Dalton.

4 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you,
5 Mayor.

6 The first item on my agenda is
7 discussion and vote to accept a donation
8 for the Saratoga Springs Police
9 Department Mounted Unit. This is a
10 donation in the amount of twenty-five
11 dollars from the Saratoga Chapter of the
12 DAR. I make a motion to accept this
13 donation. This is a motion.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Discussion?

17 All those in favor, say aye.

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

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

22 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

23 The second item on my agenda is a
24 discussion and vote and authorization for
25 the mayor to sign contracts with Saratoga



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1 County for STOP DWI and STOP DWI
2 Crackdown Funding.

3 These are annual contracts with the
4 county and STOP DWI and STOP DWI
5 Crackdown Funding. The STOP DWI contract
6 is 33,000 dollars in two installments.
7 The STOP DWI Crackdown Funding is to
8 provide additional patrols and
9 checkpoints during crackdown periods
10 throughout the term of the governor's
11 traffic safety committee grant period.

12 This funding is contingent on the
13 availability of the governor's traffic
14 safety committee grant fund. The
15 agreement can be terminated if grants are
16 not available.

17 I make a motion to authorize the
18 mayor to sign contracts with the county
19 to STOP DWI and STOP DWI Crackdown
20 Funding. This is a motion.

21 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

24 All those in favor, say aye.

25 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.



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1 COMMISSIONER SCIROCCO: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

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

5 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

6 The third item on my agenda is a
7 discussion and vote, authorization for
8 the mayor to sign a contract with
9 FitzGerald Morris Baker & Firth (sic).
10 This is a contract that shall not exceed
11 10,000 dollars for legal services
12 relating to public safety.

13 I make the motion to authorize the
14 mayor to sign a contract with FitzGerald
15 Morris Baker & Firth (sic). This is a
16 motion.

17 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

19 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

20 All those in favor, say aye.

21 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

23 MAYOR KELLY: Any opposed? The
24 matter passes.

25 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.



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1 The fourth item on my agenda is a
2 discussion and vote, an authorization to
3 pay invoice to Fitzgerald Morris Baker &
4 Firth (sic). This is an invoice on the
5 agenda for approval by the council
6 because we have no money left in the
7 prior purchase order.

8 I make the motion to pay the invoice
9 of Fitzgerald Morris Baker & Firth (sic)
10 in the amount of 2,204 dollars. This is
11 a motion.

12 MAYOR KELLY: Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Second.

14 MAYOR KELLY: Any discussion?

15 All those in favor, say aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MADIGAN: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER FRANCK: Aye.

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

20 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

21 And the last item on my agenda is an
22 appointment of Matthew Hurff to the
23 Saratoga Springs Arts Commission.

24 I'm reappointing Matt Hurff for a
25 two-year term on the Saratoga Springs



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1 Arts Commission. This new term will run
2 from May 18th, 2021 to May 18th, 2023.

3 And that concludes my agenda.

4 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you,
5 Commissioner.

6 On to supervisors. Supervisor
7 Veitch.

8 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: All right.
9 Thank you.

10 First on my agenda tonight is just a
11 few reports from the board of
12 supervisors' meeting that occurred today.

13 First, is to just report that we did
14 approve our project for new technology in
15 the board meeting room and the board
16 committee room. We appropriated and
17 hired a firm to do that for us, and they
18 are going to basically revamp the entire
19 technology in the board room which should
20 provide for a better access from the
21 public -- to the public of our meetings.

22 They will be able to be
23 livestreamed. We're going to get better
24 AV in the board room, cameras for the
25 room for us to put our meetings on video,



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1 microphones, and better presentation
2 materials in the rooms, and as well as
3 presentation screens for the live
4 audience that will hopefully, at some
5 point, be back at our meetings. So we
6 did approve that today, and I think it's
7 a great upgrade for the county to finally
8 get ourselves up into the Twentieth
9 Century, and put our meetings online and
10 people can watch what we do openly. So
11 that's the first item.

12 Second item on the agenda is we did
13 also approve a new position at the county
14 called the director of public relations.
15 The county, at the end of last year, we
16 had discussed in our budget putting some
17 money in the budget for a position for
18 doing just that, and we -- we're just
19 approved the position today. So at some
20 point, there will be an opening for that
21 for folks to apply for, but that position
22 was created today by the board of
23 supervisors. So hopefully, that will be
24 out there shortly.

25 Third, we did officially approve the



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1 sale of the 31 Woodlawn Avenue building
2 to the Adirondack Trust Company. I did
3 mention at our last board meeting that --
4 or at our last council meeting that we
5 were doing that at a committee level. We
6 did officially approve that today at the
7 board level, so that should move forward
8 shortly.

9 And then fourth on the agenda, we
10 had a very good meeting today. A very
11 momentous meeting today where today our
12 clerk of the board of supervisors who has
13 been a county employee for thirty-three
14 years, Pam Wright, had announced her
15 retirement at the end of this week. And
16 so we're very grateful to her for all of
17 her service to our board of supervisors,
18 as well as the chairman of the board.

19 When I was chairman back in 2015,
20 she was basically the person who kept
21 everything together at the county. So I
22 really appreciate Pam's work, and our
23 working together, and working for us at
24 the county, and we really appreciate all
25 of her service. And again, being there



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1 for thirty-three years at the county,
2 it's a great accomplishment for her.

3 But on the other end of that, we did
4 appoint Therese Connolly to become the
5 new clerk of the board for the Saratoga
6 County Board of Supervisors. And if you
7 recall, Therese at one time was the
8 executive assistant for the mayor, Scott
9 Johnson, and she did a great job there,
10 and she's been working in the clerk's
11 office at the county since that time,
12 since she got hired in the county some
13 years ago.

14 So we're looking forward to Therese
15 being our new clerk. She does a great
16 job, and we are very happy that she will
17 be there for us.

18 So congratulations to Therese, as
19 well as to Pam. Both great county
20 employees who have done a good job for
21 us.

22 And then, the last on my agenda is
23 just to make a quick announcement. If --
24 you probably have already noticed, but
25 Brook Road is currently closed. The



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1 county is doing some bridge work that was
2 actually scheduled for, I think, a year
3 and a half ago or maybe last year. That
4 got delayed due to some COVID issues and
5 some other things. So right now, Brook
6 Road is closed due to that work, and it
7 looks like they will be working on that.
8 Again, it started May 4th, through
9 approximately September 3rd, 2021.

10 So if you're out on that side of
11 town, just be aware that there is a road
12 closure out there due to some work that
13 the county is doing through its DPW.

14 So that's it for my agenda, and
15 thank you very much.

16 MAYOR KELLY: Thank you Supervisor.
17 Supervisor Gaston?

18 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Thank you.

19 First on my agenda is a COVID-19
20 update. Our number continues to -- can
21 you hear me okay?

22 MAYOR KELLY: You're echoing.

23 COMMISSIONER DALTON: You have to
24 (indiscernible) audio.

25 MAYOR KELLY: Are you -- are you in



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1 the same area as Matt?

2 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Yeah, we're
3 in -- we're in our office, so that's why
4 you can hear kind of an echo.

5 MAYOR KELLY: So Matt, you have to
6 mute.

7 SUPERVISOR VEITCH: Okay.

8 MAYOR KELLY: Okay. Now, you, Tara,
9 unmute. See if that's better.

10 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Is that good?

11 MAYOR KELLY: Not really.

12 Matt, would you mind signing off and
13 just watching with Tara?

14 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Is this better?

15 MAYOR KELLY: Yeah. Go ahead. I
16 think it is.

17 SUPERVISOR GASTON: Okay.

18 Apologies. I thought we'd handled that
19 already.

20 Okay. First item on my agenda is a
21 COVID-19 update. Our numbers continue to
22 improve. Right now, our rolling average
23 seven percent -- excuse me. Seven day
24 rolling positivity is 1.3 percent with
25 only nine hospitalizations. That's much



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1 better than we did previously. So we
2 continue to decrease in those numbers. I
3 think a lot of this as a result -- there
4 were fifty percent of our county
5 population have completed the vaccine
6 series. So that's not one dose, that is
7 having completed the series.

8 Approximately sixty have had at least one
9 dose. And a number of that was actually
10 surprising to both the commissioner of
11 health and myself and is above the top in
12 the state is approximately fifty percent
13 of our sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds
14 are already vaccinated, have at least one
15 dose. That is much higher than many
16 other numbers in the state.

17 We've also increased the number of
18 appointments for twelve- to fifteen-year-
19 olds as they've been authorized. And we
20 expect that six- to eleven-year-olds may
21 be authorized late summer or early fall.
22 So unfortunately, it'll be bit on them.

23 The governor did issue some new
24 guidance with regards to wearing masks
25 particularly for those who are vaccinated



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1 and following social distancing.

2 Unfortunately, as has happened
3 before, the written guidance has not
4 followed with any more specification than
5 the governor announced.

6 So it is believed that right now if
7 you are fully vaccinated, which is two
8 weeks after completion of the vaccine
9 series, you are not required to wear a
10 mask in many public areas. However, at
11 this time, they are still required in
12 schools through the end of June and
13 healthcare facilities and private
14 businesses may continue to require them
15 irrespective of the governor's order.

16 Second item on my agenda is a public
17 health expansion. As I discussed before,
18 the public health department is expanding
19 to include environmental services.

20 Today, the board formally authorized
21 200,000 dollars in a special fund to help
22 assist with the legal and contract funds
23 for that. And also formally appointed
24 the Saratoga County Public Health
25 Advisory Task Force which includes



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1 Supervisors Jon Schopf and Phil Barrett.
2 For Clifton Park, myself, Commissioner
3 Kuhles, and Brian Miner who's a former
4 director of the New York State Department
5 of Health. These terms are for two years
6 with the idea that we will be
7 transitioning to the full department in
8 that time which will include items such
9 as subdivisions, development, water,
10 cooling towers, tattoo parlors,
11 restaurant, and camping sections and the
12 like.

13 The third item on my agenda is
14 Saratoga County Resilience Committee. I
15 spoke about it last time. Any individual
16 interested can email
17 committee@saratogacountyresilience.com.

18 The focus will be on preparing our county
19 for any changes, disasters. But not just
20 big items, also kind of smaller slow
21 boiled, you might call them.

22 In comparison to emergency services,
23 it tends to work on the front end in
24 preparing and reducing the need for
25 emergency response because things have



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1 been prepared for on the front end.

2 They will be looking for a variety
3 of individuals with experience and
4 expertise and interest. And the website,
5 Saratoga County Resilience, will be up
6 shortly, but at this time you can email
7 with any interest, again to
8 committee@saratogacountyresilience.com.

9 That concludes most of my agenda,
10 but I will also say I'm really going to
11 miss Pam, and she made really good cakes
12 for everybody's birthday too. So --

13 MAYOR KELLY: Great. Thank you,
14 Commissioner -- Supervisor, sorry.

15 Any other comments from the council?

16 Thank you all for this evening, and
17 have a great night. We are adjourned.

18 COMMISSIONER DALTON: Thank you.

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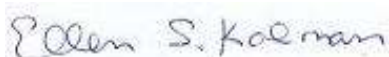
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